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SENTINEL COMMENT

Liam Yon, SAMS

Well, where do I go with this comment. The last week as been one of highs and a very tragic low for St Helena and myself personally.

I'll focus on the positives first. The St Helena football season is back and underway and, if the first week of action is anything to go by, then we should be in for a stellar, entertaining and competitive season of local football action. My favourite part? The emergence of a host of new young talents, some which did breakthrough last year, but still, it is great to see the next generation of footballing stars light up the pitch. In particular, the youthfulness of both the returning Harts and La Verde was a refreshing sight on the weekend, showing maturity in their play, as well as some youthful naivety, but definitely an exciting watch – and what a goal by young Levi Williams by the way.

Sticking with the football, all eyes are currently on the FIFA World Cup 2026 in the USA, Canada and Mexico. But for the hydration breaks (yes, America, the rest of us hate them), the tournament has been great so far! The usual suspects are certainly at it, none more so than one of the GOAT's, arguably the GOAT, Lionel Messi, who has so far scored each of Argentina's five goals in the tournament, a hat-trick in game one, a brace in game two, setting a new record along the way – the man is not human (although he did miss a penalty, so I guess he is). Alongside that, we have Kylian Mbappe and Erling Haaland with four goals each, while Harry Kane bagged a brace against Croatia, and the other GOAT contender, Cristiano Ronaldo, arrived to the party with a brace on Tuesday. Who's going to win? Your guess is as good as mine.

Now, to end off on something which I still can't get over – Shorty being shot by two young boys who I have known since they were little. How f'd up is that (sorry for the language, but it needs to be said). I won't go into it too much, but Shorty, coz, you a tough son of a gun – I hope you are back on your feet again soon brother and those responsible needs to face the full brunt of the justice system.

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MUGA Drive

Installation of Multi-Use Games Area begins at Half Tree Hollow Playground



AI-generated concept image of what the HTH Playground could look like once the MUGA ends have been installed

Liam Yon, SAMS

Residents in Half Tree Hollow, and indeed across the island, will soon have access to upgraded community sports facilities, as the latest phase of the Economic Development Investment Programme's (EDIP) Playgrounds Project officially got underway last week.

On Thursday, 18 June, the paved area at the Half Tree Hollow Playground was transformed into an active construction site for the installation of brand-new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) ends.

According to a statement from the St Helena Government (SHG), the main playground equipment that was recently installed remains fully open and accessible to the public while the upgrades are carried out. However, officials have urged users of the playground to stay well clear of the active construction zone and to strictly follow all on-site safety signage until the installation is complete.

This new facility represents the latest development under the ongoing EDIP Playgrounds Project. Upgrades to both Longwood Green and the Half Tree Hollow Playground have been carried out by local contractor Arnold Crowie and his team at AC's Multi-Skill Contractors, along with support from residents of HM Prison.

SHG concluded by thanking the community for their continued cooperation and support as these much-welcomed recreational improvements are delivered.

Devastating Fire at The Briars



A substantial fire broke out at a property in The Briars last week

Fire Service brings intense garage blaze under control after multi-hour operation last week

Liam Yon, SAMS

A major emergency operation swung into action last week after a substantial property fire broke out in The Briars, causing extensive damage and destroying a prized piece of island motoring history – though thankfully, no persons were injured.

The incident unfolded on the afternoon of Wednesday, 17 June, when a blaze occurred at the residence of local resident, Cyril Fowler, where a fire had broken out in the property's garage area.

The St Helena Fire and Rescue Service responded to the scene following a distress call received at approximately 3pm.

The incident quickly drew widespread attention across the area. Due to the location of the property, a thick plume of black smoke and visible flames could be clearly seen rising through the valley, sparking immediate concern from workers and visitors looking up from Jamestown.

At around the same time, emergency vehicles were seen rushing through town and heading to the scene of the incident via Side Path Road. Upon arrival, firefighters encountered what was described as a "well-developed fire involving a garage and its contents".

As such, firefighters worked tirelessly throughout the remainder of the afternoon and into the evening to battle the blaze, bring it under control, and protect nearby properties; with the response having proved difficult.

"Due to the nature of the materials involved, firefighting operations were challenging and required the use of both water and foam extinguishing agents," the St Helena Fire and Rescue Service said in a statement to The Sentinel.

Crews successfully contained the fire and remained on the scene until approximately 7.30pm to complete firefighting operations, dampen down remaining hot spots, and ensure the area was entirely safe.

Property fires of this scale are an incredibly rare occurrence on St Helena. While the local community watched the unfolding response with deep worry for those affected, the island can breathe a sigh of relief that no lives were lost; with officials having confirmed that there were no injuries to any members of the public or emergency responders.

With that said, material loss is believed to have been significant. While the Fire Service protected nearby structures, extensive damage was caused to the garage and The Sentinel understands that Mr Fowler's pristine classic Ford Escort Mark 1 — a vehicle widely known and highly regarded as a standout classic car on the Island — was substantially damaged, if not entirely destroyed, in the blaze.

Following the intense multi-hour operation, the St Helena Fire and Rescue Service expressed gratitude to both the teams on the ground and the local community.

"The St Helena Fire and Rescue Service would like to thank all personnel involved for their professionalism, commitment, and hard work throughout the incident," the statement read. "We would also like to thank members of the public for their cooperation and understanding while emergency operations were being carried out."



The fire and smoke could be seen from Jamestown, causing concern



Devastatingly, this classic Ford Escort Mk 1 is reported to have sustained substantial damage in the fire

YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Open Letter to the Chief Minister and Acting Chief Secretary
Copied to:
His Excellency the Governor
All Members of Legislative Council
Subject: Fisheries Review, Situational Analysis and Recent SAMS Radio 1 Interview
Dear Chief Minister and Acting Chief Secretary,
I am writing in response to the recent SAMS Radio 1 interview involving Minister Karl Thrower and the Head of Strategic Policy, Ann Muir, regarding the Fisheries Review and the recently published Situational Analysis.
I do so not only as an elected Member of Legislative Council, but as someone who has been actively involved in the fisheries sector for many years through Government, fisheries management, policy development, conservation initiatives and direct engagement with fishermen and industry stakeholders.
Having listened carefully to the interview, I have come away deeply concerned, not simply because of the content of the Situational Analysis itself, but because of several statements made throughout the discussion which raise legitimate questions about the understanding of the sector that is currently informing the review process.
The interview was clearly intended to reassure the public that the Fisheries Review is being undertaken in a thorough, objective and evidence-based manner. Instead, it highlighted a number of concerns regarding whether the information being relied upon accurately reflects the realities of the industry and whether sufficient attention is being given to the factors that have contributed to the sector's current position.
A recurring theme throughout the interview was the suggestion that St Helena's fisheries challenges are merely the latest chapter in seventy years of unresolved difficulties. Whilst it is true that fisheries development has faced challenges over many decades, this characterisation risks oversimplifying the issues confronting the industry today.
The reality is that many of the most significant challenges affecting fishermen, fish supply and exports are not historical mysteries dating back to the 1970s. They are linked to decisions, policies and operational arrangements introduced in recent years, particularly following the transfer of operations at the Government-owned processing facility in 2021. Indeed, many stakeholders would argue that the sector's current difficulties can be traced directly to decisions surrounding the operation, accessibility and utilisation of infrastructure that was specifically refurbished at significant public expense to support commercial fisheries development.
Any meaningful review must therefore examine why those arrangements have not delivered the outcomes originally envisaged, what lessons can be learned from that experience, and whether the current review is sufficiently focused on the factors that have contributed most directly to the industry's decline.
I was also concerned by the apparent failure to acknowledge the extent to which current and former Government officials have been involved in many of the decisions that have shaped the sector's present circumstances. Their institutional knowledge is undoubtedly valuable and their contribution should not be discounted. However, where individuals have played significant roles in developing, implementing or overseeing previous arrangements, it becomes even more important that alternative perspectives are actively sought, robust challenge is welcomed and meaningful stakeholder engagement takes place throughout the review process.
Confidence in any review depends not only upon who is involved, but upon whether all relevant voices are given equal consideration.
The interview further suggested that Government is still seeking to determine what the local market requires, whether exports should remain a priority and whether viable business models exist within the sector.
These are not new questions.
The domestic demand for fish has been understood for many years. Equally, St Helena's Total Allowable Catch significantly exceeds local consumption requirements. Current tuna allocations alone provide access to volumes of fish far beyond what can reasonably be consumed on island.
The unavoidable reality is that if St Helena is to maximise the value of its fisheries resource, surplus catch must have access to profitable export opportunities.
The challenge is therefore not choosing between local supply and exports. A successful fishery should be capable of delivering both. Local consumers should have access to affordable, high-quality fish while surplus catch is directed into external markets capable of generating revenue, supporting employment and contributing to the wider economy.
Whether an individual business chooses to pursue export markets is ultimately a commercial decision. Government's role should be to provide the legislative, regulatory and infrastructure framework necessary for businesses to succeed. Throughout the interview there appeared at times to be a blurring of these responsibilities, with Government seemingly positioning itself as the body that should determine commercial outcomes rather than create the conditions that enable them.
Equally concerning were comments regarding fishermen, fishing effort and vessel operations.
Comparisons were made with overseas fisheries where vessels operate continuously, alongside suggestions that St Helena lacks full-time fishermen. Such comparisons fail to recognise the unique characteristics of St Helena's fishery.
Historically, the island's fishery has been built around highly sustainable day-boat operations using one-by-one fishing methods. These vessels have never operated twenty-four hours a day, nor should they be expected to. Yet despite these limitations, St Helena has previously landed significantly greater volumes of fish than are currently being achieved.
The challenge is therefore not that St Helena fishermen are incapable of catching fish.
The challenge is what happens after the fish is caught.
This distinction was largely absent from the interview.
At multiple points the discussion focused on licensing, ice availability, market opportunities and the possibility of additional processing operators entering the sector. Whilst these matters are relevant, they divert attention from the central question many fishermen continue to ask:
Why is the current processing arrangement not delivering the outcomes it was intended to achieve?
That question sits at the heart of the sector's current difficulties.
Another area of concern arose from comments suggesting that encouraging additional regulated processing facilities may provide a solution to the sector's current challenges.
Whilst competition can often deliver benefits, such suggestions appeared to overlook the economic realities of operating fisheries businesses on St Helena. The domestic market is relatively small, annual consumption is finite, and the sector is already struggling to sustain existing operations. Introducing multiple regulated facilities into a constrained market risks further fragmentation without addressing the underlying causes of the current difficulties.
More importantly, such discussions appeared to bypass a fundamental question that should be central to any

