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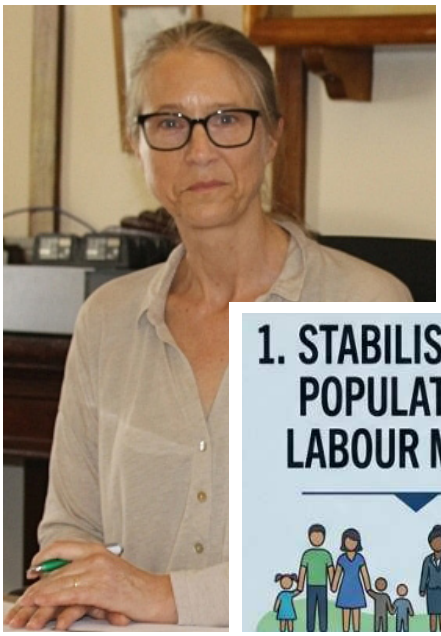
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OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Donna Crowie, SAMS

Who would agree that we get thrown with so many challenges in our lives?

Sometimes they can be small but then again, we get some challenges that changes our lives completely.

I know older people might say – you don't know what challenges are like in my last comment I mentioned a few challenges faced many moons ago.

But being on a very small island – everyone knows everyone – but that doesn't mean you know the person inside and out just because you know of them.

A few weeks ago, I saw post on Social Media about raising funds for 18-year-old Shantelle Youde. Of course, I think we all heard she was unwell – again being on a small island – but after seeing all the posts and reading about the challenges she is facing, it is heart-breaking.

I will be honest, I don't know the full story – and I hope this doesn't come across the wrong way – but is Health helping this young lady? In my mind, I would say an 18-year-old who suffered a stroke would have a much better chance of recovery then say an 80+ year old (no disrespect to an older person).

And being a young mum, I can't imagine how she is feeling. Shantelle, all I can say girl to you is that you are not broken - you're rebuilding and that's brave as hell. ☒ 18, a mum, and a stroke survivor? You're literally a superhero. One day at a time — you've got this!

For the pass week or so I have used this phrase almost every day – "life is just too short" – I first figure this out back in 2019 and a few weeks ago I got reminded about it again. I know it is easier said than done, but challenges don't come to break you, they come to prove you can't be broken! Face them head-on and show them who's in charge.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Our School, Our Voice: An Update on the SHSS House System

St Helena Secondary School (SHSS) will retain its existing four-house system for the upcoming academic year. This decision follows a community survey where **53.4% voted for change and 46.6% voted to keep the current structure.** While a narrow majority favoured a new three-house model, the close split highlighted deeply divided community opinions. This led to a pause on the proposed overhaul to provide temporary certainty for students and staff.

Our group of parents wishes to thank everyone who listened to our radio interview on **Monday, 06 July**, and those who have supported this journey so far. While the rollout has been paused, important structural questions remain unanswered.

The Proposed Changes at a Glance

The Education Portfolio previously proposed a transition to a three-house structure due to declining student enrolment. The proposed names and mascots included:

- **Manati Bay**: "Three Heads are Better than One" (Cerberus)
- **Prosperous Bay**: "From Ashes to Glory" (Phoenix)
- **James Bay**: "Beyond the Surface, Beyond the Limit" (Leviathan)

Why Many Parents Are Still Asking Questions

Though the school paused the rollout, the decision to halt it was made without broader community consultation. Major concerns regarding transparency and cultural identity remain unaddressed:

- **Geographical Divisions:** Naming houses after specific bays could create unintended community divides.
- **Lack of Identity:** Students may struggle to connect with areas outside their home community.
- **Mascot Symbolism:** The deep cultural meanings of the proposed mythological monsters require open discussion.
- **Consultation Integrity:** Questions remain regarding how student feedback was gathered, evaluated, and whether students were influenced

The Power of Parent Solidarity

When communication gaps widened, parents stepped up. At short notice, **39 parents signed a request** requesting an official General Meeting with school leadership - comfortably exceeding the 21 required signatures.

Both the PTA Secretary and the Head Teacher have acknowledged receipt of this request. We are actively awaiting a confirmed date for this vital meeting.

A Call to Action: Stay Engaged!

School management has announced that the existing house structure will remain for the next academic year. However, the impact of this decision on our children's educational and learning journey remains unclear. Falling enrolment numbers were originally cited as the primary reason a reduction from four houses to three was necessary, yet no details have been shared regarding how the school plans to manage this balance under the current setup following their sudden decision to reverse course.

The SHSS PTA Executive Committee meets this Thursday, 09 July. This meeting will determine whether our formal request for a General Meeting will be upheld.

- **If the General Meeting is approved**: Parents of current and incoming SHSS students are urged to attend so that these unresolved educational and structural questions can be formally addressed.
- **If alternative measures are required:** Continued parental support and engagement will be necessary as we seek alternative avenues to obtain the required clarity and transparency.

For the upcoming academic year, the active houses will be:

- **Cavendish**
- **Dutton**
- **Mundens**
- **Jenkins**

Our island. Our school. Our children's future. Let's keep working together.

Yours sincerely,

Shanon Cornelson and the Parent Working Group

Dear Editor,

My sincere opinion after 7yrs of involvement with the island and its beautiful people is that the local St. Helena challenge is systemic and deeply engrained in the social and moral fibre of the island. It's a systemic and undue local influence against anything foreign.

My firm belief remains that there is a future and a hope for every individual positively contributing, no matter how insignificant it may seem. I believe that we have a government making wise and integrous decisions for the benefit of the local population and that there is enough for every need.

In response to the articles posted by Peter Darker, Malcolm Williams, the SHCFA, a seriously concerned former STC factory worker and Cllr. Julie Thomas:

What the fishing industry lacks is unity and a supported vision. This may be due to a lack of understanding and in some cases a definite lack of experience, but without unity progress is almost impossible, especially in such a small community.

In a letter I wrote to the Chief Secretary on 12 Aug 2019 I stated that: "With these results from the actual performance and thus status of the SH Tuna fishery, it's clear that there currently is no fishery. In real terms you as SHG is simply subsidising the lifestyle of a particular group of Saints. They just so happen to be fishermen. This statement holds no sarcasm nor any intended ridicule. You are literally paying too much for a product delivered."

This was made on the back of our own informal audit of the SHFC's performance since 2015. In the 2018-2019 financial year with a total catch volume of 248t of tuna it yielded a negative gross profit contribution of £243,746 and a nett loss of £477,267. (Yes we excluded the "income" items labelled as "Subsidy" (£180,000) and "Grant" (£261,144)). The conclusion is that the data reflected a negative gross loss of £243,746 translating into a minus £0.98/kg. This means that the fishermen should actually have paid SHG £0.98/kg to accept their fish.

The official subsidy amount according to the PAC's performance audit report reflects a **subsidy** amount of £1.387 million, paid over to the SHFC. Also, the refrigeration plant broke down in 2019 and was in a state of disrepair meaning that exports were no longer possible. That was the status of the SH fishing industry 2 years prior to STC opening on the 26th of Aug 2022.

How anyone can argue that the fishing industry was in any way profitable or established is beyond me. I agree that the fishermen lost their access to subsidised "income" but stop pretending that the fishing industry was performing well when in fact it clearly was not.

