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During Tony Leo's 'Northward Sounds' radio programmes on SAMS Radio 1 he interviews some very interesting people! Last week, Tony talked to Mrs Evelyn Isaac, and listening to Mrs Isaac, she has had a very good life - laughing away as she reminisced on her 100 years.

As she says, she has a lot to be thankful for and I guess that goes to everyone.

Another phrase she used was 'one day we will have money and we might not be able to buy anything' or another one 'men can never be trusted' – I am writing this and still grinning at the things Mrs Isaac said.

Also, in last week's edition of The Sentinel, Liam wrote about three ladies who are 100 and above on the island. Can you see yourself living to 100 and beyond? I think we have to find out what the secret recipe is – right ladies?

I enjoy listening to older stories, you know like sleeping in a grass bed, washing in a half drum, only wearing shoes for special occasions and to see people laugh about it today – like Mrs Isaac says "it's so much to be thankful for."

One thing I am a little confused about is the Foot and Mouth Disease. This ban on importing meat/dairy products has been in place for a number of months, I don't know too much about it but apparently the disease can only be picked up amongst hoofed animals.

So why is this ban still on? Wouldn't it be ok to import meat – as I don't think anyone would go to the cattle and give them a joint of beef – correct? I bet those cattle, or other hoofed animals who were/are affected, would be slaughtered and disposed off!

Anyway, happy reading and also, if you have nothing to do this weekend, make sure to watch Clarkson's Farm Season 5! :)

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ST HELENA NEWS

"Hopefully some good things can come out of it"

Councillor Thomas representing St Helena in CPA Conference in Gibraltar



Liam Yon, SAMS

Councillor Derek Thomas is currently representing St Helena at an international conference in the UK Overseas Territory of Gibraltar; he departed the island last Sunday, 14 June.

Councillor Thomas is attending the 55th British Islands and Mediterranean Regional Conference, organised by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. The event runs from the 17 to 20 June under the theme 'Modern Legislators for Modern Challenges.'

Speaking to The Sentinel, Councillor Thomas highlighted some of the key topics on the agenda, which include navigating relationships with the European Union, the development of youth parliaments, and demographic continuity. Thus, the Councillor says that he is looking forward to the opportunities the conference presents.

"It's a comprehensive program," he commented. "I look forward to participating in the discussions and, like I said, hopefully some good things can come out of it, as that will help progress St Helena."

Councillor Thomas will be away from this Sunday until Saturday, 4 July. During his absence, Councillor Dr Corinda Essex will take on the representation of the Half Tree Hollow district.

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Jonathan the Tortoise officially inducted as Guinness World Records 'ICON'



Jonathan the tortoise with his GWR ICON certificate

Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena's most famous resident has achieved the ultimate global recognition. In a statement issued yesterday morning, the St Helena Government (SHG) confirmed that Jonathan the giant tortoise, the world's oldest known land animal and oldest ever chelonian, has been officially inducted into the elite Guinness World Records (GWR) ICON hall of fame.

The announcement is part of an exclusive global campaign by Guinness World Records celebrating an inner circle of record-holders, pioneers, and internationally significant figures whose historic achievements have left a permanent, lasting impact on the world.

Now matching the grandest monuments of human history, Jonathan's inclusion highlights his extraordinary longevity and the global appreciation that surrounds him. Residing on the lawns of Plantation House, the official residence of the Governor of St Helena, Jonathan has far outlived his species' average life expectancy of 150 years.

Estimated to have been hatched around 1832, Jonathan is currently 194 years old. According to official Guinness World Records archival data released alongside his induction, our local celebrity actually predates the construction of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, London's Tower Bridge, New York's Statue of Liberty, and even the invention of the first-ever telephone call.

In their press release, the St Helena Government stated that Jonathan's recognition brings welcomed international attention to the island. "As a living symbol of resilience, he has been a constant in our island's history seeing the introduction of cars, electricity, TV, mobile and internet connectivity," they said.

St Helena's Governor, Nigel Phillips CBE, also welcomed the historic milestone, expressing the pride felt across the entire territory regarding the global accolade. "Jonathan's recognition as a Guinness World Records ICON is warmly welcomed by the people of St Helena," Governor Phillips said. "For generations, he has been regarded as a local icon, deeply embedded in the island's identity and collective memory. This global acknowledgement reflects what the community has long known, that Jonathan is not only remarkable in age, but truly special to St Helena and its people."

Jonathan originally arrived on St Helena in 1882 as a fully grown adult from the Seychelles, meaning he has spent 144 years on local soil and has lived through the administrations of 31 different Governors.

Remarkably, Jonathan's milestone isn't just a celebration of the past however; it is also drawing significant scientific interest worldwide. Medical researchers are currently analyzing Jonathan's DNA to study how his cells successfully fight off the degradation that normally causes aging and cellular mutation. Because tortoises possess a highly effective cellular self-destruct mechanism known as apoptosis, scientists hope Jonathan's genetic blueprints might hold critical keys to helping humans resist cancers.

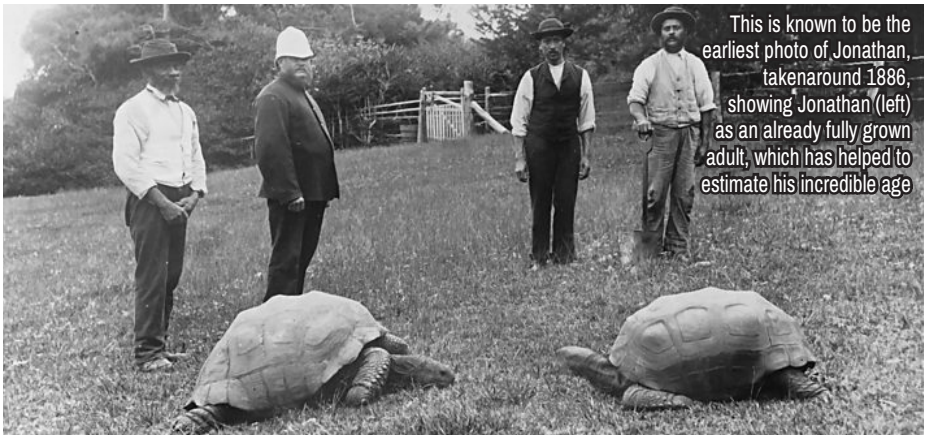
Despite a minor internet scare earlier this year caused by an online hoax, local veterinary staff have confirmed that our national treasure remains in excellent spirits, sporting a keen, healthy appetite. While he has lost his sense of smell and is virtually blind from cataracts, he still responds exceptionally well to the sound of human voices and the regular hand-feedings of his favourite foods, including cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, and bananas.

According to his caretakers, the new global GWR ICON continues to spend his days doing exactly what he does best; relaxing in the sun, grazing the Plantation House paddock, and enjoying the company of his younger companion tortoises; awaiting the arrival of visitors to charm them as he always does.

According to Guinness World Records, ICON status is a highly distinguished recognition reserved exclusively for pioneers and figures whose achievements have had a lasting impact.

Jonathan's inclusion thus places him among a select group of globally recognized figures, solidifying his unique place in St Helena's heritage and identity.

Congratulations to our living legend, Jonathan the Tortoise, a Guinness World Record ICON!



This is known to be the earliest photo of Jonathan, takenaround 1886, showing Jonathan (left) as an already fully grown adult, which has helped to estimate his incredible age

A New Chapter

Belinda Lewis appointed 68th Governor of St Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha



A new era will soon begin with the departure of Nigel Phillips and the arrival of new Governor, Belinda Lewis

Liam Yon, SAMS

The UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and the St Helena Government (SHG) have officially announced the selection of Ms Belinda Lewis as the next Governor of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha. Scheduled to take up her position in September 2026, Ms Lewis will succeed His Excellency Governor Nigel Phillips CBE, who is retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

First established in 1659, the historic role of Governor has seen 67 predecessors guide the territory; Ms Lewis will make history as the islands' 68th Governor and only the second female to ever hold the post.