review.
St Helena Government invested approximately £500,000 in refurbishing and upgrading the island's fish processing facility with the intention of creating infrastructure capable of supporting and strengthening the commercial fishing sector. That investment was made to benefit the wider industry and to provide a platform through which commercial operators and fishermen alike could realise greater value from the fisheries resource.
The question that should therefore be asked is not whether additional facilities are required, but why the existing publicly funded facility is not delivering the outcomes for which that investment was made.
Many fishermen would argue that the current challenges facing the sector stem not from a lack of processing infrastructure, but from the manner in which existing arrangements have operated in practice and the extent to which access to the benefits of that investment has been available across the wider industry.
When Government committed public funds to refurbish the facility, the intention was not to create advantages for a select few operators. The investment was intended to support the commercial fishing sector as a whole, providing infrastructure through which fishermen, processors and exporters could collectively benefit. It is therefore deeply concerning that the review appears to focus on creating additional structures before first establishing why the existing structure has failed to deliver equitable and sustainable benefits across the industry.
Before consideration is given to creating new facilities or introducing additional operators, there must first be a clear and objective assessment of why the existing model has failed to deliver the outcomes originally envisaged and whether the public investment made on behalf of the people of St Helena has generated the benefits it was intended to achieve.
Similarly, references to the availability of ice as evidence that fishermen should be able to operate more freely failed to acknowledge concerns repeatedly raised regarding access arrangements and operational restrictions.
The issue has never simply been whether ice exists on the island. The issue is whether the systems surrounding access to ice, fish receiving, processing and storage are sufficiently flexible and responsive to support a modern commercial fishery.
Perhaps the most significant omission throughout the interview was the limited acknowledgement of concerns regarding the willingness of the current operator to consistently receive fish from across the commercial fishing fleet.
Many within the industry would argue that this issue lies at the very heart of the current challenges facing the sector.
The question repeatedly raised by fishermen is not whether fish can be caught. The question is whether there is a reliable, accessible and commercially viable route to market once those fish are landed.
Without addressing that issue directly, discussions regarding increased participation, additional vessels or greater utilisation of available quotas risk becoming largely theoretical.
I was equally concerned by the discussion surrounding fishing licences.
The interview suggested that uncertainty regarding the classification of commercial fishermen remains an issue requiring consideration as part of the review process. Yet responsibility for administering fishing licences already sits within the existing regulatory framework.
Stakeholders could reasonably ask why such matters have not already been addressed if they are now considered barriers to effective management of the fishery. The suggestion that solutions must await the outcome of a wider review risks overlooking the fact that some improvements could potentially be implemented through existing powers and responsibilities.
Particularly troubling were the closing remarks concerning a proposed meeting with fishermen that reportedly failed to take place due to a lack of attendance.
The more important question was never asked:
Why did fishermen not attend?
It cannot simply be assumed that non-attendance reflects a lack of interest in the future of the sector.
The fishermen of St Helena have participated in consultations, reviews, committees and discussions for many years. If experienced fishermen are choosing not to engage with a particular process, that in itself constitutes important feedback and should be treated as such.
Government should be seeking to understand the reasons behind that decision rather than merely recording the absence.
Indeed, it has previously been acknowledged that specialist fisheries expertise within Government is limited. If Government accepts that it does not possess all the expertise required within this highly specialised sector, then it cannot simply proceed with those who are prepared to engage while overlooking the absence of those whose practical knowledge and lived experience are essential to understanding the industry's challenges.
Understanding why fishermen chose not to attend is therefore not secondary to the process. It is central to it.
For all these reasons, I do not believe it would be prudent for the Fisheries Review to continue in its current form.
The concerns raised throughout this letter are not simply differences of opinion regarding fisheries policy. They go to the heart of whether the information currently being relied upon accurately reflects the realities of the sector and whether those leading the process possess the understanding necessary to draw reliable conclusions from the evidence presented.
The Situational Analysis has repeatedly been described as the overarching evidence-based document that will inform future discussions, policy options and decision-making. If that is to be the case, then it must command the confidence of those who know the industry best.
At present, there is a growing perception that it does not.
I therefore formally call upon Government to pause the current Fisheries Review and commission an independent assessment of the Situational Analysis to determine its accuracy, completeness, balance and suitability for use as the principal evidence base for future policy development.
Only once that assessment has been completed should consideration be given to how the review proceeds.
I further believe serious consideration should be given to ensuring that future stages of the review are led by individuals or organisations demonstrably independent of previous decision-making processes, possessing a sound understanding of fisheries governance and commercial fisheries operations, and capable of applying the local context necessary to properly interpret the evidence before them.
The fisheries sector has already endured years of uncertainty, declining confidence and unsuccessful interventions. It cannot afford another review process founded upon information that many stakeholders believe to be incomplete, inaccurate or lacking sufficient local context.
The people of St Helena deserve confidence that this review is being conducted impartially, competently and with a full appreciation of the realities facing the industry.
Above all, the fishermen and businesses whose livelihoods depend upon the success of the sector deserve confidence that their knowledge, experience and concerns are not merely being heard but are being accurately reflected

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in the documents that will ultimately shape future decisions.
This correspondence is addressed to the Chief Minister and Acting Chief Secretary, copied to His Excellency the Governor and all Members of Legislative Council.
Given that the matters discussed arose from a public interview broadcast on local radio and relate directly to an issue of significant public interest, this correspondence will also be placed in the public domain.
As an elected Member of Legislative Council, I have a responsibility to represent the concerns being raised by fishermen, industry stakeholders and members of the wider community. Equally, I have a duty to speak openly when I believe public policy is being developed upon foundations that require further scrutiny.
It is in that spirit, and with a genuine desire to see the fisheries sector succeed, that these concerns are respectfully submitted.

Yours sincerely,
Councillor Julie Thomas
Member of Legislative Council

Dear Editor,

Please see below a letter issued to Headteacher of St Helena Secondary School regarding the proposed House System changes at SHSS and parental concerns.
Date: 19 June 2026
To:
Mr. Philip Toal, Headteacher
St Helena Secondary School
Francis Plain, St. Paul's
St. Helena Island
CC: St Helena Secondary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
Subject: Formal Response to Parent Letter Regarding Proposed House System Changes
Dear Mr. Toal,
We are writing to you as a collective group of concerned parents in response to your letter dated 18 June 2026 regarding the proposed changes to the school's House system. While we appreciate that the school has finally issued a formal communication on this matter, we must firmly express our deep discontent with both the process followed and the narrow options now being presented to the school community.
Our concerns regarding this transition are not new; they have been continuously raised by several parents dating back to August 2025. It is disheartening that a formal, detailed justification was only distributed after a parent highlighted these issues in The Sentinel newspaper on 11 June 2026, followed by further community concerns shared yesterday on SAMS Radio 1.
Our dissatisfaction centres on the inappropriate nature of the chosen symbols, the missed opportunity for authentic community alignment, and the closed nature of the consultation process.
1.Inappropriate Imagery and Misalignment with Island Values
Your letter highlights that mythical figures embody positive qualities like courage and resilience. However, many parents strongly believe that the specific figures chosen carry deep-rooted literary and historical associations with destruction, darkness, and evil. St Helena is a deep, faith-rooted community named after Saint Helena of Constantinople - a figure revered for her humility, generosity, and unwavering devotion. Our island identity is built upon principles of community, tolerance, family, tradition, charity, and compassion. Introducing confrontational mythical symbols stands in direct opposition to these values, and the student body should not be asked to rally behind them.
2. A Missed Opportunity for Community and Heritage Integration
As the only Secondary School on St Helena, this institution is fundamentally a community school. This pivotal moment of change presented the perfect opportunity for the school to authentically embody its core values and principles. Rather than looking outward to divisive mythological folklore, this process should have been used to celebrate and promote our unique island heritage, culture, and identity.
Furthermore, as an island driving forward with a strong "blue and green" environmental agenda, our House system could have directly mirrored our spectacular natural ecosystem, native species, and marine environments. At a time when St Helena is actively promoting its uniqueness to the world as an extraordinary, off-the-beaten-track tourist destination, our central educational institution should be showcasing that very distinctiveness in everything it does.
3.A Closed and Non-Inclusive Consultation Process
Your correspondence implies a highly democratic process, yet it ignores the fact that stakeholders were completely excluded from the initial planning stages. Students were only permitted to engage with a pre-determined list of options compiled by senior leadership. Furthermore, until very recently, parents were entirely unaware of the specific house names and mascots, having previously been led to believe that the houses would simply be associated with local bays or valleys. To present this as an authentic "student voice" initiative is a mischaracterization when the foundation was laid behind closed doors.
4.Safeguarding Our School and Island Legacy
Crucially, the decisions made today regarding our school House names and mascots will shape the long-term legacy of both the school and our island. The identities we establish now must possess true longevity and evoke genuine pride for generations to come. We cannot afford to risk a disconnect where our students feel no meaningful connection to their own brand. If our youth cannot take pride in their house identities, the entire purpose of the House system - to inspire teamwork, resilience, and school pride - is profoundly undermined.
Moving Forward and the PTA Special General Meeting
As parents, we have never objected to the concept of evolving the House system to accommodate a smaller student population. What we object to is a top-down approach that completely disregards parental and community input.
The two stark choices you have provided - to completely proceed with the current flawed proposal or completely revert to the original structure - create an unnecessary and polarizing ultimatum. There is a clear middle ground: a collaborative, inclusive approach that honours our local heritage and respects parental feedback.
Furthermore, the electronic voting system, which closes at 5:00pm on Friday 26 June 2026, is highly exclusionary. It gives absolutely no consideration to parents who are not connected electronically, those who have not yet received your letter, or those who refuse to participate in an engineered vote that lacks a fair middle option.
Therefore, we wish to formally notify the school that we are continuing our challenge. We are actively approaching the PTA to request a Special General Meeting. This meeting will serve as the proper, inclusive forum where parents, guardians, students, school leaders, and the wider community can engage in a timely, respectful, and transparent dialogue - the exact type of open communication that was requested nearly ten months ago.
We urge the school to pause the current voting timeline until this wider community consultation can take place.

Yours sincerely,
Concerned Parents of St Helena Secondary School

Saints Involved in Swindon Shooting

Saint brothers charged with attempted murder of fellow Saint in Swindon



Liam Yon, SAMS

A major firearms incident in the UK has sent shockwaves across St Helena this week, following the revelation that both the victim and the two primary suspects formally charged in a Swindon shooting are members of the Saint Helenian diaspora.

The incident occurred just before 9pm on Friday, 19 June, when emergency services in Wiltshire were called to reports of gunfire on St Paul's Street in the Gorse Hill area of Swindon.

Upon arrival, emergency responders discovered a man in his 30s suffering from a suspected gunshot wound. He was rushed to a local hospital by air ambulance and paramedics and, at the time of going to press, as well as in follow up reports, Wiltshire Police continue to describe the victim as being in a stable but critical condition.

While the victim was not named in UK reports, here on St Helena, it is widely known that the man in question is Saint Helenian, Aaron 'Shorty' Thomas, hence the shock and concern arising throughout the Island community.

With shootings and gun-related crimes described as extremely rare in Swindon, Friday's shooting expectantly triggered an immediate, massive armed police operation across Swindon and neighbouring counties. A total of eight people were initially detained over the weekend as detectives from the Major Crime Investigation Team worked around the clock, securing extra time from the Swindon Magistrates' Court to question suspects.

On Monday, authorities officially named and charged two young men in connection with the attack, in an update that further shook the Island community, due to the two main suspects being St Helenian brothers, Kyron and Dylan Anthony, who grew up on the Island.

As reported, Dylan Anthony, aged 19, and Kyron Anthony, aged 20, both residing at Milton Road, Swindon, have been formally charged with both attempted murder and possessing a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence.

The two co-accused have been remanded in custody and was scheduled to make their initial appearance before the Swindon Magistrates' Court on Wednesday, though hadn't done so at the time of writing.

The six other individuals arrested during the early stages of the investigation — ranging in age from 16 to 51 and held on various suspicion of conspiracy to murder, assisting an offender, and drug-related offenses — have all been released on conditional bail while police inquiries continue.