STC is not struggling under any model as suggested. Prior to officially opening on 26 Aug 2022, STC processed fish at an agreed rate under our SHG agreement, yet when STC officially opened for business on 26 Aug 2022 all but one fisherman stopped supplying fish. By 5 Dec 2022 STC sent out the following request to all commercial fishermen: "We therefore inform **all** commercial fishermen that they are welcome to deliver their YFT & BET catches (details below) to the factory from Mon the 12th of Dec 2022. Tuna: 10kg+ at GBP 1.00/kg and we will accept **all YFT & BET** landings on that particular day." No one supplied fish except for the John Mellis.

Together with the help from the John Mellis, STC supplied the local orders it had and managed to export 3 containers to our international client before the previous SHG closed the use of the culvert which effectively stopped STC's ability to build containers for export. I maintain that STC is still struggling due to the commercial fishermen's refusal to support STC by supplying them with their fish.

Surely none of us can raise concern about an outcome while ignoring our own possible contribution to that outcome. Although I agree that the fundamental questions should be asked and the "why's" to identify exactly who influenced the current result, I do not think that now is the time for further delay. Some may even say that time is of the essence to which I would agree. I for one am extremely glad for the level of engagement by the current administration in comparison to that received from the previous. This is the chosen direction from the islands newly elected government and collectively the 12 councillors should be working in unity to attain its desired outcomes for all its constituents.

Despite our differences in views, opinions and seemingly irreconcilable differences, I do urge all parties to welcome SHG's invitation to participate and help shape the next stage of planning for a strong and sustainable fishing industry on the island. SHG's shared goal is to support the development of an industry that is economically viable, environmentally sustainable and informed by those with direct experience of fishing and related activity in St. Helena.

Now is not the time for delay but for constructive participation, even if it only comes as constructive criticism. If the suggestion is to include 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, then let that be the first contribution tabled.

Public Health is the local authority and the entity that handled the investigation into the reported histamine poisoning. I'm very grateful to Georgina and her team for how thorough they were despite the lack of access to information and proof from the 4 parties involved in maintaining the cold chain.

If one understands histamine formation in tuna, then one would know that the biggest area of risk is on board the vessel once the fish is caught but that all 4 parties need to ensure their due care while the fish is in their custody. PH did not clarify this in their report but from both, the results from the samples sent for testing and PH's processing inspection at STC, I can confirm that STC was not the source of contamination. It's very important that the fishermen and regulated units adhere to the protocols in order to avoid its reoccurrence.

I'm thankful and optimistic that through the Ministers review process a way forward will be identified to establish a sustainable fishing industry to serve the needs of the local population who depend on it.

Kind regards,

Johann Bezuidenhout

Stabilise, Reform, Grow

"Our priorities are clear," say Chief Minister as Executive Council approve new three-year Government Vision and Strategy for St Helena



Chief Minister, Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, says "this Strategy is our commitment to address challenges honestly and responsibly"

Liam Yon, SAMS

The Executive Council has formally approved the St Helena Government (SHG) Vision and Strategy 2026–2029. Developed since the formation of the new Government, the document establishes a clear three-year direction alongside a long-term roadmap aimed at building a stronger, more resilient future for the island.

According to an SHG press release, the strategy has been shaped by the views and experiences of St Helenians and local residents, including Elected Members, the Public Service, local businesses, young people, and the voluntary and community sector.

While the strategy recognises St Helena as a "unique and special place, with a strong community, a rich heritage and extraordinary natural environment," it openly acknowledges the severe headwinds facing the community. SHG highlighted significant challenges including a declining and ageing population, acute workforce shortages, rising living costs, mounting pressure on health and social care, fragile infrastructure, and the increasing cost of delivering public services.

In response, the strategy outlines what is described as a realistic framework built around three interconnected core themes.

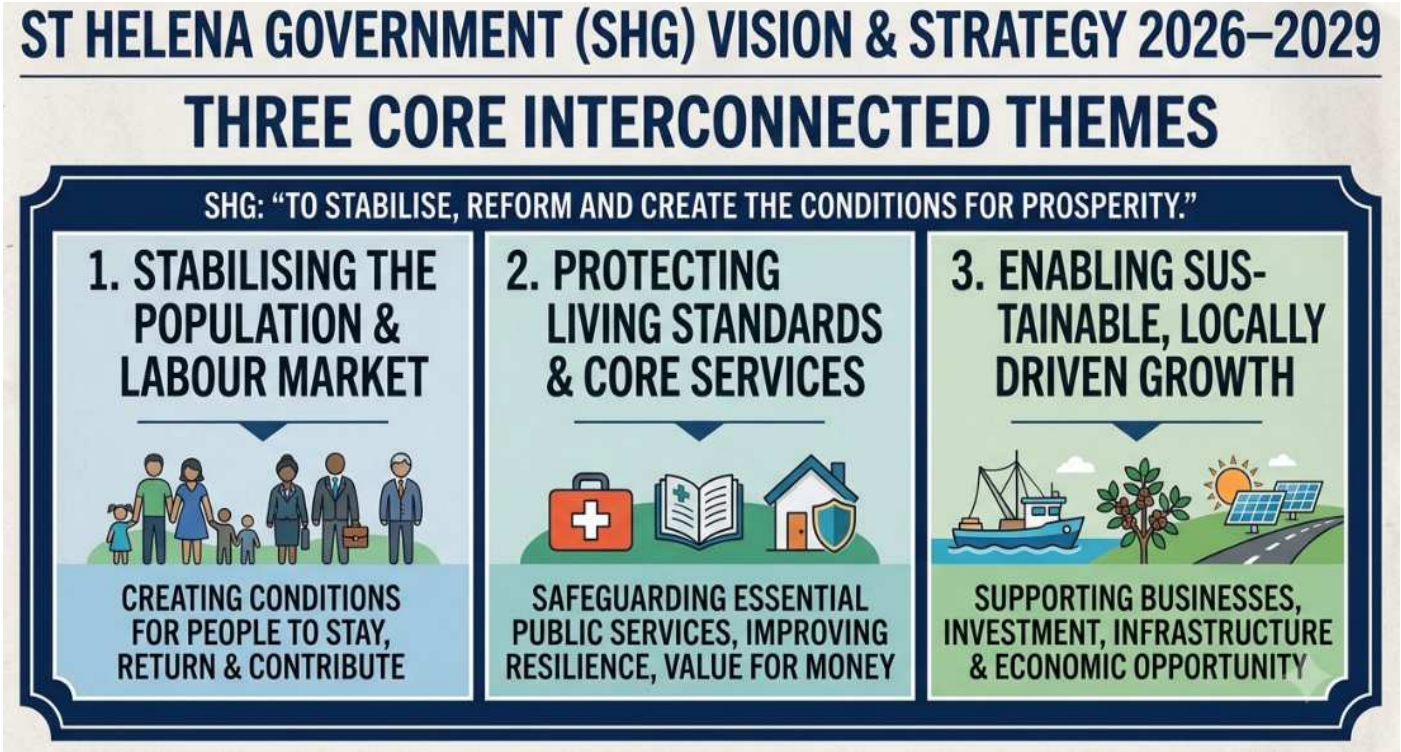
The first is 'Stabilising the Population and Labour Market'. Acknowledging that, "without people nothing else works," SHG say this theme focuses on creating the conditions necessary for people to stay, return, and contribute to the island's future.

The second is 'Protecting Living Standards and Core Services'. This involves safeguarding essential public services while simultaneously improving prevention, resilience, and overall value for money.