According to research by The Sentinel, Ms Lewis brings an exceptionally robust background in policy formulation, international justice, and overseas diplomacy to the territory. Having grown up in Newcastle upon Tyne, she read History at Girton College, Cambridge, and later earned a Master's degree in Global Diplomacy from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

Before entering public service, she began her professional journey working for HSBC Bank in Edinburgh, Milan, and London between 2001 and 2003. Joining the Civil Service in 2003, she held early policy roles within the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. She later transitioned to the Ministry of Justice, where she focused heavily on the formulation and reform of policy related to immigration, international justice, and information rights. She served as the Head of EU and International Data Policy and undertook a high-profile secondment to the US Department of Homeland Security in Washington in 2007.

Ms Lewis's career with the FCDO includes extensive service in complex global environments, holding leadership posts such as Director of Rule of Law and Operations in Lashkar Gah (Afghanistan), Deputy Head of Mission in Baghdad (Iraq), and Deputy High Commissioner and Trade Director for Pakistan in Karachi. From 2021 to 2025, she served with distinction as His Majesty's Ambassador in Kuwait City, before moving into her most recent post as the FCDO's Director of Special Projects and pre-posting preparation.

Upon her appointment, Ms Lewis expressed her enthusiasm for her upcoming tenure. "It is an honour to have been selected to serve the communities of St Helena, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha as Governor," she commented. "My family and I are hugely looking forward to calling beautiful St Helena our home and I will be very keen to visit Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha – both remarkable environments in their own right".

As the territory prepares to welcome its new executive leadership, The Sentinel takes the opportunity to recognise the contributions of the outgoing Governor, Nigel Phillips CBE, who will be retiring upon the completion of his duties this September.

Accompanied by his wife, Emma, Governor Phillips assumed office in August 2022. His arrival marked a symbolic milestone for the island, landing on the very first flight to arrive after St Helena's borders reopened following the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Shortly after arriving on-island, he returned to the UK to attend the funeral of the late Queen Elizabeth II, followed later by the historic coronation of King Charles III, where he was accompanied by St Helena's Chief Minister at the time, Julie Thomas, and the Chief



The new Governor, Mrs Belinda Lewis, brings extensive experience to the role

Islander of Tristan da Cunha, James Glass.

On-Island, Governor Phillips successfully hosted distinguished international dignitaries including HRH Prince Edward, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP.

Championing the connection between our Sister Islands, Governor Phillips was able to visit Ascension Island five times and Tristan da Cunha once during his term in office.

Under his tenure, the Governor's Office worked closely with island administrations to advance critical administrative reforms, including enacting ordinances for protected areas and introducing business levies on Ascension to enhance environmental conservation and local fiscal mechanisms.

Before entering the diplomatic service in the Overseas Territories, Governor Phillips had an illustrious 33-year military and strategic defense career. Commissioned as an officer in the Royal Air Force (RAF) in 1984, he rose to the rank of Air Commodore. He also completed an MBA from Durham University Business School and a Master of Defence Studies from King's College London.

Governor Phillips' prior postings included roles as the Defence Attaché in Stockholm and Warsaw, and Head of Russian Strategic Studies and Wider Europe Policy at the Ministry of Defence. For his exemplary military contributions, he was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 2013. Immediately prior to his arrival in St Helena, he served from 2017 to 2022 as the Governor of the Falkland Islands and Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, where he famously oversaw the completion of landmark landmine clearance operations in the Goose Green settlement.

With a legacy of steady leadership during a period of global and local transition, Governor Phillips prepares to step down with the deep gratitude of the territory. The Sentinel joins the rest of the island in wishing Governor Phillips all the very best in his well-deserved retirement.

With that said, we now look forward to welcoming Ms Belinda Lewis and her family to Plantation House later this year, as a new chapter begins for St Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha.



Governor Nigel Phillips and Mrs Emma Phillips arrived to the Island in August 2022

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Reminder: Filing of Tax Returns

The Income Tax Office wishes to remind all persons of the due dates for filing Annual Income Tax Returns for the tax year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026:

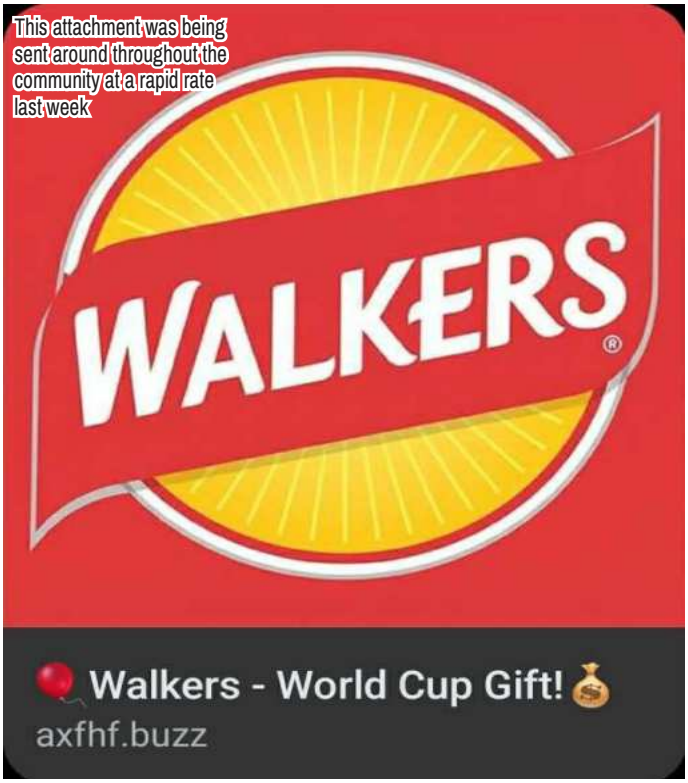
Persons deriving income from self-employment, trade or business, income from property or capital gains or losses.	30 June 2026
Employees claiming refund of PAYE tax.	31 July 2026

Annual Income Tax Returns can be downloaded at https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/public-services/income-tax/ in the Relevant Forms section. Persons requiring further information or assistance to complete the Annual Income Tax Return, may contact Norma Thomas or Pamela Joshua via e-mail norma.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh or pamela.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh or call Tele. No. 25880.

SHG, 11 June 2026

Want a ride? Nah, we're Walkers

Walkers World Cup Facebook 'Smishing' Scam Spreads through St Helena



This attachment was being sent around throughout the community at a rapid rate last week

Liam Yon, SAMS

If you spent any time on Facebook over Thursday afternoon, 11 June, through to Friday, 12 June, chances are your feed or your inbox will have been flooded with a link promising big cash prizes.

The viral posts claim that popular potato chip brand, Walkers, is running a World Cup competition with massive cash giveaways. However, local tech experts and international cybersecurity agencies have confirmed that this link is an absolute scam.

The fraudulent link uses a strange web address ending in '.buzz' rather than an official Walkers website. It uses a deceptive tactic known as "smishing" — where potential victims are sent a text message in order to trick them into clicking a link, to steal personal details, and then forcing them to share it with their friends before they can supposedly "claim" their winnings. This mandatory sharing requirement is exactly why the post spread so rapidly across the community last week.

Members of the public are strongly urged not to click the link, not to enter any personal or financial information, and to refrain from sharing it further. If you see a friend post it, let them know quietly that it's a hoax so they can delete it.

Additionally, there could be the possibility that your friend's Facebook account has been hacked. If this happens, the person in question should change their passwords immediately and turn on Two Factor Authentication.

Remember, the golden rule of the internet is that if a prize or competition looks too good to be true, it almost certainly is.

St Helena's Cyber Security Officer, Gareth Drabble, issued the following advice. "Cyber Criminals will latch on to and use any global event or well-known company, as a means to accomplish their goal of stealing personal information for their financial gain," he explained. "In this case, the World cup and the Walkers company are being used, because it's what everyone is talking about right now, and there are many legitimate competitions happening which are connected with this global event."