While violent crime of this nature makes major headlines in the UK, the direct connection to St Helena has turned a distant news story into a deeply personal tragedy for the island. Because our tight-knit community has close ties to all three of the young men involved, this news has dominated local conversation in recent days.

Wiltshire Police are continuing to treat the incident as a targeted assault and detectives are still appealing for any witnesses, dashcam footage, or CCTV from the Gorse Hill or Milton Road areas from Friday evening to come forward. *Photos courtesy of Wiltshire 999s.*









ST HELENA NEWS

Incoming: Seventh PM in Ten Years

UK Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, resigns after just two years in office



British Prime Minister Keir Starmer delivering his resignation address outside 10 Downing Street

Liam Yon, SAMS

British Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has announced his resignation following months of mounting internal pressure and a sharp decline in public support, plunging UK politics back into a state of familiar transition.

Speaking in an emotional televised address outside 10 Downing Street on Monday morning, Mr Starmer conceded that he no longer held the backing of his parliamentary colleagues.

"The question my party is asking now is whether I am best placed to lead us into the next general election," he said. "I have heard the answer of my parliamentary party to that question, and I accept that answer with good grace."

Mr Starmer's departure comes just two years after leading the centre-left Labour Party to a historic landslide victory in 2024. Despite that massive initial majority, his administration has struggled to maintain momentum.

Political analysts point to a disastrous round of local elections last month, where Labour suffered crushing losses to insurgent political parties, as the ultimate catalyst for his downfall. Rank-and-file Labour lawmakers grew increasingly panicked about their prospects at the next general election, allegedly leading a steady stream of cabinet ministers to privately tell the Prime Minister that his time was up.

His two years in office were further complicated by economic stagnation, high-profile domestic controversies — including the fallout from investigations involving former diplomats — and a series of high-profile policy reversals on welfare and climate spending that alienated voters on both sides of the political spectrum.

Towards the end of his address, Mr Starmer's voice cracked with emotion as he thanked his family, stating that after leaving "the biggest job in the country," he looked forward to focusing on being a husband and a father to his children.

Mr Starmer confirmed he will remain in office as a caretaker Prime Minister through the summer to ensure an orderly transition of power.

The Labour Party's leadership selection process is scheduled to begin on 9 July, with a deadline set for September. However, a prolonged political battle appears unlikely. Former Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham, who successfully re-entered the Westminster Parliament last week after winning a by-election, has officially put himself forward and secured the backing of key party heavyweights. If he remains unchallenged, Mr Burnham could take over as Prime Minister as early as mid-July.

Mr Starmer's resignation underscores a remarkably volatile decade in British politics. Whoever takes the keys to Number 10 next will become the UK's seventh Prime Minister in just ten years.



Former Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham, is currently the frontrunner to replace Starmer as Labour leader

Solemn Tributes in Stanley

Falkland Islands commemorate 44th Liberation Day



Liam Yon, SAMS

Our friends and family across the Falkland Islands recently paused to remember the day their freedom was won, marking the territory's 44th Liberation Day and reflecting on a history that continues to tie their community closely with St Helena.

On Sunday, 14 June, residents turned out in the capital, Stanley, to observe their national day, which marks 44 years since the end of the 1982 conflict and the return of British administration. Because the anniversary fell on a Sunday this year, a public holiday was observed across the territory on Monday, 15 June, though the core traditions of remembrance took place strictly on the anniversary itself.

For many residents on St Helena, the annual commemorations carry deep personal meaning, rooted in generational ties, a shared workforce, and long-standing historical connections between the two islands.

The day's events began at 9.45am with a crowded Thanksgiving service at Christ Church Cathedral. In attendance were Falklands Governor Alison Blake, members of the Legislative Assembly, and the Commander of the British Forces, alongside youth groups and 1982 veterans. Music for the service was provided by the visiting Band of the 6th Battalion of the Rifles.

Following the church service, crowds braved the June cold to gather at the Liberation Monument in front of the Secretariat building for a traditional 11am military parade. Representatives from the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, Merchant Navy, and the Falkland Islands Defence Force stood side-by-side for an Act of Remembrance and a poignant wreath-laying ceremony to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

During the 74-day conflict in 1982, 255 British military personnel, three Falkland Island civilians, and 649 Argentine personnel lost their lives.

Following the formal ceremonies, the Falkland Islands Government hosted a civic reception at the Falkland Islands Defence Force Club, where residents, visitors, and serving military members gathered to reflect on the modern, thriving, and democratic territory the Falklands has become today.

The Sentinel sends our warmest thoughts to our friends, colleagues, and family over in the Falklands as they look back on another moving Liberation Day.









LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

Hospital Memorabilia on display in Museum

Norah March Trophy, Rose Bowl, First Senior Medical Officer, and more



Cyril Gunnell, Contributed

One of the most significant developments in the 1950's in St Helena's medical history was a shiny brand-new hospital with new equipment. Situated in Upper Jamestown, the General Hospital, funded under the UK Colonial Development and Welfare Act, opened its doors to an appreciative public in 1955.

The name of the first Senior Medical Officer (SMO) to be inscribed on a display board in the foyer of the hospital was Dr G Clarke. Some names were missing and were being hunted to bring the full list of SMO's up to date. The historic SMO board, along with some other prestigious memorabilia were packed away by hospital staff when the redevelopment of the hospital took place in recent years. But it was planned that memorabilia reminding of proud achievements would be redisplayed later, at the Outpatient's Clinic.

But some other memorabilia, handed over to the Museum of St Helena on 16 August 2019, has ensured safe keeping for posterity. This included the Norah March Trophy representing huge achievement by the midwifery team in the 1950's, and the Rose Bowl, which was presented to St Helena's first Matron and Founder of the Island's Professional Nursing Service.

At the handing-over ceremony, speeches were given by the Acting Director of the Museum, David Pryce, Chairman of Public Health Committee, Cllr Derek Thomas, and Ivy Ellick OBE who was a Member of the St Helena Heritage Society and former Chief Administrative Health & Social Services Officer. Three former Midwives, Marjorie Young BEM, Faith Nichols and Jean Peters, were among the attendees witnessing the transfer.

Accompanying the Norah March Trophy, a black statuette of a mother holding her baby, there is a certificate: This is to certify that Saint Helena has been awarded the Norah March Trophy by the National Baby Welfare Council for continued progress in Maternal and Child Welfare in the years 1955-1960. This trophy will be held by St Helena for three years (1963-1965).

Significantly, this award - which all of the British Overseas Territories contested - represented a huge achievement by the midwifery team at St Helena's hospital in delivering babies successfully in the 1950s. The Trophy was to be kept for three years and was proudly displayed in a glass case inside the foyer of the General Hospital on the counter to the left of the front door entrance.

But after yet another remarkable baby delivery, the National Baby Welfare Council allowed St Helena to keep the Trophy, indefinitely. This followed a situation where a mother gave birth to a baby prematurely at 25 weeks with the baby weighing only one-and-a-half pounds, and not expected to live; there were no incubators and the mother was without milk. Back then it was not uncommon for 6 or 7 babies to be cared for all at the same time. There were just two doctors then including the SMO, and the Matron, Grace Sim, managed the hospital staff.

Still, there was no way this baby was going to slip away. Using a dropper, the nurses fed the baby with anoth-



er mother's milk and kept the baby warm in a cot using four hot water bottles at correct temperature. The baby, born prematurely, did not only survive but is a strapping man today.

Sadly, Mrs Marjorie Young passed away on Friday, 12 June 2026, aged 95 years, and her funeral service was held on Wednesday, 24 June. There have been other babies born prematurely in St Helena also weighing very little. At the ceremony on 16 August 2019, Mrs Young was quick to remind the attendance about yet another baby that weighed only one-and-a-half-pounds at birth. "That baby", she said, "was brought up in an Epson Salts box, and she is now a 70-year-old woman." Sadly, Thelma Ellick (nee Young), and known widely as Dolly, passed away toward the end of 2025.

The second item handed over to the Museum at the aforementioned ceremony was the Rose Bowl, which had been presented to the late Grace H. Sim BEM SRN SCM. The inscription reads: St Helena's own first Matron and Founder of the Island's Professional Nursing Service. With love from all those she trained, worked with and above all cared for with such devotion, and our gratitude for her continuing peerless example in patient care."

Mrs Ellick spoke affectionately about the work and leadership of 'Gracie' Sim. Of the impeccable standards she had set for herself and encouraged others to emulate. She also spoke admirably about the late Matron Till, who had preceded and inspired Matron Sim.

Safe in the knowledge that the Norah March Trophy, and Rose Bowl, would be on permanent display for visitors to the Museum of St Helena, refreshments were served following the ceremony.

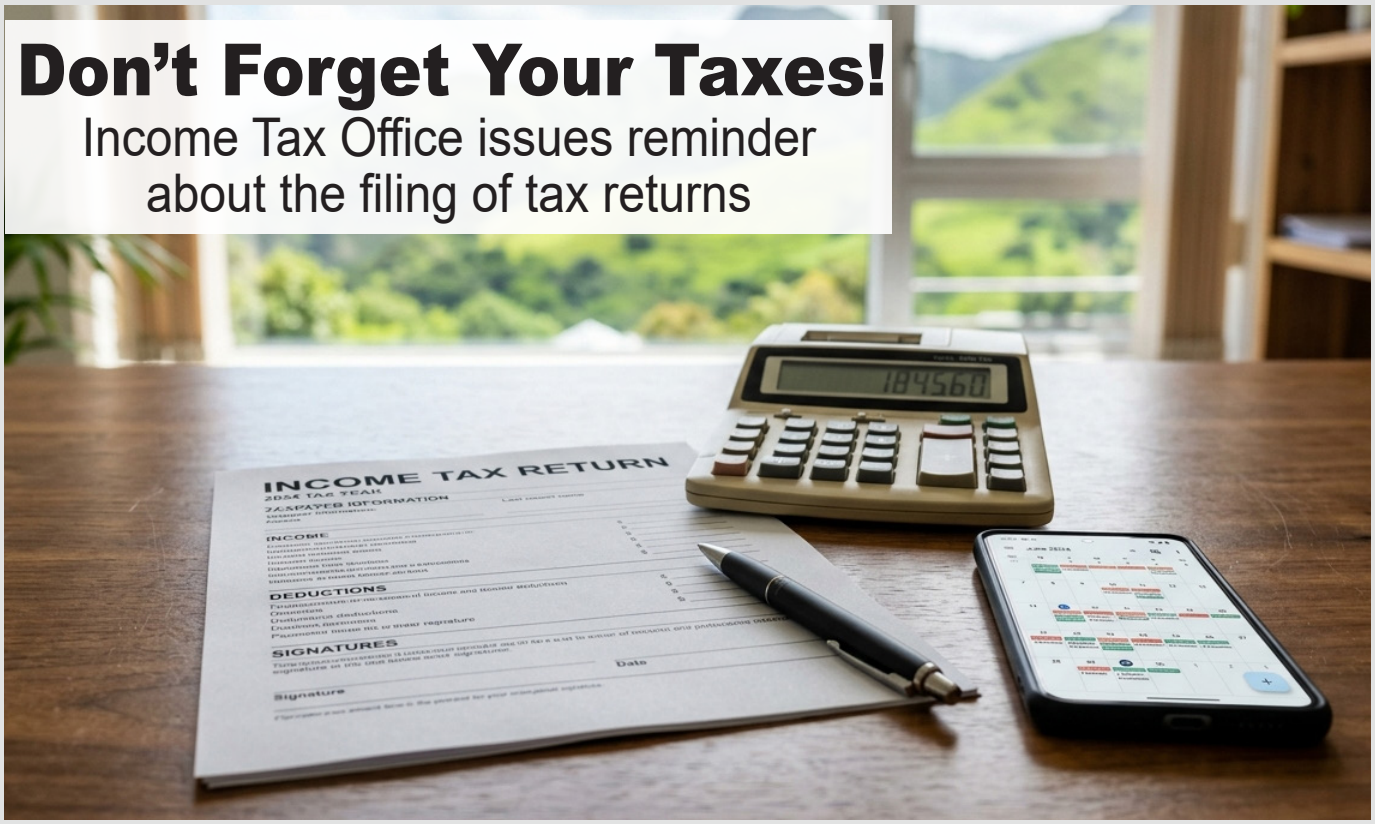
Babies born today in St Helena are not anywhere near the rate witnessed in the 1950's. But midwifery skills for aiding safe delivery are just as important now as they were back then. And the general public needs to be confident that midwives in St Helena are as competent in midwifery as they need to be.