The third and final theme is 'Enabling Sustainable, Locally Driven Growth'. SHG note how this involves supporting local businesses, investment, infrastructure, and economic opportunities that create jobs while protecting the island's natural environment.

SHG then detail how these core themes are further supported by nine cross-government priorities focussed on improving health and wellbeing, strengthening education and skills, investing in infrastructure and utilities, growing the economy, protecting living standards, safeguarding the environment, and ensuring Government remains transparent, accountable, and financially sustainable. SHG confirmed that progress will be measured through clear performance indicators and reported publicly via regular quarterly updates.

Chief Minister, Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, underscored the necessity of the new direction, stating that the





A key pillar of the Strategy focuses on stabilising the population and ensuring the next generation chooses St Helena as a place to live, learn, and build their future
Photo by Creative St Helena

strategy is fundamentally about rebuilding confidence in St Helena's future. "We know the challenges our island face," she said. "We have a shrinking population, increasing pressures on public services, rising costs and infrastructure that needs investment. If we continue as we are, these pressures will only become greater."

The Chief Minister continued, noting how "this Strategy is our commitment to address those challenges honestly and responsibly. It sets out how we will first stabilise the issues that matter most to people, reform the way Government works and invest in the foundations needed to grow our economy and strengthen our communities. Our priorities are clear: protecting essential services, investing in our young people, supporting businesses, improving infrastructure, safeguarding our environment and building a Government that is open, accountable and focused on delivering results."

Emphasising that the administration cannot achieve these benchmarks in isolation, Chief Minister Cairns-Wicks concluded by calling for community involvement. "Government cannot deliver the Strategy alone," she said. "Success will require partnership across Government, businesses, community organisations and residents. By working together, we can build confidence in our future and create a St Helena that future generations are proud to call home."

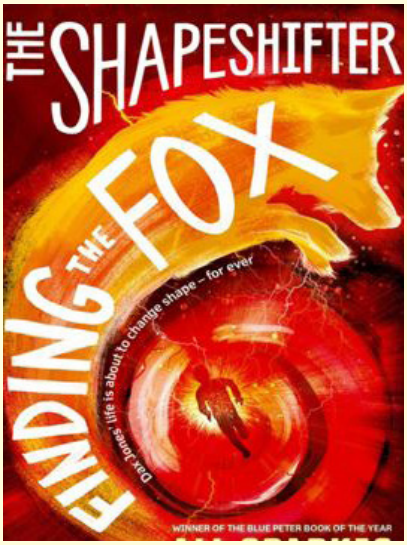
The full SHG Vision and Strategy 2026–2029 document can be accessed publicly on the St Helena Government website at https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/documents/shg-vision-strategy-2026-29/.



The new Vision and Strategy continues to target fragile infrastructure and aims to build conditions for sustainable, locally driven economic growth

Book of the Week

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The Shapeshifter – Finding The Fox by Ali Sparkes

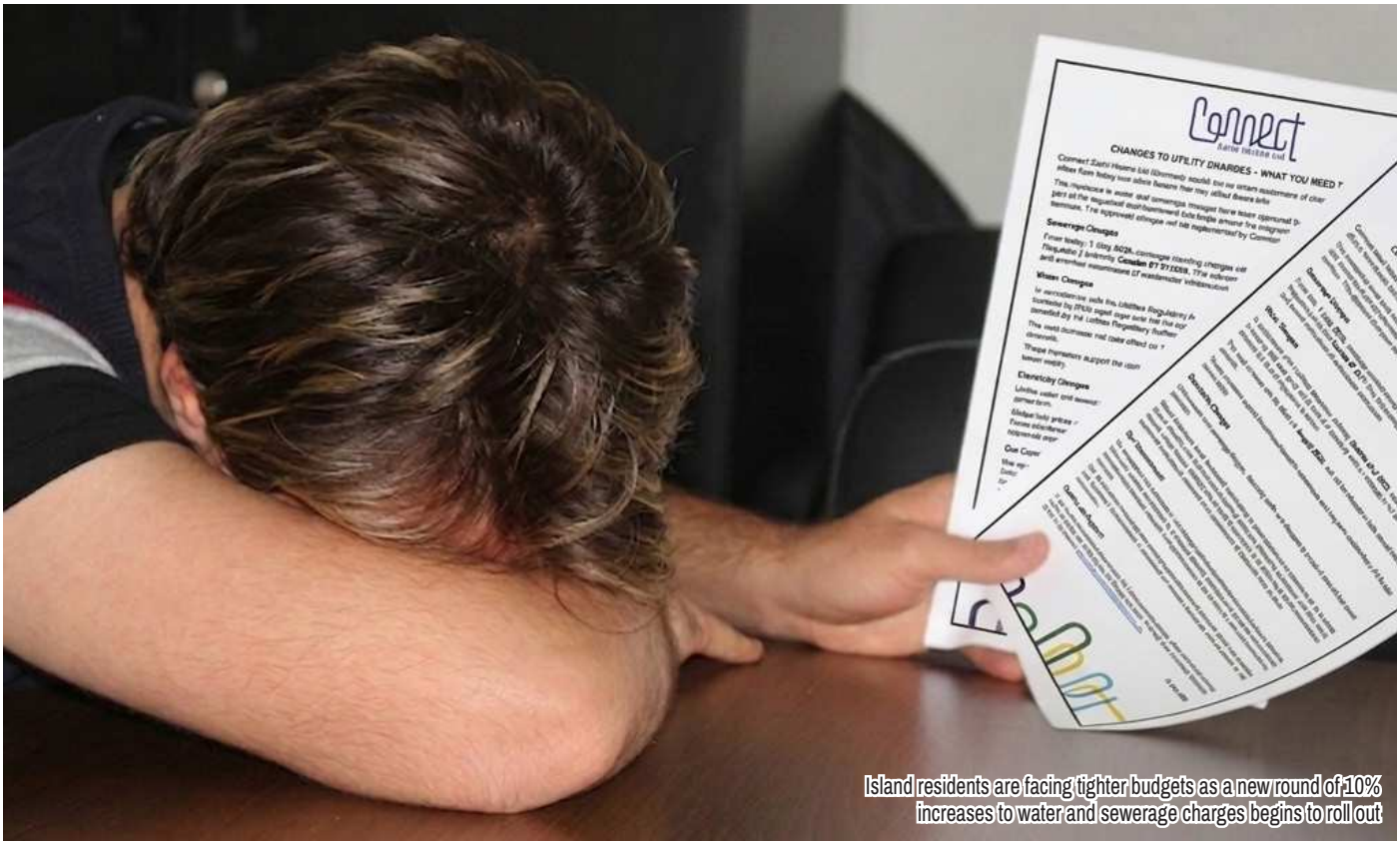
Adventure, conspiracy and shape shifting - X-Men meets Alex Rider.
Dax Jones is an ordinary schoolboy until something extraordinary happens. Whilst frightened for his life, he inexplicably changes into a fox! He is offered a place at a secret government school where he can develop, and learn to control, his powers. But if Dax accepts, on no account can he tell anybody. Dax jumps at the chance of getting away from his unhappy home. But before long he begins to wonder who exactly is behind the school, and what they want from the pupils there. Suddenly Dax's fox senses are on high alert.

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ST HELENA NEWS

More Increases Hit St Helena

Connect announce Utility Increases as Cost of Living crunch deepens



Island residents are facing tighter budgets as a new round of 10% increases to water and sewerage charges begins to roll out

Liam Yon, SAMS

Island residents already struggling with the high cost of living on St Helena are set to face further financial hardship following an announcement from Connect Saint Helena Ltd, detailing a fresh round of utility price increases on the Island.