Gareth continued by advising all to "always be cautious whenever anything online is asking you for personal or financial information, especially if it's been sent to you 'out of the blue'. Never click on suspicious links and verify everything by doing some online research. Google everything!"



Cyber Security Officer, Gareth Drabble, issued some advice to help users stay safe online



Hit the Lights!

Jacob's Ladder lights project concludes with official reopening earlier this week



The new and improved lighting system is an upgrade to one of St Helena's most iconic landmarks

Liam Yon, SAMS

The wait is officially over for the St Helena community; on Tuesday evening, Jacob's Ladder fully reopened to the public following the successful conclusion of the light installation project. The engineering works, completed by Solomon & Company, marked the finalisation of the Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP) funded infrastructure upgrade.

It has felt like a long few months for locals and visitors alike since the project first commenced in early March, with the extensive overhaul involving the installation of a brand-new lighting system adjacent to the rails on both sides of the ladder; replacing the old, worn and damaged lights.

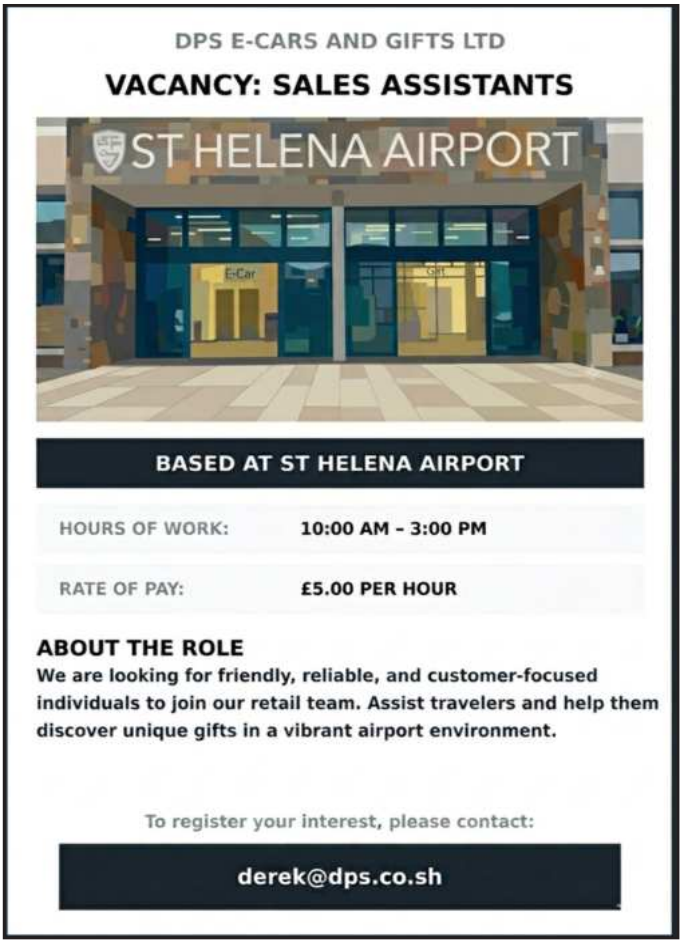
While Tuesday night marked the official, permanent handover of the completed project, the island previously received a sneak peek of the new display over the long weekend in May, when the lights were temporarily switched on to celebrate St Helena's Day. Following that preview, the team at Solomon's spent the final three weeks adding the finishing touches to guarantee the entire system is robust and ready for long-term use.

The new state-of-the-art, energy-efficient lighting system was generously donated by Lord Michael Ashcroft to the UK St Helena Heritage Trust, while the physical installation of the lights was funded directly through the EDIP initiative and managed by the island's Programme Management Office.

For residents who rely on the landmark as a quick trek into work, a route back home, or a routine fitness challenge, the upgraded lights provide a highly anticipated safety improvement. The new illumination ensures the 699 steps of Jacob's Ladder are now a much brighter and safer path for anyone traveling into Jamestown or up to Ladder Hill after dark. Beyond the utility for pedestrians, the system also leaves the Jamestown skyline looking spectacular from the valley floor.

Following the conclusion of the works, the St Helena Government (SHG) passed on a huge thank you to the public for their extended patience and cooperation while the landmark was closed off for safety reasons.

The Sentinel extends thanks and congratulations to everyone involved in successfully delivering the project, while, no doubt, the community welcomes the return of one of St Helena's most popular landmarks—now open, brighter and safer than ever before.



LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

A Century of Smiles

Evelyn Isaac Celebrates 100 Years of Love, Faith, and Laughter



Liam Yon, SAMS

There is an old saying that if you do the right things throughout your life, you might just be blessed to reach 100 years of age. This week, St Helena's very own Mrs Evelyn Isaac proved that theory beautifully, celebrating her 100th birthday in incredibly high spirits, surrounded by family, friends, community love, all while carrying a sharp, vibrant memory that spans a century of island history.

On Wednesday of this week, the grand milestone was officially honoured at the Governor's residence of Plantation House. In what has become a cherished tradition for British and British Overseas Territories citizens reaching their centenary, Mrs Isaac was presented with a personal birthday card from HM The King, to which she received and read with much joy.



Born on 8 June 1926, Mrs Isaac has spent her life collecting stories, spreading joy, and maintaining a profound sense of gratitude. To speak with Evelyn is to take a delightful journey back in time. With an enviable memory, she vividly recalls her days as a young schoolgirl, remembering the strict but memorable schooling under her former teacher, Mr Morris Young, at Hutt's Gate School.

As an energetic young girl, Evelyn was no stranger to hard work and community spirit. She fondly remembers running errands from Longwood all the way to St Matthew's Sunday School. In those days, her path took her along the old, winding roads, down into the valleys, and back up again. Evelyn also laughs as she remembers her very "first job" near Deadwood, where she would run to open a big locked white gate for residents riding by on horseback. Whether she was rewarded with a sweet piece of chocolate or a shiny shilling, she recalls with a chuckle, "I thought I was rich!"

Her life shifted beautifully when she met a handsome local man named Fred Isaac. Though her father strictly warned her "not to rush into marriage," Fred's charming persistence won over the family. The pair were married when Evelyn was just 18 years old. Fred's long and brave military career eventually took them to the United Kingdom, leading to an unforgettable trip to Buckingham Palace, where

Fred was honoured with medals for his bravery during his service. Evelyn later supported Fred through his many years of dedicated service as a Police Sergeant back home on St Helena.

Reflecting on her long life, Evelyn attributes her longevity and happiness to her unwavering faith. "I thank my Heavenly Father," she says, seamlessly reciting books of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. "I never fuss over my food. The Bible says in the last days we may have money, but we may not be able to buy, so I'm always thankful for what I get to eat," she wisely said.

Today, residing happily at the Community Care Centre, Evelyn continues to enjoy life to the absolute fullest, counting her blessings, watching her television, and keeping a beautiful smile on her face.

Happy 100th Birthday, Mrs Evelyn Isaac! St Helena is incredibly proud of your milestone, your vibrant spirit, and the century of joy you have brought to the world.















Evelyn Isaac and family would like to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation, to all the family and friends for sharing her special 100th birthday on the 8th June 2026, and for the many beautiful memories made on Evelyn's special occasion.

Thank you all
with love and God's blessings.



The Island Pulse

Highlighting Scrutiny, Fisheries Concerns and St Helena's Environmental Leadership



Blue Belt Programme 1

Communications Champion Cllr Julie Thomas, Contributed

The latest edition of *The Island Pulse* brought together all seven elected Councillors for a wide-ranging discussion on some of the most important issues currently facing St Helena, including Select Committee scrutiny, the future of the fishing industry, environmental stewardship and international parliamentary engagement.

Hosted by Councillor Julie Thomas, the programme reinforced the role of elected representatives in informing the public, scrutinising government activity and encouraging greater community participation in shaping the island's future.

Select Committees Continue Key Scrutiny Work

The programme opened with updates from Select Committees 1 and 2.