Our two very able midwives qualified in their chosen profession over 20 years ago. They realize that midwifery has moved on since their initial training, but have never been exposed to refresher training overseas. It is not known if or when they will be given this opportunity.



Don't Forget Your Taxes!

Income Tax Office issues reminder about the filing of tax returns



Liam Yon, SAMS

The Income Tax Office have issued a reminder to all eligible persons on St Helena of the respective due dates for filing Annual Income Tax Returns for the tax year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

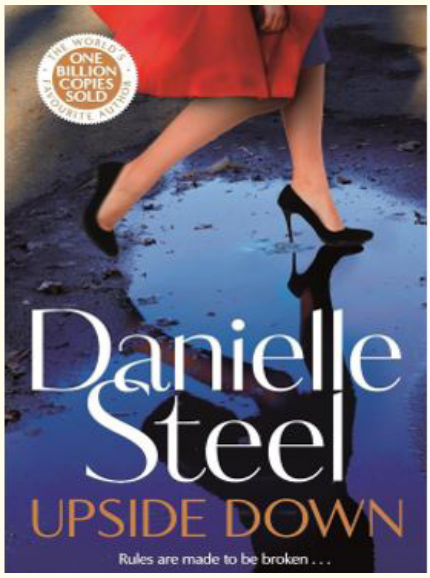
As such, they detail how the deadline for persons deriving income from self-employment, trade or business, income from property or capital gains or losses, is set for 30 June 2026, while the deadline for employees claiming refund of PAYE tax is set for 31 July 2026.

For those needing to complete these forms, Annual Income Tax Returns can be downloaded from the SHG Website, while persons requiring further information or assistance to complete the form are encouraged to contact Norma Thomas or Pamela Joshua either via e-mail or telephone to 25880.

BIRTHS DEATHS & MARRIAGES

Book of the Week

Public Library Service



Upside Down by Danielle Steel

Oscar-winning actress Ardith Law is a Hollywood icon. A stunning beauty at sixty-two, her star is as bright as ever. Widowed at a young age by a philandering husband, Ardith is in no hurry to marry again. Her daughter, Morgan, a successful cosmetic surgeon, has always blamed her mother for a lonely childhood while Ardith was away on location, and the relationship remains strained despite Ardith's efforts to strengthen their bond.

While Ardith's long-time partner is away filming in London, Josh Gray, an actor waiting for his big break, is employed as Ardith's assistant at her Bel Air home. When tragedy strikes he becomes an invaluable support, stirring up conflicting feelings in her for this younger man.
In New York, Morgan is swept off her feet by Ben Ryan, one of the country's most famous TV news reporters. Though more than two decades her senior, she falls headlong for his charm and attention. But, when a blackmail scheme puts his career and their relationship on the line, she doesn't know where to turn.

Please reserve by contacting the following:-
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Births Deaths & Marriages Register



Deaths Registered on St Helena 12/07/2025- 12/06/2026

Names	Date	Age
Brian William Knipe	**12/07/2025**	**64**
Robert Johnson	19/07/2025	84
Patricia Ann Peters	**25/07/2025**	**73**
Peter Earl Peters	19/08/2025	81
Alma Irene Herne	**20/08/2025**	**93**
Chedrick James Jonas	29/08/2025	69
Sheila Marie Caesar	**29/08/2025**	**89**
Gwendoline Doris Benjamin	31/08/2025	80
Trevor Keith Stevens	**01/09/2025**	**84**
Bertram Manfred Constantine	05/09/2025	93
Juliette Rose Leo-Crowie	**07/09/2025**	**58**
Deanna Medline Vanguard	14/09/2025	57
Patricia Jean Henry	**23/09/2025**	**78**
Faith Rosemary Bowers	25/09/2025	78
Fredrica Pauline Andrews	**28/09/2025**	**78**
Daniel Coutts	30/09/2025	83
Greg Shavon Coleman	**09/10/2025**	**34**
Julie Marina Ormrod	22/10/2025	57
Ronald Percival Caswell	**31/10/2025**	**79**
Maureen Elizabeth Peters	31/10/2025	77
Colin Patrick Thomas	**06/11/2025**	**66**
Urs Rudolf Von Schroeder	07/11/2025	82
Roger George Young	**09/11/2025**	**81**
Faron Gene Thomas	13/11/2025	49
Eleanor Maureen Johnson	**14/11/2025**	**90**
Maxwell John Thomas Benjamin	14/11/2025	85
Inez Valita Beard	**22/11/2025**	**93**
Florence Victoria March	26/11/2025	90
Derek Alexander Henry	**29/11/2025**	**69**

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Bertram Douglas Clifford Gardenfield Y	02/12/2025	84
Iris Winifred Sim	**05/12/2025**	**77**
Thelma Maud Ellick	09/12/2025	75
Mildred Madeline Stevens	**10/12/2025**	**87**
Michael Robert Hudson	11/12/2025	69
Colin George Yon	**13/12/2025**	**55**
Cedric Ivor Henry	15/12/2025	76
John Edward Walton	**22/12/2025**	**81**
Eric George Crowie	23/12/2025	67
George Windsor Bennett	**23/12/2025**	**87**
Patricia Ann Crowie	25/12/2025	62
Maurice George Henry	**25/12/2025**	**80**
Ivan Rex Beard	07/01/2026	83
Ellen Jean Buckley	**18/01/2026**	**95**
Cecil George Anthony	19/01/2026	82
Peter Kenneth Johnston	**30/01/2026**	**85**
Vernon Denis Coleman	30/01/2026	94
Patrick Kenneth Francis	**18/02/2026**	88
Keith George Benjamin	23/02/2026	77
Marina Dawn Young	**24/02/2026**	**72**
Wilfred Stephen Young	25/02/2026	68
Auntry May Lawrence	**08/03/2026**	**78**
Reynold Arthur Knipe	08/03/2026	65
Muatile Hisekua	**09/03/2026**	**45**
Sona Haig Pangbourne	11/03/2026	81
Elvina Joyce Mercury	**12/03/2026**	**95**
Gwendoline Vivien Leo	13/03/2026	78
Barbara Diane Plato	**08/04/2026**	**79**
Vernon James Phillips	09/04/2026	82
Leonardus Jacob Schilperoord	**11/04/2026**	**69**
Glen James O'Dean	14/04/2026	66
Sylvia Dawn Yon	**24/04/2026**	**65**
Leslie Charles George	29/04/2026	97
Keith George Williams	**30/04/2026**	**77**
Elizabeth June Buckley	11/05/2026	72
Collin Hsrold Williams	**14/05/2026**	**69**
Michael John Henry	31/05/2026	58
Reginald Arthur O'Dean	**06/06/2026**	**81**
Doros Rose Scipio	10/06/2026	95
Marjorie May Young	**12/06/2026**	**95**

Births Registered on St Helena 09/04/2025- 15/06/2026

Name	DOB	Gender
Enzo Anthony John Phillips	09/04/2025	M
Starr Eleanor Rose Johnson	**10/08/2025**	**F**
Luna Sofia Moyce Phillips	16/09/2025	F
Lakeland Karla-Michelle Cox	**30/09/2025**	**F**
Alexa Jade Leo-Thomas	26/10/2025	F
Miles Kees Van Zon	**03/11/2025**	**M**
Malia Nylah-Layken Leo	28/11/2025	F
Andre Lamar Youde	**04/01/2026**	**M**
Imani Evie-Grace Joshua	14/02/2026	F
Addison Grace Yon	**04/03/2026**	**F**
Thyia Ella Rose Thomas-Green	11/03/2026	F
Jose John	**17/03/2026**	**M**
Sloane Aster Yon	31/03/2026	F
Kairo Ryan Samuel	**25/04/2026**	**M**
Arianna Tina Marie Moyce	11/05/2026	F
Elliah Oshay Coleman	**27/05/2026**	**M**
Mohamed Karim Salah Abouelghar	29/05/2026	M
Kenai Shakur Phillips-Fowler	**15/06/2026**	**M**

Marriages Registered on St Helena 09/04/2025- 15/06/2026

Name	Date
Joshua Aramis Deville & Ruth Yvonne Simpson	27/06/2025
Jeremy John Yon & Kaylee Louise O'Dean-Piek	**19/07/2025**
Jasper Roland George & Wilhelmina Chelsea-May Fowler	29/11/2025
Njabulo Chester Gumede & Victoria Zandile Mabuyakhulu	**20/12/2025**
Rico Shaun Williams & Sophia Denise Peters	20/12/2025
Timothy George Clingham & Patrice Jade Yon	**27/12/2025**
Darren Richard Plato & Lucille Monique Constantine	27/12/2025
David Christopher Johnson & Isobel Jane Fowler	**28/12/2025**
Dameon Mark Hercules & Zoe Adele Miller	30/12/2025
Kurt Bennett & Charmaine Marie Scott	**31/12/2025**
Scott Richard Angell & Clara Alexandra Pysh	03/01/2026
Martin Rex Richards & **Tracey Jean Clarke-Williams**	**10/01/2026**
Scott Patrick Fagan Crowie & Penelope Jayne Bennett	20/01/2026
Lewis Jon Jesper & Chloe D'Leen Betts	**27/01/2026**
Duncan Job Brown & Magdalena Dorota Myslakowska	11/04/2026
Gareth Neil Benjamin & Christabel Carissa Beard	**25/04/2026**
Ryan David Gwyther & Zara Kaye Hudson	30/05/2026

SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

SAMS Radio 1

102.7 (Jamestown) • 90.5 (High Knoll) • 105.1 (Sunberry) • 105.3 (Blue Hill)

Streaming live via www.sams.sh/radio.html

FRI. June 26

- 7am - 10am: Sunrise Show with Luke Bennett
- 3pm: Happy Day with Olivia
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam
- 7:30pm: Country Classics (Repeat)

SAT. June 27

- 9am-11: Indie Waves with Sue (Repeat)
- 11am: Happy Day with Olivia
- 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 28

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

MON. June 29

- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 1pm-3pm: Indie Waves with Sue
- 3-5pm: DNA with Deon & Anita
- 5:30pm: Country Classics with Donna
- 7:30pm: In the Know with Ministers

TUE. June 30

- 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

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- 11am: Northward Sounds with Tony Leo
- 1-3pm 1548 show with Cyril Gunnell
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett

THU.July 02

- 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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Featured this Week



While you might enjoy a lay in on a Sunday morning or you perfer to get up early to get the house work done or in the garden before the sun creeps up
Well no matter what you are doing make sure you tune in this Sunday.
Donna will be on the airwave from 7am until 12 noon with a wide variety of tunes.
You never know what she has up her sleeve

So make sure tune in from 7am this Sunday!