The utility provider confirmed that approved increases for water and sewerage services will take effect both now, and over the coming weeks, further squeezing household and business budgets.

Under the new adjustments, sewerage standing charges have increased by 10% effective immediately, from 1 July, in accordance with the Utilities Regulatory Authority (URA) Gazette 57 of 2026. Connect stated that this increase is necessary to support the ongoing operation, maintenance, and eventual replacement of the island's wastewater infrastructure.

Arguably, worse news is however on the horizon relating to Island water bills. Following a regulatory schedule framework set out in the URA Gazette 62 of 2025, water tariffs are slated to increase by 10% each year until the full cost of supply is met by the consumer. The next annual 10% hike is set to land on 1 August 2026, meaning August bills will bring an immediate sting to island wallets.

To add to the uncertainty, Connect also warned that electricity charges—which fluctuate based on global diesel prices—remain highly volatile. While no immediate electricity increases were announced, Connect were honest in noting that future tariff adjustments may be necessary if global markets continue to fluctuate.

The timing of Connect's announcement has also drawn a wave of cynical amusement and frustration across St Helena. In what many are calling a cruel irony, the announcement of these utility increases coincided exactly with the rollout of the island's new statutory minimum wage on 1 July. While low-income workers technically received a bump to £4.85 per hour (up from £4.50), residents have been quick to point out that the cost of living relief has been wiped out before the extra pennies could even hit their pockets.

"It's almost a running joke at this point," one resident told The Sentinel. "The government gives an increase to the minimum wage with one hand and Connect takes it straight back with the other. Our wages rise, yes, but the cost of living seems to rise faster."

In its statement, the utility company acknowledged the difficult position these increases place on the community. "We recognise that increases in utility charges place additional pressure on household and business budgets," Connect said in a recent press release, before adding that they remain, "committed to operating efficiently, delivering reliable services, and investing in the infrastructure needed to support the long-term sustainability of St Helena's services."

The company has urged anyone with questions or concerns about their upcoming bill changes to contact the Connect Saint Helena Billing Team at 22341 or via email at Accounts.support@connectonline.co.sh.

ExCo opts to Extend £1M Hotel Guarantee amid Budgetary Uncertainties

Options to repay Bank of St Helena loan from public funds put on hold; 'Live' SAMS Radio 1 interview scheduled for Friday morning.



The Mantis St Helena hotel. Executive Council has opted to extend the government's £1 million loan guarantee for the facility amid ongoing budget uncertainties.

Liam Yon, SAMS

The future of St Helena's flagship hotel asset, the Mantis St Helena, was a central focus of a recent meeting of the Executive Council, as Ministers debated how to manage a looming £1 million loan deadline that carries significant implications for the island's public purse and tourism sector.

According to the latest ExCo Top Lines, the current St Helena Government (SHG) financial guarantee on a £1 million bank loan held by St Helena Hotel Development Ltd (SHHDL) with the Bank of St Helena (BoSH) is set to expire this October. Faced with the fast-approaching deadline, ExCo was presented with three distinct pathways forward:

- Option A: Extend the government guarantee and put a legal variation forward at the next formal Legislative Council meeting.
- Option B: Repay the bank loan in full on behalf of the hotel company directly out of the island's Consolidated Fund.
- Option C: Repay a portion of the loan upfront using public funds and extend a smaller guarantee for the remaining balance.

Following extensive discussions alongside two Directors from the SHHDL Board, Executive Council ultimately approved Option A—extending the guarantee—as the most prudent immediate course of action.

The decision was driven heavily by ongoing fiscal variables. The official briefing noted widespread uncertainty at this stage surrounding factors linked to "Conditionality within the Budget." Council determined that drawing down heavily on the island's General Reserve to pay off the commercial debt upfront carried too high a financial risk during an unstable budget period.

Crucially, the government has explicitly noted that options to pay off the loan in part or in full (Options B and C) have not been discarded permanently. They remain on the table for future consideration once current public workstreams clear up and clearer budget outcomes are finalised.

The debate also highlighted the complex economic tightrope the island is currently walking. In making their decision, ExCo explicitly weighed the potential "severe impact" on the local tourism industry if the hotel was forced to cease its operations. As such, maintaining the facility is seen as vital to keeping the island's current tourism capacity viable.

Concurrently, wider long-term plans are moving in the background. The briefing confirmed that consultancy firm, Taka Capital, has been actively working to attract commercial interest for the sale of the hotel. Meanwhile, the SHHDL Board is tasked with exploring alternative business models and establishing a clear "Exit Strategy" to transition the hotel away from government-backed reliance.

With the issue now bound for the Legislative Council floor for formal authorisation of the guarantee variation, elected representatives will soon be asked to vote on the extension.

To cut through the government terminology and in an attempt to bring clear answers directly to the community, SAMS will host a vital, live panel interview, scheduled for tomorrow morning on SAMS Radio 1. Here, listeners will have the opportunity to hear a comprehensive breakdown of what this million-pound liability means for local taxpayers and what the roadmap looks like for the hotel.

The high-profile panel will feature Chief Minister, Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, alongside Deputy Financial Secretary, Nicholas Yon, and St Helena's Head of Tourism, Jonathan Passaportis.

The interview will aim to address the outcome of the Taka Capital hotel sale process, define what budget "conditionality" means for the public pocket, and explore the timeline for the government's eventual exit from commercial hospitality ownership.

Tune in live to SAMS Radio 1 this Friday morning after the news to hear the discussion unfold.

"We are here to listen to you"

Police launch Neighbourhood Team following Public Survey



The RSHP is aiming to return to a more traditional, face-to-face style of community policing following its recent public survey

Liam Yon, SAMS

The Royal St Helena Police Service (RSHP) has announced immediate changes to its operations—including the launch of a dedicated Neighbourhood Policing Team—following feedback from a public survey distributed in May.

The survey, which aimed to gauge community sentiment, highlighted a strong collective desire for the police to return to the island's traditional, close-knit style of community policing. In response, police leadership has outlined three key areas of focus to rebuild public trust, bridge the gap between officers and residents, and tackle ongoing anti-social behaviour.

To address calls for more face-to-face interaction, front-line staff have already increased their visible presence across the island. Officers are now regularly engaging with local schools and conducting routine foot patrols in Jamestown, Half Tree Hollow, and Longwood.

To maintain this momentum, the RSHP has officially launched a new Neighbourhood Policing Team. Consisting of a Police Sergeant and a Police Constable, the unit will focus on community-based issues, working closely with schools and crèches, addressing district-specific concerns, and utilising local Police Posts as "meet and greet" hubs for residents. According to the RSHP, these efforts are already yielding results, with a noticeable and positive shift in how the public interacts with officers on the ground.

The survey also flagged underage alcohol consumption as a significant and ongoing concern for residents.

The police have confirmed they are actively collaborating with local schools to address the issue and have increased targeted weekend patrols in known problem areas to deter underage drinking.

Authorities are urging the public to assist in these efforts. Anyone with information regarding underage drinking or specific problem hotspots is asked to message the police directly at cid@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Police leadership emphasised that every comment submitted in the survey is being used to reshape the service's core priorities, which include tackling crime, protecting vulnerable people, and improving road safety.

Chief of Police, Julian Pezzani, extended his sincere thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the survey and reiterated the department's commitment to collaboration.