Select Committee 1

Chairman Councillor Robert Midwinter reported that the committee has completed and signed off a report arising from its most recent public hearing, held in March. The report provides updates on previous investigations into Fisheries, Health and Social Care services, Agriculture, Land Use and Poultry Production and has now been submitted to the relevant Ministers and Portfolio Directors for response ahead of being formally laid before Legislative Council.

The committee is now progressing two new inquiries focusing on the Labour Market Strategy and the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Enhancing Natural Capital.

Councillor Midwinter renewed the committee's "Call for Information", encouraging employers, organisations and members of the public to provide evidence, particularly regarding recruitment challenges, skills shortages and workforce development.

Select Committee 2

Dr Corinda Essex provided an update on Select Committee 2's investigation into the Investment component of the Sustainable Economic Development Strategy Delivery Plan.

The report is currently in its final stages and is expected to be completed shortly. Although written submissions from the public were limited, Dr Essex said verbal feedback from investors and residents had helped shape both the committee's questioning and its recommendations.

She explained that identifying the committee's next inquiry remains challenging due to restrictions within the current Select Committee Establishment Order, alongside staffing pressures within some government portfolios. Potential future topics include Tourism and aspects of Central Support and Public Services.

Dr Essex encouraged the public to read the report once it is published, noting that investment remains a topic of significant public interest.

Councillor Julie Thomas echoed the importance of public engagement, reminding listeners that effective scrutiny depends upon community participation and informed discussion.

Fisheries Report Sparks Debate

A substantial portion of the programme focused on the recently published *Situational Analysis of the St Helena Fishing Industry*, commissioned by Minister Karl Thrower and released on 2 June.

Introducing the discussion, Councillor Ronald Coleman noted that concerns surrounding the fishing industry have persisted for several years and explained that the report was commissioned to establish a factual baseline from which future fisheries policy can be developed.

Importantly, he stressed that the 97-page document is not a review containing recommendations. Instead, it is intended to serve as a working document that will support the next phase of the process, namely consultation with fishers and stakeholders to identify future policy options and practical solutions. Government has indicated that it hopes to complete this initial engagement phase before the end of June.

While welcoming the effort to bring renewed focus to the fisheries sector, several Councillors expressed concerns regarding both the content of the report and the process surrounding its publication.

Councillor Midwinter said he had already identified factual inaccuracies within the document and submitted corrections. His concern was that once information enters the public domain, errors can quickly become accepted as fact and influence future discussions.

Councillor Julie Thomas shared similar concerns, noting that while the report does not make recommendations, it is being presented as the foundation upon which future policy options will be built. She warned that if key information is incomplete or inaccurate, future discussions risk being built on an unreliable evidence base.

Drawing on her experience as former Chief Minister, Councillor Thomas also highlighted what she felt were significant omissions regarding work undertaken during the previous administration to advance the fisheries sector, including initiatives aimed at revitalising the industry and securing an offshore fishing vessel for St Helena.

Councillor Clint Beard described fisheries as a matter of national importance and suggested that elected members should have been given an opportunity to collectively discuss the document before its public release. He emphasised that transparency is essential, but so too is ensuring that information entering the public domain is as accurate and complete as possible.

Dr Corinda Essex, who has extensive experience in fisheries governance, welcomed the attempt to examine the sector in a holistic manner. However, she felt the report focused heavily on the historical evolution of the industry and would have benefited from greater emphasis on the current situation, future opportunities and comparisons with successful fisheries models elsewhere.

She also argued that consultation should extend beyond those directly involved in the industry, noting that fisheries hold economic, social and cultural significance for the wider community.

A recurring theme throughout the discussion was the need

for meaningful public engagement. Councillors encouraged residents to read the report and participate in future consultations, stressing that the development of future fisheries policy should reflect a broad range of views and experiences.
Councillor Derek Thomas highlighted the need to balance long-term planning with immediate action. While supporting the review process, he expressed concern about the ongoing shortage of fresh fish available to the public and suggested that stakeholders should be brought together quickly to explore practical short-term solutions while the wider review continues.
Councillor Midwinter also reminded listeners that recommendations arising from Select Committee 1's 2023 fisheries inquiry, along with findings from subsequent reviews, remain largely outstanding and should not be overlooked.
Despite differing views on aspects of the report, there was clear agreement across the panel that the fishing industry remains a national priority and that the next phase of consultation must be inclusive, evidence-based and focused on delivering practical outcomes.

Celebrating World Environment Day

The programme then turned to environmental matters, recognising both World Environment Day and World Oceans Day.
Councillor Denis Leo reflected on this year's World Environment Day theme, which focused on nature-based solutions to climate change. He highlighted the importance of the St Helena Cloud Forest Project, explaining that habitat restoration at the island's highest elevations contributes significantly to water security.
The cloud forest catchment area provides approximately 38 per cent of St Helena's water supply, underlining the close relationship between biodiversity conservation and essential public services.
Councillor Leo also highlighted St Helena's internationally recognised marine conservation efforts, including its designation as a Mission Blue Hope Spot. He encouraged residents to play their part through water conservation, recycling, responsible waste disposal and support for local conservation initiatives.
His message was simple: "The choices we make today will shape the St Helena we leave tomorrow."

Recycling Initiative Welcomed

Building on the environmental theme, Councillor Midwinter highlighted the recently launched community recycling initiative.
Residents can now access recycling bins for plastics, paper, metals and glass, helping to reduce the volume of waste sent to landfill. He encouraged the community to embrace the scheme and support efforts to reduce environmental impacts across the island.

Marking 10 Years of the Blue Belt Programme

The programme also reflected on celebrations held at Anne's Place to mark World Oceans Day and the tenth anniversary of the Blue Belt Programme.
Councillor Julie Thomas praised the programme's contribution to marine conservation and sustainable fisheries management, noting that St Helena has gained international recognition for its leadership in protecting ocean resources.
Councillors highlighted the programme's role in developing local expertise, creating opportunities for young Saints and supporting responsible tourism. Councillor Midwinter noted that protecting marine habitats, whale sharks and dolphin populations not only benefits conservation but also strengthens St Helena's appeal as a destination for sustainable, high-value tourism.
The discussion reinforced the importance of maintaining the island's reputation as a leader in marine protection while ensuring that environmental stewardship continues to support future economic opportunities.

Looking Ahead to Gibraltar

The programme concluded with Councillor Derek Thomas outlining plans for his attendance at the 55th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association British Islands and Mediterranean Region (BIMR) Conference in Gibraltar.
Held under the theme "*Modern Legislators for Modern Challenges*", the conference will bring together representatives from across the Commonwealth to discuss parliamentary modernisation, economic resilience, youth engagement and democratic governance.
Councillor Thomas said he was particularly interested in discussions surrounding youth parliaments, legislative reform and economic diversification in small jurisdictions. He expressed hope that lessons learned from the conference could help strengthen governance and democratic engagement on St Helena.
Councillor Clint Beard, who has attended previous CPA conferences, noted that St Helena often compares favourably with much larger jurisdictions despite having fewer resources and said the island continues to earn respect for many of its achievements.

Councillor Cover Arrangements Confirmed

The programme also informed listeners of temporary district representation arrangements during upcoming overseas travel by two councillors.
Councillor Derek Thomas will be attending the CPA BIMR Conference between 14 June and 4 July. During his absence, Dr Corinda Essex will provide district representation support for Half Tree Hollow, alongside her existing responsibilities for Jamestown and Ruperts.
Councillor Clint Beard will also be travelling off island from 20 June to attend to personal matters. During this period, Councillor Ronald Coleman will provide cover for the districts of Sandy Bay and Blue Hill in addition to his own responsibilities for Levelwood.
Residents requiring assistance during these periods are encouraged to contact the councillor covering their district.