Local news and notices:
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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Expert'

See solution to last week's Sudoku Puzzle:

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



25th June 1883:
The cemetery for paupers and seamen at Half Tree Hollow is closed after 675 burials.

(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 slice

- 60g Weet-Bix biscuits
- 180g butter melted
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 2 tbsp cocoa powder

For the icing

- 1 cup icing sugar/powdered sugar
- 1 ½ tbsp cocoa powder
- 1 tbsp milk
- 50g butter softened slightly
- 2 tbsp desiccated coconut to garnish

Method

Weet-Bix Slice Base

1. Pre-heat the oven to 180C/360F.
2. Blend Weet-Bix biscuits in a blender until broken up into a fine powder. Transfer to a large bowl and mix in the remaining dry ingredients (self-raising flour, sugar, desiccated coconut and cocoa powder).
3. Pour in the melted butter and mix until well combined. Press the mixture out into a 24 x 24 cm (9 x 9 in) square pan lined with baking paper.
4. Bake for 15 minutes, then remove from the oven and allow to cool down slightly while you make the icing. *Tip: Leave the slice in the tin to avoid it crumbling as it cools. If you make the mistake of taking it out while too hot and it crumbles, use a spoon to press it back down while it's still warm and you'll be able to salvage it – no stress!*

Chocolate Icing

1. In a small bowl mix together the icing sugar, cocoa powder, butter and milk with a spoon. Tip: Add 1-2 tsp of extra milk or warm water as required to loosen the icing if you find it's sticking to the spoon instead of the slice and it's too hard to spread.
2. Pour icing onto the still warm slice and spread out over the surface using the back of the spoon. Garnish with extra desiccated coconut. Pop into the fridge to cool for at least an hour (or overnight) before slicing. The firmer the slice, the easier it will be to cut without it crumbling!

The Island Pulse

Highlighting Tax Reform, Education Concerns, Shipping Challenges and Community Issues



Communications Champion Cllr Julie Thomas, Contributed

The latest edition of *The Island Pulse* brought together elected members to discuss a range of issues affecting St Helena, from taxation and education to shipping, fisheries, infrastructure and sport.

Opening the programme, Councillor Julie Thomas reminded listeners that the role of elected members is to scrutinise government decisions, hold leadership to account and ensure the voices of the community are heard. She also noted that Councillor Derek Thomas is currently representing St Helena at the 55th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Regional Conference in Gibraltar.

Calls for More Active Tax and Revenue Discussions

Councillor Clint Beard provided an update on the Tax and Revenue Working Group, explaining that it brings together government officials, representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, and elected members to advise on tax policy.

While acknowledging that taxation is essential to fund public services, Councillor Beard expressed concern that the Working Group has not been meeting as frequently as intended. He noted that the group is expected to meet four times a year, but the most recent meeting took place in January, with the next expected in July.

He emphasised that the group should be more inclusive and responsive to ideas coming from the wider community and business sector, adding that tax policy should support growth, fairness and the wellbeing of the island.

Councillor Robert Midwinter argued that simply increasing tax thresholds may not be sufficient, as higher earners often benefit most from such changes. He called for broader discussions around proportional taxation and ensuring that those with a greater ability to pay contribute accordingly.

Councillor Dr Corinda Essex supported this view and highlighted previous proposals aimed at easing the burden on lower-income households. She also reiterated concerns about customs duties on essential goods, arguing that necessities should attract lower rates of duty than luxury items.

Both Councillors stressed the importance of the Tax and Revenue Working Group meeting regularly enough to properly consider such proposals before budget decisions are made.

Councillor Thomas noted that many of these discussions need to begin much earlier in the financial planning cycle, allowing adequate time to explore alternative approaches and assess their impact before budgets are finalised.

Concluding the discussion, Councillor Beard encouraged residents to continue sharing ideas and concerns through their district representatives, emphasising that tax policy should ultimately serve the needs of the community.

Children's Champion Raises Education and Safeguarding Issues

Councillor Julie Thomas outlined her work as Children's and Young People's Champion, a statutory role designed to ensure the rights, wellbeing and views of children and young adults are represented in government decision-making.

She confirmed that revised Terms of Reference for the role have been approved by the Safeguarding Board and are awaiting final approval by Executive Council. The revised role places greater emphasis on encouraging young people to engage in civic life, local democracy and community leadership.

Councillor Thomas also reported ongoing work to strengthen safeguarding arrangements. The Safeguarding Board has recently been streamlined and is transitioning from Health and Social Care to Central Support Services to better reflect its cross-government responsibilities. Recruitment is currently underway for a Safeguarding Board Chair and a Strategic Delivery Manager, both of which are considered key appointments for the future development of safeguarding services.

Education featured prominently in her update. Councillor Thomas revealed that she has written to the Education, Skills and Employment Portfolio seeking clarification on concerns being raised by parents and teachers, particularly within Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 education.

Among the issues raised are teacher turnover, staffing stability, support for children with additional educational needs, communication with parents, and progress against the objectives of the primary school reorganisation programme.

She also confirmed that she is working with a group of parents who have publicly expressed concerns regarding proposed mascot names at St Helena Secondary School. While not discussing the details, she indicated that further community engagement and public discussion on the matter is expected in the coming weeks.

Councillor Thomas encouraged parents and young people to continue raising concerns and sharing their experiences, stressing the importance of ensuring that children's voices remain at the centre of policy and service delivery.

New Governor to Arrive in September

Councillor Ronald Coleman welcomed the appointment of Belinda Lewis as St Helena's next Governor, who is expected to take up her duties in September.

Providing an overview of her extensive professional background, Councillor Coleman highlighted her experience in international diplomacy, justice, immigration, border security, trade and public administration, describing her

as someone who brings a broad range of expertise that could benefit the island.

He expressed hope that the new Governor would bring fresh perspectives to St Helena's development challenges and work closely with elected members and the wider community.

Councillor Robert Midwinter noted that Ms Lewis will become St Helena's latest female Governor, joining Chief Minister Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks in one of the island's senior leadership positions.

Growing Concern Over Wharf Conditions

The condition of Jamestown Wharf generated significant discussion among Councillors.

Councillor Coleman said concerns had been repeatedly raised with government officials regarding congestion, abandoned vessels and restricted access, but progress remained slow. He explained that discussions are now taking place under a dedicated working group and urged action to improve conditions and support future waterfront development aspirations.

Councillor Clint Beard described the current situation as both a safety concern and an eyesore, noting that residents continue to raise concerns about access, congestion and the deteriorating appearance of the area.

Councillor Dr Corinda Essex argued that the root problem was a lack of enforcement and coordination. Drawing on her previous experience managing wharf operations, she said better oversight of vessel maintenance and storage arrangements was needed.

She warned that overcrowding and restricted working space created the potential for serious accidents and noted that similar challenges had been successfully managed in previous years through structured operational procedures.

Councillor Midwinter pointed to examples elsewhere, including South Africa, where fishing, tourism and commercial activities coexist successfully under coordinated management arrangements.

Councillors collectively stressed that the issue remains a priority and continues to be raised with government at every available opportunity.

Fish Prices and Minimum Wage Increase

As Chair of the Month, Councillor Coleman also highlighted concerns surrounding the recent increase in local tuna prices.

Several Councillors questioned the scale of the increase and called for greater transparency regarding the reasons behind it.

Dr Essex said she would expect a detailed explanation from Saints Tuna Corporation (STC), particularly given questions surrounding operating costs and staffing levels.

Councillor Midwinter expressed concern that local fish may no longer be the most affordable source of protein available to many families, noting that the increase had surprised several consumers.

Councillor Beard added that affordability had been a central objective of government investment in fisheries infrastructure and said he would reserve detailed comment until further information becomes available. However, he acknowledged concerns that locally caught fish may be moving beyond the reach of some households.

Councillor Thomas informed listeners that discussions had already taken place with the responsible Minister and that indications had been given that STC may issue a public statement explaining the increase.

Listeners were also reminded that the statutory minimum wage will increase from 1 July. The adult rate will rise from £4.50 to £4.85 per hour, while the rate for 16 and 17-year-olds will increase from £3.55 to £3.63 per hour.

Shipping Schedule Under Review

Councillor Dr Corinda Essex, speaking in her roles as Business Innovation Champion and President of the Chamber of Commerce, provided an update on discussions surrounding the MV Karoline shipping schedule.

She explained that rising global fuel prices, linked to instability in the Middle East, are significantly increasing shipping costs. As a result, shipping operator MACS is exploring options to reduce the frequency of vessel calls to St Helena, potentially moving to a six-week schedule.

Dr Essex reassured listeners that efforts are being made to minimise disruption, particularly during the critical Christmas trading period. Meetings have already been held with importers, retailers and consolidators to examine alternative schedules and gather feedback.

Seventeen businesses participated in the most recent discussions with representatives from MACS, who outlined the challenges facing the shipping line and the need to find practical solutions that balance affordability with reliability.

Dr Essex emphasised that stakeholder participation is essential if the island is to identify the option that best balances freight costs with reliable supply chains. While acknowledging the challenges, she said careful planning should allow businesses and consumers to adapt with minimal disruption.

She also stressed the importance of all major importers, retailers and consolidators engaging fully in the consultation process to ensure the final schedule reflects the island's needs as effectively as possible.

Celebrating Cricket Success

The programme concluded on a more celebratory note as Councillor Denis Leo reflected on the St Helena Cricket Association's Presentation Day held at Francis Plain.

The event not only recognised outstanding performances from across the season but also paid tribute to the late Greg Coleman, remembered as one of St Helena's talented and respected cricketers whose contribution to the sport continues to be fondly remembered by players, officials and supporters alike.

Councillor Leo paid tribute to Mrs Bridget Coleman, Greg's mother, who courageously presented the awards during what was an emotional occasion for many in attendance.

He highlighted the dominance of Challengers throughout the season, alongside exceptional individual performances from players including Andrew "Butterz" Yon, Joey Thomas, Jordi Henry, Gareth Johnson, Delroy Leo and Ronan Legg.

The presentation also celebrated achievements across multiple competitions and recognised the continued growth of local cricket, while maintaining the strong sense of camaraderie that characterises the sport on St Helena.

Looking ahead, Councillor Leo encouraged the community to continue supporting local sport as the football season gets underway, describing sport as an important part of St Helena's identity, culture and community spirit.

Community Engagement Remains Central

A consistent theme throughout the programme was the importance of community participation.

Whether discussing taxation, education, shipping, fisheries, infrastructure or sport, Councillors repeatedly encouraged residents to share their views, engage with elected members and contribute to the conversations shaping St Helena's future.

As Councillor Beard concluded, effective decision-making depends on communication, collaboration and ensuring that the voices of the community continue to be heard.

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.

NOTICE BOARD

MAKING MONTHLY BILLING WORK FOR YOU

Earlier this year, we announced that monthly billing for water and electricity would begin on 1 April 2026. This new structure is designed to make paying your bills easier, simpler, and fairer.