"You are the community, and we are here to listen to you," Chief Pezzani said. "Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping us keep St Helena safe."



Collaborating with local schools and youth groups is part of the police's ramped-up strategy to address community concerns

"You should avoid dealing with this firm"

FSRA issues public warning over unauthorised financial firm 'Nasu Capital'



Liam Yon, SAMS

The Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) of St Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha has issued an explicit consumer alert following the discovery of a fraudulent financial operation targeting the territory. The formal notice explicitly blacklists an entity operating under the name Nasu Capital and its purported Managing Director, David Clarkson.

According to the regulatory body, Nasu Capital has been misleading consumers by falsely claiming to hold an official FSRA license to provide specialised digital asset management and custody services. The FSRA has flatly refuted these assertions, stating unequivocally that the firm is not licensed to provide any services whatsoever, and that any statement indicating otherwise is completely false. Furthermore, the authority confirmed that Clarkson is completely unauthorised to conduct any form of regulated business on the island.

The alert serves as a timely reminder of the regulatory frameworks protecting St Helena's economy. Established as an independent statutory body under the Financial Services Ordinance 2008, the FSRA operates separately from the St Helena Government, though its Supervisor is appointed by the Governor.

The authority is governed by four core statutory objectives designed to safeguard the public: to maintain absolute confidence in the local financial system; to promote public understanding of how financial systems operate; to secure an appropriate and rigorous degree of protection for everyday consumers and depositors; and to drastically reduce the extent to which any business can be used as a vehicle for financial crime.

While the FSRA holds all legitimately regulated local firms to strict, ongoing "fit and proper" standards of conduct, its powers do have legal limits. The authority explicitly reminds residents that it cannot act as an arbitrator, Ombudsman, or Court, nor can it provide bespoke legal advice or enforce financial compensation for individuals who lose money to unregulated, external entities. Consequently, public awareness and upfront verification remain the island's strongest lines of defence.

The FSRA has previously noted that while higher-speed internet connectivity has revolutionised St Helena's infrastructure, it has simultaneously opened the door for predatory, international cyber-criminals to target residents.

Modern investment scams are highly sophisticated. Fraudsters routinely buy advertising space on popular social media networks—often illegally manipulating images of global celebrities—to give their fake platforms a veneer of high-profile backing. These ads steer users to polished, convincing websites where tracking software is intentionally doctored to display completely fictitious investment returns. It is often only when a consumer attempts to sell their assets or withdraw their principal balance that the scammers close the account and vanish with the funds.

To assist the community in identifying and avoiding this specific threat, the FSRA has published the known digital touchpoints for the unauthorised operation as follows:

- Entity Name: Nasu Capital
- Purported Director: David Clarkson
- Website: www.nasucapital.com
- Associated Email Addresses: contact@nasucapital.com and ir@nasucapital.com

The regulator's directive to the public is absolute. "You should avoid dealing with this firm and beware of scams," they warn.

Members of the public who have been approached by representatives of Nasu Capital, or who have any information regarding their activities, are requested to report the details directly to the FSRA via info@fsra.sh.

"The Very Highest Standards of Public Service"

Historic Badges of Honour awarded to Gwyneth Howell and Linda Glanville



Badge of Honour recipients with HE the Governor and invited guests

Liam Yon, SAMS

In a formal ceremony held at the Governor's Residence at Plantation House, His Excellency the Governor, Nigel Phillips CBE, presented the prestigious Badge of Honour to Gwyneth Howell and Linda Glanville on behalf of His Majesty King Charles III.

According to a St Helena Government (SHG) press release, the awards celebrate both recipients' "profound and enduring contributions to the public service and infrastructure of St Helena."

Marking a historic milestone for the island, both Linda and Gwyneth are the very first recipients of the Badge of Honour to feature King Charles III's effigy.

Retired St Helena Airport Ltd (SHAL) Chief Executive Officer, Gwyneth Howell, was honoured for her "transformative leadership and profound impact on St Helena's aviation sector and critical national infrastructure."

Gwyneth originally joined the St Helena Airport Project as an Aviation Safety Specialist. Through her dedication, she successfully progressed to Head of Operations by October 2017, culminating in her 2018 appointment as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Accountable Manager of SHAL.

In this dual capacity, SHG noted that Gwyneth, "carried ultimate regulatory and operational responsibility for the airport's safety, security, and environmental certifications." Notably, her steadfast leadership proved instrumental during the COVID-19 pandemic, where she ensured the continuity of vital air services and medical repatriations. Under her direction, St Helena Airport achieved the distinction of becoming, "the most highly regarded airport facility within the Overseas Territories."

The ceremony simultaneously celebrated the enduring and distinguished public service of Linda Glan-



Recipients of the Badge of Honour, Linda Glanville and Gwyneth Howell with HE the Governor, Nigel Phillips

ville, who was awarded the Badge of Honour for her "significant, multi-faceted career within the St Helena Government."

Serving most recently as the Governor's Personal Assistant, Linda was lauded for managing the immense and highly sensitive burden of state information with, "unwavering discretion, effectively preserving vital institutional 'corporate memory' across a succession of Governors."

Beyond her critical administrative and confidential duties, Glanville's strategic stewardship was highly praised for helping to make Plantation House, "an inclusive space that welcomes and celebrates the local community." She was also recognised for her historic role as the island's first female scuba diver, reflecting a lifetime of breaking barriers and demonstrating an exemplary commitment to St Helena that mirrors the high standards of the island's top public honours.

In his address during the ceremony, HE the Governor praised the lifelong contributions of both recipients. "Both Gwyneth Howell and Linda Glanville embody the very highest standards of public service," Governor Phillips said. "Their dedication has left an indelible mark on our community, ensuring St Helena's safety, connectivity, and heritage are preserved for future generations."

The reception at Plantation House brought together family members and colleagues to honour two exceptional individuals whose careers reflect the peak of civic duty and excellence on the island. Congratulations to both Gwyneth and Linda!



The Badge of Honour with the King's effigy

"It was (quite literally) an honour"

Chief Secretary, Ian Todd, receives OBE from King Charles III at Windsor Castle



Ian recieved his OBE Medal from HM The King at Windsor Castle

Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena's Chief Secretary and Head of the Public Service, Ian Todd, has officially received his Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) medal from His Majesty King Charles III. The formal investiture ceremony took place recently at Windsor Castle, marking a major milestone in Ian's career in Parliamentary and Public Service.

Reflecting on the prestigious event on his official Chief Secretary Facebook page, Ian shared his pride in the recognition, while accompanied by close family members.

"It was (quite literally) an honour to be received by HM King Charles III at Windsor Castle last week for my investiture as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (or, in English, to receive my OBE), for Parliamentary and Public Service," he stated in a post on Friday of last week. "It is wonderful to be recognised in this way, with my parents and sister present."

Despite the individual nature of the royal decoration, the Chief Secretary was quick to dedicate the honour to the numerous colleagues and teams he has collaborated with throughout his career in public administration. He highlighted that the medal reflects a collective commitment to civic duty.

"Just as much, it's a reflection on the many incredible civil and public servants I have had the pleasure of working with along the way," he wrote humbly. "It's always a team effort."

Addressing those who have supported and worked alongside him over the years, the Chief Secretary extended his gratitude across the public service community, inviting them to share in the achievement.

"I hope you know who you are, because I hope I've told you along the way, but please do take your own personal pride in this, if you can," Ian concluded. "Only one person gets to wear the medal, but many more contributed to it. Thank you all."