Public Engagement Remains Central

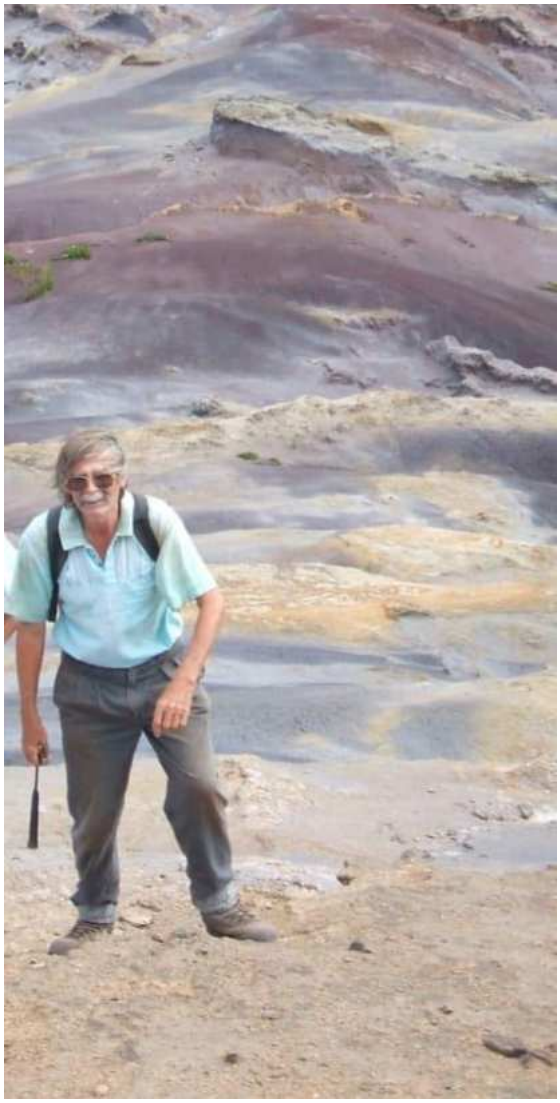
Throughout the programme, a recurring theme emerged: meaningful progress depends on public participation.
Whether discussing scrutiny, fisheries reform, environmental protection or economic development, councillors repeatedly encouraged residents to read reports, engage in consultations and share their views.
As Councillor Julie Thomas reminded listeners at the close of the programme, informed and engaged citizens remain essential to ensuring **that St Helena continues moving forward.**

The Island Pulse airs every Tuesday at 2pm on SAMS Radio 1, with repeat broadcasts on Thursdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 5pm and provides residents with direct access to updates from elected representatives on issues affecting the island's future.



World Environment Day 2026 Theme Logo

NOTICE BOARD



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr Ian Baker, 84, on 31st May 2026.

Ian was born on 28th May 1942 in the English village of Stewartby, Bedfordshire. He studied Geology at Imperial College, London (having taught himself at A level because the school did not have any academically equipped teachers of that subject). After acquiring his Bachelor's degree, he was given the opportunity to come to St Helena to collect geological data and investigate the geology of the Island. He came first for four months in 1963 and then for five further months in 1964/65 to answer a few more questions his first trip had brought up. He also wrote the Island Pantomime in 1963 in rhyming couplets – a printed copy of the script still exists! Whilst on St Helena, Ian had grown close to Islanders Basil and Barbara George, amongst others, who took him in, befriended him and became lifelong friends. It isn't clear whether it was they or others who conferred upon him the nickname "The Rock Man".

The Island got into his veins, and after a successful career working for the British Council (mainly as a Science officer in countries including India and Mexico) he returned to the island many years later in 1993 having never forgotten his experiences nor the island itself. Then, on two more extended trips over the next 10 years, he came back again to explore as much as he could of this incredible place. As well as Basil and Barbara and their family, Ed and Nick Thorpe were great fonts of knowledge for Ian's research, and he valued the time he spent with them. He wrote and self-published various books, the most famous of which can still be found on Amazon: "St Helena: One Man's Island".

Ian is lovingly survived by his sons Dhruv and Siddhartha (Sidd) and grandchildren Arun, Alexander, Rafferty and Nina.

A private family funeral service will be held on 24th June 2026 at 2:45 at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium. We hope to broadcast the Funeral online (details to follow).

In lieu of flowers, donations are being accepted for The Salvation Army or The Multiple Sclerosis Society.

ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Plant Operator

Total package value up to £30,186 pa

(comprising salary up of up to £13,159.00 pa, plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits)

About the role

The Ascension Island Government is looking for a reliable and skilled Plant Operator to join our team, delivering essential services that support life on the island. This is a varied and hands-on role where you'll operate a wide range of heavy plant machinery to assist with a variety of tasks, while also contributing to essential stevedore and ship support duties.

What you'll do

As a Plant Operator, you'll operate and maintain a variety of plant machinery including wheeled loader (including JCB backhoe), forklift de-mountable lorry, bulldozer, road roller, cranes, tracked excavators, graders, lifting equipment, Merlo cement mixer and 6 tonne tipper truck. You'll prepare equipment for use, carry out basic servicing and minor repairs, and ensure machinery is used in a safe and effective manner. Your responsibilities will also include supporting construction and maintenance projects across the island, assisting with refuse disposal and burial services, and undertaking stevedore duties on a rotational basis, working 12-hour shifts that may include weekends. You'll be part of a team that plays a crucial role in keeping the island running smoothly.

What you'll bring

You'll have at least three years' experience operating and maintaining heavy plant machinery, with a valid clean driving licence covering classes A, B, C, D, and J. You'll be methodical, safety-conscious, and comfortable following verbal instructions with precision. Good hand-eye coordination, a strong sense of responsibility, and the ability to work well as part of a team are essential. You'll be physically fit, willing to work outdoors in all conditions, and committed to learning and adhering to AIG's health and safety standards. Above all, you'll bring a positive attitude and a willingness to contribute to the essential operations that support the island community.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £13,159.00 pa (depending on experience and taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a two -year **accompanied** status contract and the following allowances and benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth £2,400 pa (taxable benefit)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £7,800 pa accompanied, or Single status £3,900 pa
- An electricity allowance worth up to £3,625 pa
- A water allowance worth £3,202 pa accompanied, or £1,921 single status
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- 30 days' annual holiday (with an additional 9 days public holidays)
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free schooling for dependant children from 4 to 16 years.
- Free annual travel insurance
- Death in Service insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing date: 06 July 2026 Interviews: from week commencing 13 July 2026 (via video call if off island)
Start date: As soon as possible.

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

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 19

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

SAT. June 20

- 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 21

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

MON. June 22

- 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 23

- 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 24

- 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 25

- 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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100.7 (Briars)

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102.7 (Blue Hill)

Featured this Week



You know that you don't have to spend your mornings alone right?

SAMS is always right by your ear, from the time you wake up!

Tune in every Monday to Friday from 7am when either Luke, Deon or Donna will make sure you are kept company right from the start of the day.

So be sure to spend your morning's with SAMS Radio 1!

Local news and notices:

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

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

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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Hard'

See solution to last week's Sudoku Puzzle:

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



18th June 1815:
Napoleon loses the Battle of Waterloo, and subsequently surrenders to the British and is exiled to St Helena.

(sainthelenaisland.info)

Monday, 22 June, is known as National Chocolate Éclair Day! If you like cream and chocolate, this is the perfect treat; so, why not try your hand at Paul Hollywood's Chocolate Éclair recipe.