As we now issue the first monthly bills, here's a quick recap of how the system works, what it means for you, and where to find support if needed.

Overview of the Change

This adjustment offers several operational and financial benefits:

- **Up-to-date usage visibility –** you'll see your consumption patterns every 30 days.
- **Easier household budgeting –** match your bills to your monthly income cycle.

How your monthly bill is calculated

- **Months 1 and 2** of each quarter: Your bill is based on an estimate of your usage.

  Important: For **June 2026,** your **June estimate** will cover the period from your last actual reading in May 2026 up to 30 June 2026. This means your estimated bill may reflect **two months of usage instead of one.**
- **Month 3**: An actual meter reading is taken. Any difference between the estimate and the real reading is automatically adjusted on that bill – so you never overpay or underpay.

Standing charges

Water and sewerage standing charges are now calculated per day, based on the exact number of days in that month. This means:

- Shorter months (like February) cost slightly less.
- Longer months (like March) cost slightly more.
- It's simpler, fairer, and reflects exactly what you use.

How to know what you owe

- Check the **"balance outstanding"** line on your latest bill – that's your current amount due.
- If you're ever unsure, our Billing Team is just a call or email away to confirm your account balance.

Need Help?

If you have questions about your bill, credit note, or account balance, please get in touch with our Billing Team.

Billing Team: telephone number 22341 or email Accounts.support@connectonline.co.sh

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We recognise that moving from quarterly to monthly billing is a significant change, and we sincerely appreciate your patience. Your feedback has been noted, and we are actively working to address any issues raised. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue improving our services.

24 June 2026

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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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- → **Training and Development**
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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

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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
Shortlisting date: 07 July 2026
Interview date: wk. commencing 20 July 2026

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Joint Emergency Services Control Centre Operator
(£12,432 per annum)

Do you want to make a difference to your community and be of service when it is needed the most? The St Helena JESCC is looking to recruit a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual to form part of their small, but busy team. This role will require you to have excellent communication skills with the ability to deal with vulnerable and distressed members of the public. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Cheyenne Furniss on Tel No.22626 or Email: cheyenne.furniss@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 07 July 2026
Shortlisting date: 09 July 2026
Assessment date: **14 July 2026**
Interview date: 21 July 2026

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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Youth Connect Worker

(£13,569 per annum)

Are you passionate about supporting, engaging, and empowering children and young people to achieve their full potential? If so, the Health & Social Care Portfolio is seeking to recruit a Youth Connect Worker. In this rewarding role, you will deliver group-based activities, informal educational sessions, and personal development programmes covering topics such as healthy relationships, substance awareness, emotional wellbeing, and independent living skills. You will play a key role in identifying emerging needs at an early stage and providing targeted interventions to help reduce the risk of exploitation, social exclusion, missing episodes, substance misuse, and mental health difficulties. The successful candidate will work directly with children and young people involved in the youth diversion scheme, those at risk of offending behaviour, and individuals who may be subject to statutory or criminal justice interventions. You will build positive relationships, provide guidance and support, and contribute to improving outcomes for some of the most vulnerable young people in the community.

For further information or to discuss this opportunity in more detail, please contact us.

Enquiries: Amy Martin on Tel No 23312 or Email: amy.martin@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 10 July 2026
Shortlisting date: 15 July 2026
Interview date: 28 July 2026

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ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

Road-wise for Wirebirds: Conservation and Community Action (DPLR6\1051)

Against the spread of invasive plants and constant pressure of introduced predators one bird continues to hold its ground on St Helena. The Wirebirds (*Charadrius sanctaehelenae*) persistence is remarkable, yet its survival hangs in the balance. Its story is not only about resilience, but about the urgent need to confront ecological change before fragile species slip away. Protected under the Environmental Protection Ordinance (EPO) 2016 and listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red list, with an adult population between 500-600 individuals over the past nine years, the species represents a critical component of our island's natural heritage.

In recent years road traffic collisions along the Airport Access Road – main route between the Airport and shipping port - have become a significant threat. This road cuts through prime Wirebird habitat, areas formally designated as National Conservation Areas (NCA). Approximately 60 Wirebirds were killed in the last three years, - equating to around 10% of the total average population. This level of mortality presents a serious conservation concern and demand urgent action.



Wirebird fatality found at Pipe Ridge

The St Helena National Trust is leading a new one-year Darwin Plus Local funded project addressing the key drivers of Wirebird mortality along this road. Innovative mitigation measures include: the creation of artificial bird pools to reduce roadside congregation, alongside speed reduction initiatives and driver awareness campaigns. Delivered in collaboration with the Royal St Helena Police Service, the project aims to achieve a 50% reduction in Wirebird casualties.

By trialing alternative water sources, improving driver awareness, community engagement and implementing speed reduction initiatives the project will reduce mortality risks. Systematic monitoring of both local and island-wide populations will ensure interventions are evidence-based and adaptive. Combining practical habitat management with advocacy, the project safeguards the Wirebird while fostering community responsibility and long-term ecological resilience.

Active participation from the public is central. We have launched an online poll to gather views on driver behaviour, particularly speeding and stopping on roadside for Wirebirds. Scan the QR code or visit the link provided, your input will help shape how we can protect the Wirebird along the Airport Access Road. Campaigns and engagement activities will encourage awareness and responsibility, reminding us that we share our island with other species.

Repeated monitoring will provide robust data, enabling identification of emerging threats and supporting adaptive management. This evidence will strengthen reporting to funders, local government and international partners, demonstrating effectiveness of interventions. This project aims not only to safeguard the Wirebird but also to reinforce St Helena's commitment to resilience.

Scan the QR code Or visit this link:
https://forms.gle/Gak29ZFVge2xAxcG9

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ASCENSION ISLAND MOBILE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Comprising salary of £40,000 - £50,000 per annum, plus food and utilities allowances, housing and other benefits.

About the role

Ascension Island Mobile is a small-scale telecommunications provider established to deliver reliable mobile connectivity in a remote island environment. The business serves a limited but strategically important customer base, including residents, public bodies, employing organisations, and operational stakeholders. This is a broad, one-stop-shop role. The successful candidate will need to be comfortable moving between strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, customer service, supplier management, technical coordination, field inspections, reporting, and practical problem-solving. Ascension Island Mobile is an exciting new business where agility is key; you will have the opportunity to shape the role to build the business in innovative ways.

Direction and oversight will be provided by the Board of Directors, but the postholder will be expected to grow the business, improve its financial performance, enhance operational delivery and reposition Ascension Island Mobile for long-term, sustainable success.

What you'll do

Lead the day-to-day operations and long-term development of Ascension Island Mobile. You will oversee network performance and service reliability, manage suppliers and contractors, conduct hands-on site inspections, and support customers directly with queries and issues. You will work with the Board to convert strategic direction into practical operational plans, maintain records and reporting, and help embed efficient, sustainable processes. We want to work with you to develop a clear job description and specific objectives – you will be integral to their development.

What you'll bring

Proven experience in operational management, ideally within telecoms. You'll be comfortable managing service delivery in a resource-constrained setting with a degree of ambiguity, engaging with technical suppliers, and working independently with a high degree of ownership. Sufficient technical literacy to understand network issues, manage contractors, and translate complex information for non-technical stakeholders is essential. Experience in a remote, island, or similarly isolated operating environment would be a distinct advantage. Above all, you'll be practical, resilient, hands-on, self-starting and ambitious to mould the job into what is needed to make the company a success.

Recruitment process

We will be holding initial discussions with shortlisted candidates from 10 August with formal second interviews from 17 August. If you have not heard back from us by 14 August, you should assume that your application has been unsuccessful.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £50,000 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 up to £3,000 pa (taxable benefit)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £7,800 pa accompanied, or Single status £3,900 pa
- An electricity allowance worth £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 dependent children from 4 to 16 years.

The appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing date: 17:00 (GMT) on 24 July 2026
Interviews: from week commencing 10 August 2026 (via video call if off island)
Start date: As soon as possible.

To register your interest, please send your CV, supporting statement and covering letter (in total no more than six pages) to: https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/

If you have any queries about the role, email: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

Vacancy

Part-Time Cargo Processing Agent

Since 1790

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, 16 July 2026**

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

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ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND PLANNING

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Temporary Ban on Lobster Fishing in St Helena's Waters

The Marine Enforcement Section wishes to advise all fishers that a temporary ban on lobster fishing will come into effect on **Tuesday 23 June 2026** and will run until **Friday 31 December 2026**.

This ban is being put in place as the annual catch limits for both the **Brown Spiny Lobster** and **Stump Lobster** have now been reached across all fishing sectors.

The catch limits were established using scientific research undertaken through the Darwin Lobster Project (2018–2021), which significantly improved our understanding of our Lobster population status around the island (where they occur, how they live, and how abundant they are). A precautionary approach is applied when establishing catch limits to ensure that sufficient breeding stock remains in the sea to keep St Helenas lobster populations healthy and sustainable for the future.

Fishing Control Notice

1. The landing or retention of the following species within St Helena's fisheries limits is prohibited during the period commencing Tuesday 23 June 2026 and ending Friday 31 December 2026:

- Brown Spiny Lobster (Panulirus Echinatus)
- Stump Lobster (Scyllarides Obtusus)

2. Any Brown Spiny Lobster or Stump Lobster caught as bycatch during this period must be returned immediately to the sea and any bycatch so returned will not be considered to have been caught in breach of this notice.

Penalties

Please note that breaking a Fishing Control Notice is a serious offence under section 72(2) of the Fisheries Ordinance, 2021. Violators face prosecution and a maximum fine of **£25,000**.

Next Steps

The Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section (MFCS) has over the last three years continued to monitor lobster stocks through annual surveys, tagging programmes, and fisher logbook returns. This valuable data that will soon be analysed to review the current catch limits to ensure thaty future limits reflect the latest scientific understanding.

Thank you to all fishers who contribute data and support our survey work. Your cooperation plays a vital role in protecting and sustaining this important fishery for everyone. For further information please contact Kelly Jonas, Marine Enforcement Officer, by telephone on 25947 or via email at kelly.jonas@sainthelena.gov.sh.

SHG
22 June 2026 www.sainthelena.gov.sh

STC SAINTS TUNA CORPORATION

STC wants to thank each and every customer for their support over the last 4 years of its operation. By our decision we kept the prices for our tuna products unchanged for as long as we could. We at STC believe that the benefit of an established fishery on island should translate into access to affordable tuna and fish protein for all locals. To this end we have endeavoured to maintain a GBP6/kg price level despite the poor support from the local commercial fishermen.

The illegal informal black market selling of processed fish together with the boycott by most commercial fishermen to supply fish to STC has the biggest impact on STC's ability to consistently supply volume to the market. Due to these conditions STC's management has in effect been subsidising the cost of local fish.

Of the 32 commercial fishing licenses issued, it's only been the John Mellis that supplied fish to STC until the St. Albatros arrived. Ocean Wave also started to supply just before the histamine investigation halted processing.

Before the facility broke down in 2019 the local inshore fleet supplied an average of 125t/an. Instead of an average supply of 10t/month, STC only receive 1.5 to 2t for the local market. For STC to supply more at a lower price we need more commercial fishermen to supply fish. This reduction in fish supplied by local suppliers together with the increase of costs over the last 4yrs have necessitated the increase in our prices. We are no longer able to subsidise the cost of tuna products for local consumption.