The announcement has drawn widespread congratulations from across the St Helena community, celebrating the formal international recognition of St Helena's senior administrative official. The Sentinel, as such, also wishes to extend congratulations to Ian for his wonderful achievement.



The beautiful and prestigous OBE medal

New Market Coming Soon

Uniquely Saint Market Set to Showcase Local Talent and Heritage



St Helena Arts & Crafts, Contributed

A new community initiative is hoping to bring together crafters, makers, growers, food producers, and small businesses from across St Helena through the launch of a regular Uniquely Saint Market.

Developed by the Art & Crafts Action Group the market aims to create a vibrant and supportive space where local people can showcase and sell their products while celebrating the creativity, skills, and heritage that make St Helena unique.

The concept is built around the Uniquely Saint Quality Assurance Mark, which was developed by the St Helena Art & Crafts Association to recognise products that reflect the island's identity and values. Participating artisans and crafters will be encouraged to meet the Uniquely Saint standards, including producing items that are locally made, utilise local materials where possible or involve significant transformation, carry a Made in St Helena label, are environmentally responsible, and demonstrate a high standard of workmanship.

The market is intended to provide makers with something regular to work towards throughout the year. Rather than relying solely on the Christmas season or occasional events, organisers hope the monthly markets will create ongoing opportunities for local producers to generate income, test new products, build customer relationships, and grow their businesses.

While crafts and handmade goods will form an important part of the market, organisers are keen to welcome a broad range of local producers. Fresh produce growers, honey producers, bakers, preserve makers, confectionery producers, artisanal food businesses, and others who contribute to St Helena's rich food heritage are encouraged to participate.

In addition to celebrating local crafts and products, the Uniquely Saint Market aims to promote healthy and wholesome living by encouraging the sale of fresh produce and locally produced foods. Visitors can expect to find a variety of seasonal fruit and vegetables, honey, preserves, baked goods, artisanal cheeses, and other speciality foods that reflect the island's food heritage and support local producers.

The market will also rotate between different districts around the island, making it easier for communities to access and enjoy the events while ensuring that opportunities are shared across St Helena. By taking the market into different areas, organisers hope to encourage wider participation and create a stronger sense of community involvement.

The market is also intended to be a welcoming community event for all ages. Organisers hope to create a lively and enjoyable atmosphere through live acoustic music performed by local musicians, alongside simple entertainment and activities for children. By combining local products, food, music, and family-friendly activities, the market aims to become a regular gathering place where communities can come together, support local businesses, and celebrate the unique talents and traditions of St Helena.

Beyond simply providing a place to buy and sell products, the initiative has a broader vision. It aims to inspire people to explore their creativity, learn new skills, revive traditional crafts, and discover opportunities to earn additional income. Organisers hope the market will encourage more people to become involved in crafting and mak-





ing, whether as a hobby, a side business, or even the beginning of a future enterprise.

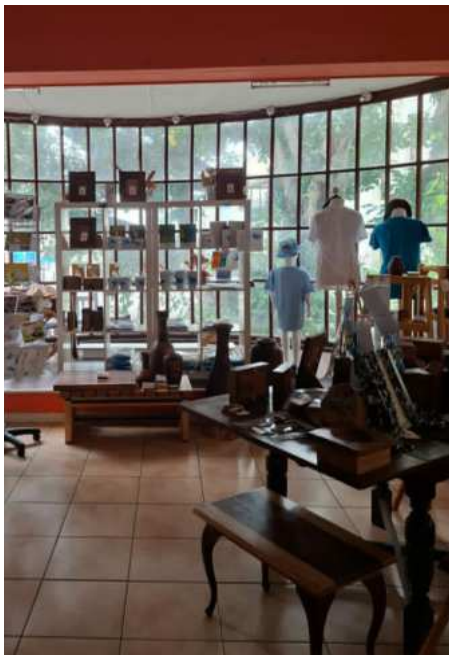
The initiative also aligns closely with the wider vision of the St Helena Art & Crafts Association to preserve and celebrate St Helena's living heritage. Traditional skills such as lace making, flax work, embroidery, woodworking, spinning, and other local crafts form an important part of the island's story. By creating opportunities for these skills to be demonstrated, shared, and sold, the market will help ensure that this heritage continues to thrive for future generations.

The Uniquely Saint Market also seeks to celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit of St Helena. By providing a regular platform for makers, growers, food producers, and small businesses, it offers an opportunity for people to test ideas, build confidence, develop products, and potentially grow a hobby or side income into a sustainable enterprise. It is hoped that the market will encourage innovation while remaining rooted in the island's unique culture, traditions, and sense of community.

The Art & Crafts Action Group believes the Uniquely Saint Market has the potential to become much more than a marketplace. It can become a regular community showcase, a platform for small business growth, a family-friendly community gathering, and a celebration of the talent, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit that exists throughout St Helena.

The first Uniquely Saint Market will take place on Sunday, 26 July, at the Jamestown Community Centre, from 12noon to 4pm. The public is warmly invited to come along, support local makers and producers, enjoy the community atmosphere, and discover the wonderful range of products and talents that St Helena has to offer.

If you are interested in selling products, please register via popping into the Arts & Craft or by signing up to an online form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdItj5zTngMxFx56-ZDHBJTW5O0VfzPVfy1lS3jJkb4AVZwog/viewform.



St Helena Government

APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application has been received in respect of the following proposals:

1. **Application 2026/86:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Access Road including Excavation and Fill to Land ,** Crack Plain, St Pauls,on Parcel TH020261. **Applicant:** Fiona Allen.
2. **Application 2026/87:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed One Bedroom Flat,** Sea View, Alarm Forest, on Parcel AF0442. **Applicant:** Scott Stander.
3. **Application 2026/88:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Installation of 2x 5000 L Water Tanks ,** Green Hill, Sandy Bay, on Parcel SBE0012. **Applicant:** Merchants of The South Atlantic C/o Alec Phillip.

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 08.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Administration Assistant on Telephone 24724 or email rea.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make Representations on any of the above Applications should make them in writing to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email planning.mailbox@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Representation Closing Date: 4pm – 23 July 2026

Patricia Coyle, Chief Planning Officer

SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

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FRI. July 10

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

SAT. July 11

- 9am-11: Indie Waves with Sue (Repeat)
- 12noon: Ministers Question Time (repeat)
- 1:00pm: Northward Sounds (Repeat)
- 3:30-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna (Repeat)
- 5pm: In the know (Repeat)
- 6pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 8:30pm: OUT! OUT! with Liam (Repeat)

SUN. July 12

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

MON. July 13

- 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. July 14

- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Donna
- 11am: Vibes with Annika
- 2pm: The Island Pulse
- 3:30pm: American Connections with Brian Clough
- 5:30-7pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7:30pm: Classical Compilations with Anita

WED. July 15

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

THU.July 16

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

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Featured this Week



Minsters Question Time was held on Tuesday, 7 July.

The topic chosen was the BIOT Extended programme.

If you missed it during the 'live' broadcast, make sure to tune in on Saturday at 12 noon for the repeat.

If that's still not a good time, no worries, just check it out via the SAMS podcast page whenever you can.

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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Easy'

See solution to last week's Sudoku Puzzle:

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



9th July 1805: Arthur Wellesley, the 1st Duke of Wellington departs St Helena after staying 3 weeks. Curiously he stayed in The Briars Pavilion, the same building to which Napoleon would later be exiled after Wellington defeated him at the Battle of Waterloo.