Paul's Chocolate Éclairs



Ingredients

For the choux pastry

- 65g/2½oz plain flour, sifted
- pinch salt
- 50g/2oz unsalted butter, diced, plus extra for greasing
- 2 free-range eggs, beaten

For the filling

- 200ml/7fl oz whipping cream
- 5 tsp icing sugar, sifted
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

For the icing

- 100g/3½oz milk chocolate, chopped

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6. Generously grease a baking tray with butter.
2. Sift the flour onto a sheet of greaseproof paper.
3. Put 120ml/4fl oz water into a medium-sized pan with the salt and butter and heat gently until the butter has completely melted – don't let the water boil and begin to evaporate. Quickly bring the mixture to the boil and tip in all the flour in one go. Remove the pan from the heat and beat furiously with a wooden spoon – don't worry, the mixture will look messy at first but will soon come together to make a smooth heavy dough.
4. Put the pan back on a low heat and beat the dough for about a minute to slightly cook the dough – it should come away from the sides of the pan to make a smooth, glossy ball. Tip the dough into a large mixing bowl and leave to cool until tepid.
5. Beat the eggs in a bowl until combined, then gradually beat them into the dough with an electric whisk or mixer, or a wooden spoon, beating well after each addition. (You may not need all the egg.) The dough should be very shiny and paste-like, and fall from a spoon when lightly shaken.
6. Spoon the pastry into a piping bag fitted with a 1.25cm/½in plain nozzle and pipe 12 x 10cm/4in lengths onto the greased baking tray.
7. Sprinkle the tray, not the pastry, with a few drops of water, and bake in the oven for 15 minutes. Then, without opening the door, reduce the oven temperature to 170C/325F/Gas 3 and bake for 10 minutes, or until golden-brown and crisp.
8. Remove the tray from the oven and carefully make a small hole in the side of each éclair to allow steam to escape. Return to the oven and bake for a further five minutes, or until the pastry is completely crisp. Remove from the oven and transfer to a wire rack to cool.
9. For the filling, whip the cream with the sugar and vanilla extract in a bowl until just stiff.
10. Once the éclairs have cooled, cut down the length of one side of each éclair and pipe in the whipped cream.
11. Melt the chocolate over a double boiler or a bowl suspended over a pan of simmering water (do not allow the bottom of the bowl to touch the water) and allow it to cool slightly. Dip the tops of the éclairs in the chocolate and let the chocolate set before serving.

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- → **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

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Chair of the Safeguarding Board

(£1,200 per annum retainer)

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.

Please note that the advert placed in The Sentinel and The Independent in the w/c 8 June 2026 had an incorrect salary attached to the advert. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience or confusion that this has caused.

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To be considered for our vacancies, you must complete our application form. Please do not submit your CV.

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
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Interview date: 08 July 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.

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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

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

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
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Teacher – Key Stage 2

(£13,569 per annum)

Are you passionate about shaping young minds and making a lasting impact in early education? We are looking for an inspiring and dedicated Teacher for Key Stage 2 to join our vibrant school community and nurture the next generation of learners. In this rewarding role, you will deliver engaging, high-quality teaching within Key Stage 2, creating a positive and stimulating learning environment where every child can thrive. You will plan and deliver well-structured, creative, and differentiated lessons that meet the diverse needs of all learners, ensuring each child is supported and challenged appropriately. You will also set purposeful home learning tasks that reinforce classroom learning and encourage continued progress. A key part of this role is fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive school environment, promoting positive behaviour, supporting student wellbeing, and maintaining high standards of discipline both inside and outside the classroom.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

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

Enquiries: Elaine Benjamin on Tel No. 22540 or Email: elaine.benjamin@sainthelena.edu.sh
Closing date: 03 July 2026
Shortlisting date: 09 July 2026
Interview date: 16 July 2026

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Safety Security & Home Affairs

INVITATION TO TENDER

Sale of Used Mooring Chain

Sale of Used Mooring Chain
Port Control is inviting sealed tenders for the sale of used mooring chain currently located at the Rupert's Jetty.

The mooring chain is being offered in the following lots:
Lot 1 – Used Chain
Lot 2 – Used Chain
Lot 3 – Used Chain
Lot 4 – Used Chain
Lot 5 – Used Chain
Lot 6 – Used Chain
Lot 7 – Used Chain
Lot 8 – Used Chain
Lot 9 – Used Chain



Example Picture

Interested parties may arrange to inspect the chain prior to submission of tenders by contacting the Acting Harbour Master, Simon Wade, via email at simon.wade@sainthelena.gov.sh or by telephone 22738.

Tenders must clearly state:
The Lot number(s) being tendered for;
The proposed purchase price;
and full contact details of the bidder.

Tenders are to placed in the tender box outside of the Procurement Office (located on the top floor of the Post Office building). Tenders should be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Port Control, Seaport House, Ruperts Cargo Management Facility by no later than 16:00 Friday 3 July 2026.

Conditions of Sale
All items are sold "as seen".
No guarantee or warranty is provided regarding condition or suitability.
The successful bidder will be responsible for collection, loading, transport, and any associated costs.
Port Control reserves the right to reject any or all tenders and is not bound to accept the highest offer.

For further information or inspection arrangements, please contact the Acting Harbour Master, Simon Wade via email at simon.wade@sainthelena.gov.sh or by telephone 22738.

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16 June 2026

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

PRESS RELEASE

Reminder: Minimum Wage to Increase from 01 July 2026

At a meeting of the Executive Council held on 10 March 2026, an increase to the minimum wage of 35p per hour for an adult 18+ and 28p for young persons aged 16 and 17 was approved.

This change will take effect from 01 July 2026 and will increase from £4.50 to £4.85 for persons over 18 years, and £3.55 to £3.63 for persons aged 16 or 17 years. This represents an annual increase of 7.8%. The approval of this increase is in line with raising living standards, benefitting workers and providing adequate time for businesses to plan and adapt."

The principle informing the minimum wage is that of the Minimum Income Standard (MIS), which states that "*minimum income is based on needs and not wants, but it provides more than what is just needed for survival. It supports social participation and recognises that choice is important, but also that choice cannot be unlimited*". Although the MIS varies for people based on their specific circumstances, the current MIS of at least £5.88 gross (before tax is paid) per hour for a family of four is dependent on the cost of housing, which includes costs to a family for renting accommodation or paying a housing loan, and car ownership.

In determining the increase, consideration was given to the current cost of living pressures on both employees and employers, and it was noted that a balance would need to be struck. The Minimum Wage Policy therefore recognises that there is a limit to the size of increases that businesses can absorb in a single year, whilst at the same time acknowledging the need to continue raising the minimum income level on St Helena to go some way in encouraging residents to remain in employment on St Helena.

This year's increase follows consultations with employers, employees and other relevant stakeholders including the Chamber of Commerce.

The minimum wage will be reviewed again in early 2027 and will include public consultation to consider further uplifts for the period 2027/28.

Since its inception in 2013, the minimum wage has raised from £2.30 to £4.85 for persons over 18 years, and from £1.45 to £3.83 for persons aged 16 or 17 years. These increases equate to a 110% and 164% rise respectively.

#StHelena #MinimumWage #AltogetherWealthier www.facebook.com/StHelenaGovt/

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15 June 2026

NOTICE BOARD

VACANCY

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.

For further information contact Merril Lawrence on +290 22255 or email Merril.Lawrence@connectonline.co.sh. Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: Annalisa.Young@connectonline.co.sh by 9:00am on Monday, 22 June 2026. To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.

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VACANCY

Power Plant Maintenance Technician

Connect Saint Helena Ltd has a vacancy within our Electricity Generation team for a skilled Mechanical Technician. You will be responsible for the professional installation, planned preventative maintenance, fault rectification, and infrastructure refurbishment of mechanical power generation equipment — ensuring a safe, reliable, and high-quality power supply to our customers. This role also includes providing cover for the Power Station Operator and Assistant.

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
- Possesses awareness of, or have relevant Health & Safety qualifications, including First Aid and Fire Safety

BENEFITS

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St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

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'.

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09 June 2026

Vacancy

Safety & Compliance Officer

Since 1790

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

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 Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **25 June 2026.**

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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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VACANCY

Connect SAINT HELENA LTD

GIS Surveyor/Technician

Connect Saint Helena Ltd has two vacancies for GIS Surveyor/Technicians. The successful candidates will provide accurate survey data and geospatial analysis to support the planning, operation, and maintenance of utility infrastructure. Working across water supply, wastewater networks, and electrical systems, the role ensures reliable mapping and data integration that underpin engineering design, asset management, and service delivery.

EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES

- Practical Surveying Experience
- Experience of GIS and Surveying Software
- Geospatial Surveying or equivalent
- Driving Licence, Class A

QUALIFICATIONS

- GCSE English and Maths at Grade C or above
- Intermediate Computer Skills

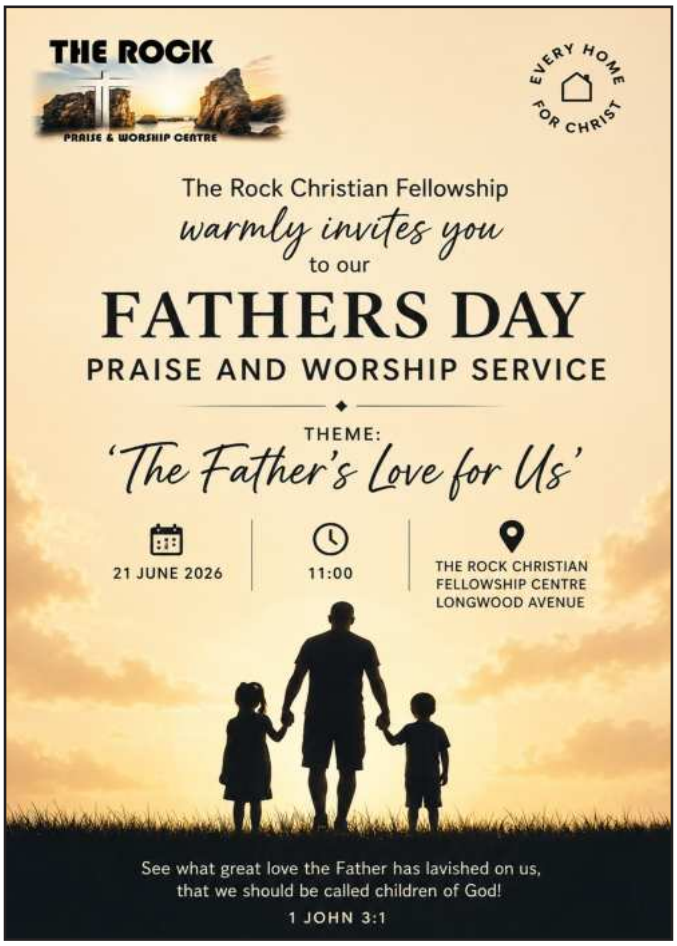
BENEFITS

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

For further information and a full Job Description please contact Michael Gutuza on +290 22255 or email Michael.Gutuza@connectonline.co.sh. Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: Claire.B.Duncan@connectonline.co.sh by 9:00am on Monday, 29 June 2026. To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.

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SAINT HELENA LTD

CONNECT SAINT HELENA LTD ANNOUNCES TWO EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is pleased to announce that we are currently recruiting for two important positions that will help support the delivery of key infrastructure and renewable energy projects across the island:

- **Senior Renewable Energy Engineer**
- **Project Manager**

These roles form part of Connect Saint Helena's ongoing investment in the island's energy infrastructure and renewable energy transition. Successful candidates will play a key role in delivering projects that improve reliability, sustainability and long-term resilience of essential services for the St Helena community.

The Senior Renewable Energy Engineer will support the development and operation of renewable energy systems, helping to reduce the island's dependence on imported fuel and contributing to a more sustainable future.

The Project Manager will lead the planning and delivery of a range of strategic infrastructure projects, ensuring that investments are delivered safely, efficiently and to a high standard.

Connect Saint Helena is committed to attracting talented professionals who share our ambition to deliver excellent services and support the island's future development.

The recruitment process is now under way and both vacancies are currently advertised on: https://join-sainthelena.com/about-connect-saint-helena-ltd/ **Closing date: 9 July 2026**

We encourage interested candidates to review the vacancy details and submit an application.

12 June 2026

NOTICE BOARD

Equality & Human Rights Commission
Saint Helena Island

Supporting PRIDE 2026

Contact us on 22133 or info@humanrightssthelena.org

Vacancy

Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper

Since 1790

Salary for the post will commence at £11,100 per annum (£213 per week)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Bulk Fuel Installation for a Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper.

As the Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper, you will be responsible for the loading and delivery of fuels to clients and accountable for completion of documents. Provide support to the Watchkeepers as and when required, assist with general maintenance duties, fuel transfers between storage tanks and also assist with Ship-to-Shore Tanker operations.

Interested Persons Should:

- Ideally be familiar with the safe loading, transportation and dispensing of fuels in bulk via Road Tanker
- Be in possession of a clean & valid drivers' licence in class J4
- Have basic competency in Maths & English
- Be able to work unsocial hours, including shift work
- Be customer focused and able to deliver excellent level of customer service
- Honest, accountable and proactive
- Be safety conscious and have Health & Safety awareness in a fuels environment
- Able to work effectively in a team environment
- Able to work to a high degree of accuracy in a within a highly structured framework and comply with established procedures
- Ideally have experience or be knowledgeable of the safe handling of fuels
- Be comfortable to work in a hazardous environment and deal with hazardous substances
- Ideally have the ability to perform general maintenance duties
- Ability to undertake physically demanding and manual handling tasks

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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BAPTIST CHURCH

Gospel Outreach Services – Sunday, 21st June
Jamestown Community Centre, 3.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday, 23rd June: Baptist School Hall, 7pm
Wednesday, 24th June: Blue Hill Community, 7pm
Thursday, 25th June: Sandy Bay Chapel, 5.30pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

Adventure Kids – Age 4 – 11 yrs old
Saturday, 20th June:
Baptist School Hall, 10am to 11.30am

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact: Tel No 22388

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 21st June 2026 - 12th Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist/Church Parade	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 21st June 2026 – 12th Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Wednesday 24th June	
6.30 p.m.	**Growing the Church**	**St James Vicarage**
	Thursday 25th June	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 21st June 2026 – 12th Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 23rd June	
7.00 p.m.	**Mission Worship and Praise**	**St Mark**



ST ANDREWS NEWSPAPER BINGO

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

This week the "lilac" 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 20 June at 6 pm. Last week's winner: Ms Pat Crowie

Prize - £20 per week

22	64	11	44	53	86	20	3	74	25
34	45	31	56	41	76	50	84	15	88
12	70	58	68	21	81	9	72	13	24
78	52	10	36	57	26	14	73	6	43
23	89	71	67	90	77	40	37	2	17
65	61	47	80	32	8	79	82	4	48
60	16	27	85	75	5	46	33	29	66

SPORTS ARENA



Western A Mustangs
RMS T20 Runners Up & Wooden Spoon Winners



Half Tree Hollow
T20 District Winners

Golf Report

Texas Scramble Strokeplay



SHGC, Contributed

A field of 26 golfers, forming 13 teams, enjoyed pleasant conditions at the St Helena Golf Club on Sunday as they competed in a Texas Scramble Strokeplay competition where 3/8 of combined Handicap was applied. This event was sponsored by the St Helena Golf Club.

The competition proved to be a closely contested affair, with the leading two teams finishing tied on an excellent net score of 58. After countback over the final nine holes, Helena Stevens and Jeffrey Stevens were declared the overall winners with a score of 72 gross, less 14 handicap = 58 net.

Finishing as runners-up were Jason Hopkins and Ashton Benjamin, who also returned a net score of 58 from a gross 66, less 8 handicap, but were narrowly denied victory on countback.

Third place went to Keith Joshua and Cyril Arthur Young, who posted a solid net score of 62.

The popular Two-Ball Pool produced was won by the team of Freddy Thomas and Arthur Francis who birdied the first hole to share the entire ball pool.

Prize presentations were made by Club Captain, Bramwell Bushuru, who congratulated all participants and thanked members for their continued support of club competitions.

Attention now turns to the club's premier event of the season, the St Helena Golf Club Open Championship, which gets underway on Saturday, 20 June, with play scheduled to tee off at 11am. Competitors are reminded that a group photograph will be taken at 10.30am before the start of the championship. The general rules and revised local rules have been emailed to members and hard copies are available at the clubhouse.