With the fisheries review in process we believe that the important issues will be addressed ensuring proper delivery of the best quality fish for processing through the regulated units to ensure the best possible product to you the consumer. This should translate into better fish delivery through the regulated units. This increase in volume will allow for more favourable price adjustments.

We want to thank Public Health for their attention to the Histamine Investigation even though it's conclusion to the investigation left us with some practical questions as to how the risk of histamine poisoning should be addressed.

Elevated levels of histamine in tuna can only result from a prolonged period of exposure to heat. It's all about proper cold chain management by all parties involved while the fish is in their custody. We will communicate proper procedures to all our vessels and can confirm that we follow strict processes within STC to ensure that something like histamine poisoning is simply not possible. STC and its suppliers will ensure best practice is maintained.

It's not only STC that has been struggling but our fish suppliers also. With this price increase we are also able to increase the price per kg to our suppliers. It is possible to return a higher price per kg to our suppliers for the volume of local fish we can sell on the local market. This scenario can only expand when fish is not sold up the street which affects local demand and our customers remain willing to buy it.

We thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Johann Bezuidenhout

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THE GREEN FISH COMPANY
WITHOUT COMPROMISE

22nd June 2025

RE. Attorney General's Office – Refusal to communicate

Dear Peter,

I write referencing the above and your email received 19th June 2026 in respect of the enquiries I have raised concerning regulatory and policy matters relevant to the operation and transparent governance of St Helena's fishing industry, and your refusal to continue communicating with me.

With respect, given the seriousness of the subject, your response appears to demonstrate a true lack of commercial savvy or genuine care for resolving events that could lead towards the decimation of St. Helena's fishery.

Whilst I acknowledge that your primary professional duty is to advise and represent the St Helena Government ("SHG"), I put it to you, such duties **must** also be exercised with due regard to the wider public interest, including the promotion of sustainable economic growth, the protection of established industries, the preservation of livelihoods, and the mitigation of avoidable financial and reputational risks to the fishery and the wider island — the opposite of your latest preferred direction of travel.

Simply put, all the enquiries raised since 25th July 2025 were/are to avoid litigation, not to invite or fuel it – sought to understand whether the necessary due diligence had been carried out, if applicable regulatory framework was in-place and to explore whether identified concerns were legitimate.

Firstly, you are fully aware that the earlier (July 2025) concerns raised regarding Foreign Flagged Vessel, Port State Measures and ICCAT Regulation breaches for the illegal (IUU) catch and landing of tuna by the ST Albatros on 29th July 2025 were indeed legitimately raised because these were confirmed to SHG in an email to your office from the UK Marine Management Organisation (MMO) on 29th September 2025 — **albeit you did not accurately or transparently relay this to the public in your press release, choosing instead to 'water it down' as if it was insignificant.**

It is therefore disappointing that my most recent request for clarification regarding *"regulations governing commercial fishing activities and age-related restrictions applicable to persons on board offshore vessels"* have been met with your apparent unwillingness to provide information which is neither sensitive nor confidential in nature.

The inference arising from such reluctance is that disclosure of the requested information may necessitate difficult decisions by SHG concerning the conduct of a commercial operator whose actions may have adversely affected the reputation of one of St Helena's oldest and most economically significant industries and thereafter, of anyone who seeks to operate within the same. Whether that inference is justified remains unclear; however, transparency and proper regulatory oversight would assist in dispelling such concerns, and mitigating risks — **these that you are now refusing to provide.**

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For the avoidance of doubt, my continued engagement with these matters extends far beyond simply being what you might consider to be a nuisance. My interest in and commitment to the preservation of St Helena's fishing industry is much deeper rooted.

The fishing industry and the local fishermen of St Helena provide not only sustenance for many families for many centuries but also guidance, skills, and traditions which have over the years, been passed from generation to generation – the very same traditions that underpin my passion and purpose to invest in the fishery and that should remain an important part of the Island's cultural and economic fabric and heritage – those that could soon be lost should the current freedom and recklessness of STC be allowed to continue unabated.

It is therefore my firmly held view that any conduct, decision, or regulatory failure which threatens the sustainability, integrity, or reputation of this industry must be subject to proper scrutiny and, where appropriate, challenge.

Unlike you, the fishermen of St Helena do not enjoy the security of public office, guaranteed remuneration, or assumed title-based privilege. Their livelihoods depend upon the continued viability of the fishery and the preservation of the reputation upon which their industry relies.

Long after current office holders have moved on and forgotten about the damage caused, local fishermen and their families will continue to bear the consequences of decisions made today – picking up the broken pieces and rebuilding their fishery, so accordingly, my efforts should not be viewed as an attempt to create difficulty for SHG, but rather as an attempt to help safeguard an industry of critical importance to the island and its people.

As such, you may choose to assist in addressing my queries in a transparent and professional manner, or not – **but know this** – should legal proceedings prove to be the only remaining avenue available, any approach seeking to resolve matters merely through settlement or without proper examination of the underlying issues dating back to the arrival of the ST Albatros in February 2025 will not be accepted.

Those individuals whose actions or omissions have contributed to the present situation throughout will be asked to provide a full account of their conduct, decision-making processes, and compliance with applicable legal and regulatory obligations.

My objective remains the same as it has always been: accountability, transparency, and the protection of St Helena's fishing industry for the benefit of protecting a reliable, value for money protein, for investment, tradition, livelihoods and our fishermen's way of life, and, for present and future generations of St. Helenians who will have to shoulder the responsibility of rebuilding the fishery, through no fault of their own and without the ability to seek answers from those who could've prevented it.

Yours sincerely,



Malcolm Williams
Founder

NOTICE BOARD

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.

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

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

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 **02 July 2026.**

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

- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

Fencing – St Helena Secondary School

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

CS-2059-SHG – Fencing at St Helena Secondary School

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, 03 July 2026, clearly marked **"Tender CS-2059-SHG"**.

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

SHG
17 June 2026

Job Vacancy

COMMERCIAL FINANCE MANAGER, SADG

Sure is seeking a proactive, highly motivated senior manager to lead and oversee the Accounting and Finance team across the South Atlantic and Diego Garcia Region. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone with an appetite for growth and strategic direction. The role will entail the post holder to collaborate with other managers to optimise financial performance, maximise potential revenue opportunities, prepare and present financial reports to Group level and senior management, and develop and engage the direct team to achieve the departmental and company goals.

Requirements:

- A professional accounting qualification/full or part qualified with a recognised professional body, essential.
- Excellent leadership & people management experience.
- Proven experience in a Financial Management position.
- Highly organised with exceptional time management abilities to prioritise workstreams and meet deadlines.

Join us and you will enjoy some of the many benefits that Sure provides, including but not limited to: competitive salary, incentive bonus scheme, pension, staff benefits and opportunities for continued professional development.

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a Satisfactory Police Disclosure.

Further information regarding the responsibilities of the post may be discussed with Roma Stewart on 131 or email: roma.stewart@sure.com.

CV'S should be submitted to HR on email: recruitment@sure.com by **4pm on Friday 10 July 2026.**

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Vacancy

Ad Hoc Grocery Sales Assistants

Rate of pay will be £4.69 per hour.

We are seeking Ad-Hoc Grocery Sales Assistants within the Half Tree Hollow Supermarket to support the operation on Saturday's, and potentially on Sunday's

As the Grocery Sales Assistant you will assist with the day-to-day running of the supermarket and ensure a high standard of customer service.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess knowledge of food safety & hygiene
- Be customer focused and target driven
- Possess experience of working in a customer facing environment and have excellent customer service skills
- Be competent in Maths, English and IT
- Possess experience in Cash Handling, ideally including use of the EPOS till and payment by local debit card
- Be self-motivated and able to work well as part of a team
- Be able to undertake physically demanding and manual handling duties
- Have the ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment

Please note that relevant training will be provided.

For further information contact:

Nicola Constantine, Senior Mercantile Manager via 22137 / 25989 nicola.constantine@solomons.co.sh

Expressions of interest may be submitted to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, via email hrdo@solomons.co.sh, or Gemma Lawrence, Human Resources Officer, via email hradmin@solomons.co.sh by **Thursday, 09 July 2026.**

Vacancy

Part-Time Security Officers

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

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

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

Interested Persons Should:

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

For further information contact:

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

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

Vacancy

Part-Time Ramp Handlers

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

Since 1790

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has 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:

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

Vacancies

Part-Time Aircraft Cleaner

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

Since 1790

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

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

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

Interested Persons Should:

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

For further information contact:

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DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 28th June 2026 - 13th Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Helena & The Cross
5.00 p.m.	**Mission Worship and Praise**	**Cathedral**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 28th June 2026 – 13th Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 2nd July	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 28th June 2026 – 13th Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	**Eucharist, Baptism and Confirmation**	**St Matthew**
	Tuesday 30th June	
7.00 p.m.	Bible School on Wheels	St Mark

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services - 28th June
Sandy Bay Chapel, 8.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel, 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel, 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday, 30th June: Baptist School Hall, 7.00 pm
Thursday, 2nd June: Sandy Bay Chapel, 5.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENT
Adventure Kids: Age 6 – 10 yrs old
Saturday, 27th June: Baptist School Hall, 10 to 11.30am

Ladies Meeting
Wednesday, 1st July: Baptist School Hall, 10.30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact: Tel No 22388



Church Notices

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Prayer Meeting

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.
Saturday 27 June 2026 at 8.30am
Contact Mercy for details-65880 or 24212

Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 28 June 2026 11.00am
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Cell Meetings

Tuesday 30 June 2026
Jamestown @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Bramwell 62117)
Wednesday 01 July 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.



ST ANDREWS NEWSPAPER BINGO

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

This week the "Brown" bingo sheet will be used

Numbers to be read across, from left to right

Claim on earliest number for full house will be the winner. Claims to be made to Karen Henry on 23401 by Saturday 27th @ 6 pm.

Last week's winner was Mrs Lily Andrews.

Prize - £20 per week

84	8	50	16	33	45	62	24	70	37
23	82	54	34	47	17	25	53	75	60
13	61	18	57	83	39	74	30	85	1
89	55	66	9	20	72	15	29	64	52
73	28	81	90	10	71	38	12	63	58
7	31	86	26	43	80	56	78	4	35
87	11	42	65	3	21	59	40	36	22

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

SHG News and Updates Survey

The SHG Communications Survey is open, and we want to ensure every voice in our community is heard! If you haven't had a chance to fill it out yet, there is still time to let us know how we can improve our news, updates, and public messaging to make them clearer and more accessible for everyone.

It only takes a few minutes to participate:

- **Online:** Complete the quick questionnaire here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/shgnewscomms
- **Hard Copies:** Available for collection and drop-off at the Post and Customer Services Centre, Public Library, Tourist Office, Triage Clinic at the General Hospital and various shops around the island

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their feedback. Your input directly helps us improve how we keep you informed!