(sainthelenaisland.info)

World Cup on and stomach rumbling? This time you score! Whip up this super quick, delicious meal and get back to cheering on your team!

Sheet Pan Nachos



Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 250g/9oz beef mince
- 1 tsp hot smoked paprika
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- ½ tsp chilli powder
- ½ 400g tin black beans, drained
- 200g/7oz lightly salted corn tortilla chips
- 150g/5½oz cheddar, grated
- 100g/3½oz tomatoes, quartered
- salt and freshly ground black pepper

To serve

- 4 onions, finely chopped
- coriander (optional)
- sliced chillies (optional)
- soured cream
- guacamole or mashed avocado (optional)

Method

1. Heat the oil in a frying pan over a medium heat, add the onion and cook for 3–5 minutes until soft and translucent.
2. Increase the heat and add the beef, paprika, cumin and chilli powder. Cook for 5–10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the beef is browned.
3. Reduce the heat to medium and add the black beans, stirring gently, until the beans are heated through. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6.
5. Cover the base of a 1.5 litre/2¾ pint ovenproof dish or baking tray with a single layer of tortilla chips, then top with half of the beef mixture, then half the cheddar and half the cherry tomatoes. Add a second layer of tortilla chips, then top with the remaining beef and cheese.
6. Transfer to the oven and cook for 8–10 minutes, until the cheese has melted.
7. Top the nachos with the remaining tomatoes, spring onions, coriander and chilli, if using. Serve hot with the soured cream, guacamole (if using) and lime wedges.

THE ISLAND PULSE

The Island Pulse

Highlighting Zulu heritage, digital safety, constitutional issues and upcoming Budget Session



Communications Champion Cllr Julie Thomas, Contributed

The latest edition of ***The Island Pulse*** provided listeners with updates on a number of significant issues currently being progressed by Elected Members, ranging from preserving St Helena's Zulu heritage to protecting young people online, constitutional developments, shipping arrangements and preparations for the forthcoming Budget Session of Legislative Council.

Opening the programme, presenter **Councillor Julie Thomas** welcomed listeners and outlined the wide-ranging agenda, explaining that the programme aimed to keep the public informed and involved in decisions affecting the island.

Zulu Heritage Working Group seeks to preserve an important chapter of history

The programme began with an update from **Councillor Denis Leo**, who recently joined the Zulu Heritage Working Group.

Councillor Leo explained that the group brings together representatives from organisations including the St Helena National Trust, St Helena Tourism, Arts and Crafts, the Government Communications Hub and other stakeholders. Its principal objective is to progress plans for an interpretation centre and improved memorial at Ladder Hill to commemorate the Zulu exiles who lived on St Helena.

Providing historical context, Councillor Leo described the two separate groups of Zulu prisoners who were exiled to the island.

He explained that **King Dinizulu kaCetshwayo**, together with members of his family and entourage, arrived on St Helena in 1890 after being exiled by the British following conflicts in southern Africa. Initially housed at Rosemary Hall and later Maldivia House, the group eventually settled at Francis Plain, where they remained until returning to South Africa in 1897.

Councillor Leo noted that during their stay the group grew considerably, with several children being born on the island, while local records also contain accounts suggesting Dinizulu fathered children with St Helenian women.

He then contrasted this with the treatment of the second group of Zulu prisoners, who arrived following the **Bambatha Rebellion** in 1907. These prisoners were held at Ladder Hill Barracks under significantly harsher conditions.

According to Councillor Leo, only 18 of the 25 prisoners survived their imprisonment on St Helena, with the graves of seven remaining unidentified.

Reflecting on the importance of the project, he said preserving this history is about recognising "another piece of St Helena's history," adding that it also represents an opportunity to strengthen links with South Africa and develop cultural tourism by creating a place where descendants and visitors can pay tribute to the Zulu leaders who were exiled here.

He also expressed concern that this chapter of Black history is not sufficiently taught within schools and deserves greater public recognition.

Working Group addresses growing concerns over children's online safety

Councillor Julie Thomas then updated listeners on the work of the **Digital Literacy and Boundaries Working Group**, established to examine the impact of social media, online gaming and digital technology on young people.

The cross-government group includes representatives from Education, Children's Services, Youth Parliament, the Government Communications Hub, IT specialists, parents and Councillor Thomas in her role as Children's Champion.

Councillor Thomas explained that while digital platforms offer significant educational opportunities, increasing evidence links excessive and unregulated use to anxiety, depression, reduced self-esteem, sleep deprivation, cyberbullying and exposure to harmful online content.

She said one particular concern emerging from local discussions is the impact excessive screen time may be having on educational attainment.

The Working Group is currently analysing survey data collected across all three schools and is developing a communications strategy that will include parent guidance, public

awareness campaigns, educational resources, debate events and further engagement with young people.

Although acknowledging proposed UK legislation expected from 2027 that would introduce stricter protections for children using social media, Councillor Thomas stressed that St Helena has not committed to adopting identical measures. Instead, the Working Group is focused on understanding the local situation before considering future policy.

Councillor Leo welcomed the work already undertaken by the Youth Parliament, particularly interviews conducted with secondary school pupils, saying they provided valuable insight into how young people use technology.

Drawing on his own experience as a parent, he admitted that parents sometimes need to pay closer attention to the content children are accessing online.

Councillor **Dr Corinda Essex** emphasised that digital technology presents genuine safeguarding risks, warning that vulnerable young people can become targets for online grooming, financial scams, manipulation and exploitation.

She said education rather than fear was the key to helping young people safely navigate the digital world, adding that children need to understand both the opportunities and the risks associated with online platforms.

Councillor Leo also highlighted that older residents can be equally vulnerable, describing instances where first-time internet users have unknowingly become targets for online scams and fraudulent requests for money.

White Paper discussion highlights constitutional uncertainty

Councillor **Ronald Coleman** provided listeners with an overview of the UK's 2012 Overseas Territories White Paper following recent confirmation that the UK Government will not produce an updated version at this time.

He explained that the White Paper sets out the partnership between the United Kingdom and its Overseas Territories, covering areas including defence, security, good governance, financial transparency, sustainable economic development and environmental protection.

Although an updated White Paper has not been approved, Councillor Coleman noted that the UK continues to rely on other mechanisms, including the annual Joint Ministerial Council process and the Joint Declaration agreed in 2023, to maintain engagement with the Territories.

Councillor Julie Thomas reflected on discussions held during previous Joint Ministerial Council meetings, explaining that St Helena had supported retaining the White Paper while developing more territory-specific agreements through individual compacts and strategies.

She observed that St Helena's priorities often differ from those of financially self-sufficient Overseas Territories, making it essential that the island continues to make its voice heard.

Councillor Essex expressed disappointment that constitutional developments had stalled, noting that although the existing White Paper remains in force, it is now 14 years old and no longer reflects many modern realities.

She explained that uncertainty surrounding the future relationship between Britain and its Overseas Territories has also delayed progress on reviewing St Helena's own Constitution, as any local reforms need to align with future UK policy.

Nevertheless, she welcomed the continued commitment within the White Paper for Britain to meet the "reasonable needs" of its Overseas Territories, describing this as an important principle that remains in place.

Shipping changes aim to reduce freight costs

Councillor Essex also provided an update on proposed adjustments to the MV Karoline shipping schedule.