The club encourages members and supporters to come along and enjoy what promises to be a memorable week of championship golf.

Happy, smooth and flawless swinging!

Greetings from the Jamestown Rifle Club



Pat Henry, Contributed

We are pleased to report that adult shooting is back on track during club nights on Tuesdays. Our first trial opening under our 2026 licence drew exciting attention whereby much appreciation highlighted how important the sport of target shooting means to Club members in our community and visitors alike. We are looking forward to enjoying many more shooting activities during our weekly sessions.

The medal Competition held on 9 June attracted sparkling numbers of 23 people taking part; some of whom haven't shot a gun before but were willing to give it a go. Demonstrations were given with a little help and they were on their way. Two groups were formed, the advanced and beginners group, we only managed to shoot one target card each for the competition as it was a long night but we all were thrilled with excellence when scorecards returned with brilliant scores; everyone was so supportive and patient. Medal winners in the Beginners Group; 3rd was Stephanie with 93 points, 2nd with 94.3 was Emily and 1st place was Dr Jacob with 98.2. The Advanced Group saw, in 3rd place with 96.2 was Jordana, 2nd with 97.4 was Kyle Yon, 1st place with 98.7 was Mario Yon. Congratulations to the medal winners with a special well done to everyone who took part, supporting the club, a mention to Simon Henry with 99.7, and his support to the club. A brilliant performance from everyone; hats off to our beginners!

This week, 16 June, we continued to practice in readiness for next week, 23 June, when we are hoping to have a friendly competition should we get over ten people; more details will be posted on our Rifle Club FB Page. The nights scores saw Jordana Peters shoot 97.5 & 95.1, Mahmood 90 + 75 + 78.1, Vince 85 + 90.2 + 89.1, Aiden 91.1 + 93.3, Tinika 92.2 + 94.2, Cherilee 90.3, Mario Yon 99.9 & 98.6, Nina 85 & 95.4, Kyle Yon 97.7, 98.5 & 100.9. It's good to see shooters using different lanes and rifles, seeing what works better in terms of positions. Well done everyone for your support and friendliness, let's hope we will be right-on-target next week hitting 10.1's. Until then, enjoy the rest of the week and have a safe and pleasant weekend.

SPORTS ARENA



Andrew Yon (Challengers/HTH):

Best Batting Average of the Season
Player of the Season
T20 Knockout Most Runs (139)
District T20 Most Runs (283)
District T20 Most Sixes (21)
League Best Batting Average (94.33)
League Most Runs (418 runs)
League Best Batting Average (104.5)



Joey Thomas (Challengers/HTH)

League Most Catches (8)
District T20 Best Bowling Average (7.56)
District T20 Most Catches (6)
RMS T20 Most Runs (200)
T20 Knockout Most Catches (5)
Greg Coleman Cup Winner



Jamestown Heat
Wooden Plate Winners



Rhys Francis (Pirates/Sandy Bay)

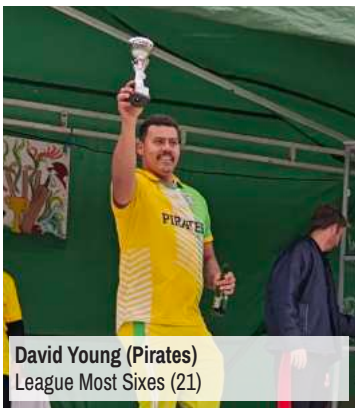
RMS T20 Best Batting Average (99)
T20 Knockout Most Sixes (11)
T20 Knockout Best Bowling Average (8)
Bowler of the Season



Jordi Henry (Challengers)
League Most Wickets (12)
League Best Bowling Average (10.33)



Tyler Anthony (Mustangs)
Mycle Dook Cup Winner
for Young Player of the Season



David Young (Pirates)
League Most Sixes (21)



David Francis (Levelwood Allstars)
RMS T20 Best Bowling Average (7.55)



Gareth Johnson (Mustangs)
RMS T20 Most Wickets (13)



Makyle Fuller (Pirates)
Wicket Keeper of the Season



Weston Clingham (Allstars)
RMS T20 Most Catches (9)



Andrew Yon (HTH) &
Ashton Benjamin (Longwood)
T20 District Most Wickets (11)



Levelwood Allstars
35 Over League Runners-Up
T20 District Runners-Up



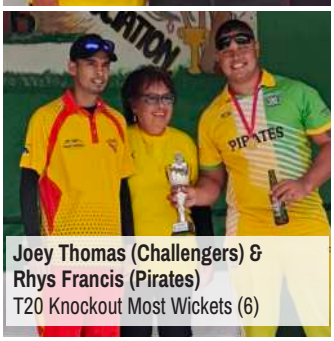
Brooklyn Fowler (Pirates)
RMS T20 Most Sixes (25)



Delroy Leo (Allstars)
Highest Score of the Season (227*)



Ronan Legg (Pirates)
T20 Knockout Best Batting Average (68)
T20 Knockout Highest Score First Innings (68*)



Joey Thomas (Challengers) &
Rhys Francis (Pirates)
T20 Knockout Most Wickets (6)

SPORTS ARENA

Challengers take The Treble

Cricket Season concludes with Knockout Final and Presentation Ceremony



Challengers
35 Over League Champions
RMS T20 Champions
T20 Knockout Champions

Luke Bennett, SAMS

On Saturday, the final of the SHCA Knockout Tournament took place at Francis Plain with the Challengers and the Sandy Bay Pirates facing off in this highly anticipated match.

The Challengers were eager to display their dominance by taking a hat-trick of titles in the 2026 SHCA cricket season. Even though the Pirates had a slow start to their season, the team eventually showed their explosive form, securing them a place in the Knockout Final, where they were keen to retain their previous title as Knockout Champions.

The Challengers batted first and got off to a perfect start with Captain Cliff Richards scoring 41 runs. Andrew Yon also posted a half-century, with the partnership reaching 102 before the first wicket fell. This was followed by a number of wickets with the Pirates bowling attack being led by Kieran Williams taking two wickets for 14 runs. The Challengers then succeeded in building a platform with Jordi Henry's smashing performance of 62 runs off 22 balls, ending the innings with the Challengers posting a total of 200 runs.

This was a tough ask, but Pirates posses a complement of batsmen quite capable of reaching this total. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be, as the Pirates faced a wave of destructive bowling from the Challengers' bowlers. Pirates lost wickets at regular intervals thanks to the bowling performance of Player of the Match, Joey Thomas. Joey dismantled the Pirates' batting line-up taking five wickets during his vicious bowling attack, proving too much for Pirates who were restricted to a score of just 49 runs.

An outstanding all-round performance from the Challengers led to them securing the Knockout Title; completing the haul of all three titles for the 2026 St Helena Cricket Season.

The Sentinel wishes to congratulate the Challengers on their outstanding achievement.

Concluding the season in true St Helenian tradition, the presentation followed the completion of the Knockout Final. The ceremony kicked off at 4pm, during which time the awards were presented to the winning teams. The winners of the 35 over league was Challengers with the runners-up trophy presented to the Levelwood Allstars. In the RMS T20 Cup, it was once again the Challengers who took the winner's trophy with the Western A Mustangs taking the laurels as the runners-up. The next award presented was the district winners where Half Tree Hollow came up trumps over runners-up Levelwood. The final award which had been determined earlier on the day, went to the Challengers as the SHCA Knockout champions, with Sandy Bay Pirates as runners-up.

In terms of the main individual honours, the Mycle Dook Cup for Young Player of the Season was awarded to Tyler Anthony, with Andrew Yon taking the Player of the Season award. A full list of the day's awardees can be seen in the photos (some contributed by Laura Oliver with thanks).

Congratulations from The Sentinel to all awardees and winners in this year's SHCA cricket season.



Sandy Bay Pirates
T20 Knockout Runners Up