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22 June 2026 www.sainthelena.gov.sh

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VACANCY: SALES ASSISTANTS



BASED AT ST HELENA AIRPORT

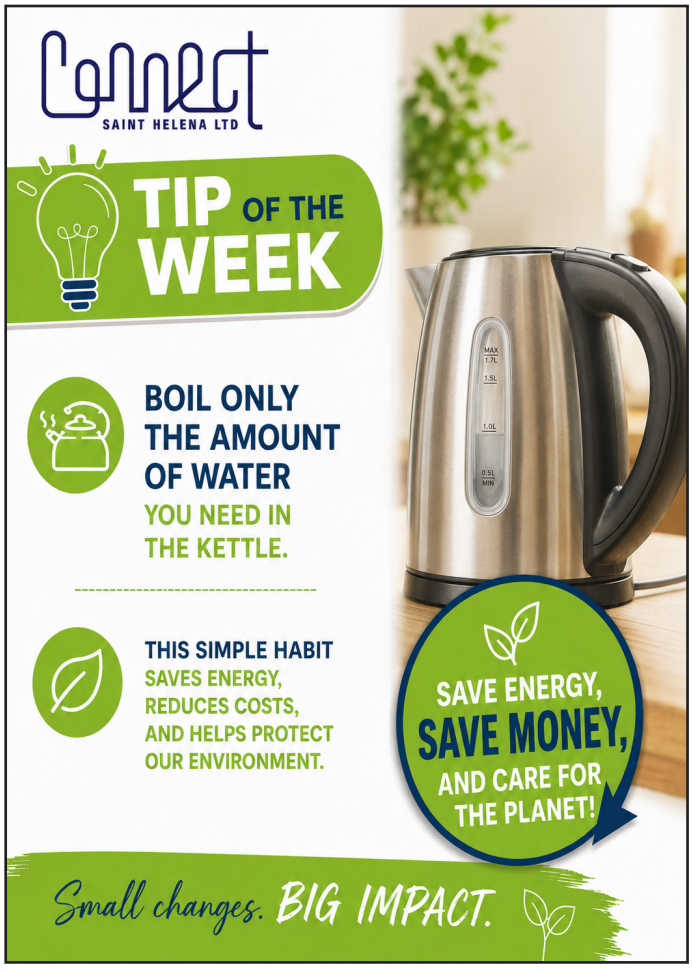
HOURS OF WORK:	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
RATE OF PAY:	£5.00 PER HOUR

ABOUT THE ROLE

We are looking for friendly, reliable, and customer-focused individuals to join our retail team. Assist travelers and help them discover unique gifts in a vibrant airport environment.

To register your interest, please contact:

derek@dps.co.sh



Greetings from the Jamestown Rifle Club



Pat Henry, Contributed

Another night on the firing platform with ten members loading their rifles; all aiming to showcase their accuracy in a competition for the very first time, identifying who could shoot the most (10.1's) (10's) - shooting one shot on each target ring. Eight members participated in this event, all tension on the trigger finger, aiming for that 10.1.

All eyes focused on the monitor from members as shots fired to see who was hitting the hot-spot. Results finished after completing their two target cards with 10 shots. In 1st place with 8 x 10.1's was Mario Yon, in 2nd place with 6 x 10.1's was Tinika Johnson and in 3rd place with 4 x 10.1's was Kyle Yon and Nina Bennett 4th with 5 x 10's, who received prizes for the four top positions.

Other results, Jordana 3 x 10.1, Aden 2 x 10.1's & 2 x 10's, Katie-Rose 4 x 10's and Cherilee 1 x 10. We give thanks to Mahmood with 86 & 93.2 and Vince with 95.2 & 93.1 who contributed in supporting the club. Well done everyone and congratulation to the winners. Join us again next week for another night of good shooting in readiness for upcoming events. Until then, stay well and safe, enjoy the rest of the week and have a wonderful weekend.



for offside. Late in the game, they almost grabbed a consolation goal, but were denied by an incredible piece of defending from Rovers Captain Benjamin, who tracked all the way back to execute a goal-saving clearance. For Fugees, Captain Travis Yon put in an impressive performance as a stand-in goalkeeper despite the barrage, though he will be welcomed back to his preferred left-back position in the next match. Many onlookers are of the opinion that once Fugees find their preferred starting line-up and formation, they will be a much stronger outfit and a solid team this season. Conversely, Rovers did what they do best; dominate matches, score goals, and bag points – with arguably, the island's most prestigious League Winners walking away highly satisfied after a perfect start to their title chase.

Champions Edge Nine-Goal Thriller in Early Game of the Season Contender

Bellboys 5 — 4 Harts

On Sunday, fans were treated to a brilliant, end-to-end thriller between the reigning League Champions, Bellboys, and the returning Harts. Harts, a team with a rich history in the local league and immense popularity among fans, have not been involved in local football for a number of years. They have now returned under the captaincy of their former player, Shane Stroud, boasting an exciting young frontline featuring Lebron George, Josh, and Levi Williams. While no one knew quite what to expect from the returning side, all in attendance were left thoroughly impressed as they battled the champions all the way to the end with a hearty and entertaining performance.

Decked out in red shirts while awaiting the arrival of their more renowned blue kits, Harts made an immediate statement by charging into a shock 2-0 lead. Veteran, Gregory Phillips, opened the scoring, followed quickly by a strike from League debutant, Lebron George. Despite the stunned start, the Bellboys demonstrated the same discipline and well-drilled composure that saw them dominate the league last season, proving exactly why they have the quality to rise to a challenge when up against it. Through quick, impressive attacks, they completely turned the tables by early in the second forty-five to go 4-2 up. Last year's leading goalscorer and Player of the Season, Joey Thomas, picked up right where he left off by registering a crucial brace — including one spectacular goal scored directly from a corner. The champions also found the back of the net through strikes from Scott Henry and Aiden Duncan, alongside an unfortunate own goal from Harts defender Brandon Harris.

Harts refused to lay down and continued to show tremendous fight. They pulled the score back to 4-3 with around 20 minutes remaining thanks to the undisputed goal of the match from Man of the Match, Levi Williams. Williams latched onto a long, searching ball from his Captain, Shane Stroud, and unleashed a venomous but beautifully controlled first-time hit that soared beyond Keith Yon in the Bellboys goal, finding the far corner with incredible precision. Harts managed one more goal via Paul Teyang late on, but the experienced Bellboys, having took their tally to five by that point, held out for a hard-earned opening day victory.

It proved to be a day to forget for Harts' Brandon Harris who, after his earlier own goal, was controversially sent off with a straight red card for retaliation following a second-half foul – a decision that even Bellboys players have questioned. Despite the narrow loss and the red card however, Harts have plenty to celebrate with an impressive first performance.

Alongside Williams' stellar display, Bellboys' young talent Zach Francis earned the Young Player of the Match honours in a game that confirmed that the Bellboys are ready to battle fiercely to keep the title in their camp for a second consecutive season.





La Verde Control the Park to Disarm Debutants

La Verde 5 — 0 STH Young Boys

In the final fixture of the opening weekend, La Verde put on an impressive display to secure a comfortable 5-0 victory over league debutants, St Helena Young Boys. Lining up in green and showcasing a few new recruits, La Verde were rampant right from the opening whistle. They thoroughly controlled the match, looking entirely comfortable playing out from the back and keeping possession of the ball.

La Verde's passing moves caught the eye, powered by a number of talented young players including Riley, Aiden Ncube—who got himself on the scoresheet—and Harry Winfield, who scored a goal and took home the Young Player of the Match award. Alongside them, strong defensive performances from the two Declan's at the back helped La Verde dominate most of the proceedings. Forward, Jorden Johnson, enjoyed a fine day at the office, leaving the field with a brace to his name, while his replacement in attack, Robson Fabian, rounded out the five-goal haul. Though he didn't get on the scoresheet himself, Captain Jordan Yon masterminded the performance, dictating the vast majority of play from the middle of the park, and setting up his teammates to rightfully earn Man of the Match honours. La Verde created an abundance of chances and, but for some poor decision-making in the final third alongside resolute defending from the opposition, the scoreline could have easily expanded.

As for the St Helena Young Boys, it was a valiant debut shift. The new side was captained by Gareth Drabble playing at center-back, marking his very first time captaining a local side. The Young Boys also boast a number of promising young players and put in a gritty defensive effort to hold the rampant La Verde to just a single goal in the first half, while creating a few glimpses of chances on the counter-attack. They showed highly encouraging signs that they could become a good team once they build playing chemistry and become more potent in attack. They will look to build on this foundational performance in the weeks ahead, while La Verde will aim to establish themselves as true contenders at the top end of the table.



FOOTBALL RESULTS

Saturday 20 June 2026

Rovers 12
R Legg (3) B Isaac (2)
R Benjamin (2) S Benjamin,
C Benjamin, B Baldwin, OG (2)
MoM: Ronan Legg
YPoM: Blaise Baldwin

Fugees 0

Sunday 21 June 2026

Bellboys 5
J Thomas (2) S Henry,
A Duncan, OG
YPoM: Zach Francis

Harts 4
G Phillips, L George,
L Williams, P Teyang
MOM: Levi Williams

La Verde 5
J Johnson (2) H Winfield,
A Ncube, R Fabian
MoM: Jordan Yon
YPoM: Harry Winfield

STH Young Boys 0

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Saturday 27 June 2026

2pm **Harts vs La Verde**

Sunday 28 June 2026

1.30pm **Rovers vs STH Young Boys**

3.30pm **Fugees vs Bellboys**

**Fixtures subject to weather conditions*



SPORTS ARENA

Goals, Drama, and Red Cards



SHFA League 2026 Explodes into Action at Francis Plain

Liam Yon, SAMS

The wait is finally over for football fans on the island; the St Helena Football Association (SHFA) League 2026 officially got underway over the weekend at Francis Plain, delivering an opening matchweek packed with talking points, emerging young talents, spectacular goals, and controversial dismissals.



Clinical Statement Win by Ronan's Rampant Rovers

Rovers 12 — 0 Fugees

Kicking off the campaign was the highly-decorated Rovers, looking to right the wrongs of last season and reclaim the league title from the Bellboys. Taking on a new-look Fugees side, the reigning knockout champions initially struggled in the early exchanges to break down their opponents and carve out chances. However, once they found their flow, Rovers looked an incredibly drilled attacking side, playing at the peak of their powers, with excellent passing plays and carving out numerous goalscoring chances, denied at times only by some valiant defending from the Fugees.

The floodgates officially opened midway through the first half when Man of the Match, Ronan Legg, broke the deadlock. Legg was a standout performer alongside his brother Brett Isaac, with both finding their way onto the scoresheet—Legg securing a brilliant hat-trick and Isaac netting a brace. Legg proved incredibly difficult to handle for the Fugees backline, more than once dribbling past them with ease and laying off assists for his strikers to put away. Rovers' lethal attack was supplemented by a brace from Captain Rico Benjamin, individual strikes from Shaquille Benjamin, Clayton Benjamin, and Young Player of the Match, Blaise Baldwin, alongside two own goals conceded by Fugees' Jayte Thomas and Alistair Buckley. They could well have scored more, but was denied multiple times by the woodwork.

The second half brought disciplinary trouble for the Fugees when defender, Cristen Yon, was shown his marching orders after receiving two yellow cards in the space of just four minutes. The second booking occurred when Yon fouled Legg inside the area; with Legg then stepping up to convert the resulting penalty himself. While the referee's decision to send off Yon split opinion on the sidelines, it left the Fugees to play out the majority of the restart with 10 men.

Despite the heavy scoreline, the Fugees showed genuine indications of a side that can have the quality to cause problems this season, and were able to carve out a few good attacking opportunities. In fact, they managed to find the back of the net once, though the goal was ruled out

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