She reminded listeners that rising fuel costs prompted discussions between MACS, SHG, the Chamber of Commerce and local importers about possible timetable changes designed to reduce operating costs while avoiding significant increases in freight charges.

Following consultation, a preferred option was unanimously supported by those attending, primarily because it avoids an extended gap between the December and January sailings while maintaining reliable connections with UK transhipment services.

Although the revised schedule had not yet been formally published, Councillor Essex said she expected changes to be implemented in due course and reassured listeners there would be no disruption to the July sailing.

She also urged residents to avoid panic buying or clearing supermarket shelves when new stock arrives, describing such behaviour as unnecessary and unfair to other members of the community.

Councillors prepare for annual Budget Session

The programme concluded with a preview of the upcoming Budget Session of Legislative Council, scheduled for **17 and 20 July.**

Councillor Essex described it as the most important formal sitting of the year, during which Members will consider the Chief Minister's Budget Speech and the Government's detailed Estimates, commonly referred to as the "Pink Book."

She explained that prior to the formal debate, Elected Members will meet with individual portfolios to examine proposed spending, identify areas where services have been constrained and assess the likely impact on frontline delivery before deciding whether to approve the budget.

Councillor Julie Thomas encouraged members of the public to obtain and read the Budget Book once published, saying it provides valuable background information and allows residents to better follow the debate.

Councillor Ronald Coleman reminded listeners that statutory obligations and essential public services such as health, education and social care must remain priorities, while also highlighting the importance of improving living standards, particularly given the continuing cost pressures facing households.

Preparing for his first Budget Session, Councillor Leo said he was looking forward to understanding how limited public finances are allocated across competing priorities, including ageing infrastructure, emergency services and other essential public needs.

Finally, Councillor Essex advised listeners that the completed Immigration Bill is also expected to come before Legislative Council during the July sitting. If passed, she said it would allow the long-awaited immigration framework to move into full implementation after many years of development.

Closing the programme, Councillor Thomas thanked her fellow councillors and listeners for their continued engagement, encouraging residents to stay informed, participate in public discussions and maintain regular contact with their elected representatives.

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.

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Enquiries: Elaine Benjamin on Tel No. 22640 or Email: elaine.benjamin@sainthelena.edu.sh
Closing date: 17 July 2026
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Teaching Assistant (Key Stage 1)

(£10,966 per annum)

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Closing date: 17 July 2026
Shortlisting date: 23 July 2026
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Digital Media & Marketing Officer

(£16,248 per annum)

We are seeking a motivated and creative Digital Media & Marketing Officer to help strengthen SHG's online presence and support clear, engaging communication with the public, stakeholders and visitors. Working under the guidance of the Senior Digital Media and Marketing Officer, you will play an important role in supporting the Communications Hub, St Helena Tourism and wider SHG teams by coordinating digital content, managing online channels and helping to deliver effective digital campaigns that enhance community engagement and contribute to the island's prosperity. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Anne Dillon on Tel No.22470 or Email: anne.dillon@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 15 July 2026
Shortlisting date: 20 July 2026
Interview date: 29 July 2026

Senior Marketing Manager

(£24,503 per annum)

The Senior Marketing Manager will help to improve the lives of all within our community by raising awareness of St Helena as a place to live, learn, work, visit and invest and help the island thrive by leading and coordinating all St Helena Government (SHG) marketing activities. A key focus of the role will be on improving visitor numbers and expenditure by delivering destination marketing initiatives that develop the island's tourism sector. The Senior Marketing Manager will report to the Head of Communications and will be part of the Communications Hub, overseeing the marketing function. The role will serve as a firm link strengthening working relationships, systems and structures between St Helena and external stakeholders, and will support a wide range of PR, product/service development, marketing issues and initiatives, and provide strategic marketing leadership for projects and partnerships. Interested? Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Anne Dillon on Tel No.22470 or Email: anne.dillon@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 15 July 2026
Shortlisting date: 20 July 2026

Customs/Immigration Officer

(£11,604 per annum)

If you're looking for a challenge, have an inquisitive mind and see yourself working as part of a team why not join the Customs and Immigration team. We need you on the front line where you will be required to help reduce threats to the border integrity of St Helena. This is a critical and demanding role where you will interact with the public on a daily basis. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Juliette O'Dean on Tel No.22287 or Email: juliette.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 10 July 2026
Assessment date:14/15 July 2026
Shortlisting date: 16 July 2026
Interview date: 24 July 2026

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The Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section is looking for volunteers to help with various conservation and research initiatives scheduled for later this year and extending into 2027.

Endemic Species Research Project:
The Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section is set to start a project collecting samples of four endemic fish species around the island. The section is looking for skilled SCUBA divers to collect samples using hand lances and hand nets. The Section is also looking for individuals to help with sampling in the Marine Centre laboratory. Training will be provided with researchers in August. Please reach out for further details and to engage in a discussion.

Five-Year Dive Survey Programme:
The Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section is set to conduct its five-year marine survey program on both the windward and leeward sides of the island in October 2026 and April 2027. The Section is looking for confident SCUBA divers, who can dive in various conditions, have demonstrable experience diving on the windward side of the island, and feel comfortable working from boats while spending extended time at sea, ideally without suffering from seasickness, we encourage you to contact us for additional information and a discussion.

For further information about the Volunteer Opportunities and to obtain the 'Expression of Interest form, interested persons may contact Adam Riggs on Tel No: 25966 or via e-mail adam.riggs@sainthelena.gov.sh. Completed expression of interest forms should be returned to Adam Riggs by 21 July 2026

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

JOIN US! WE ARE RECRUITING…

BENEFITS

- → **Leave –** 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays
- → **Pension –** 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme
- → **Training and Development**
- → **Paid sickness absence**

HOW TO APPLY

To access job profiles and application forms online, visit www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies Alternatively, these are available in paper format from Central Human Resources and Organisational Development at The Castle, Jamestown.

For further information, please contact the recruitment team on telephone number **22470** or via the email address below.

Applications should be submitted through the Director/Line Manager (where applicable) to the Human Resources Officer by email recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh or paper copies delivered to the Human Resources Officer by the closing date.

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

Human Resources Assistant – 6 months fixed term
(£10,088 per annum)

We are looking for a highly motivated individual to undertake a range of HR transactional processes and deliver a high-quality HR service. You will be required to provide administration duties in connection with recruitment and selection, processing of leavers and contractual changes in accordance with employment related policies and procedures. This is a great opportunity to start your career in HR if you are a motivated, self-starter who has a passion for delivering great customer service and administration. Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Sharnell Benjamin on Tel No.22470 or Email: sharnell.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 21 July 2026
Shortlisting date: 23 July 2026
Interview date: 29 July 2026

Deputy Superintendent of Prisons
(£17,811 per annum)

The Deputy Superintendent of Prisons is a complex role which requires strategic vision, tactical understanding and operational management. Working with and supporting the Superintendent of Prisons, the Deputy ensures that the prison's strategic and operational plans are delivered in line with the prison reform program. The Deputy, along with the Superintendent has national responsibility for the effective management of His Majesty's Prison Service in St Helena. The Job holder will ensure compliance with Prison Ordinance and regulations, protection of the public and the safe and secure welfare of Prisoners, abiding to international standards on the detention. For further information or to discuss this opportunity in more detail, please contact us.

Enquiries: Paul Duncan on Tel No.25995 or Email: paul.duncan@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 16 July 2026
Shortlisting date: 22 July 2026
Interview date: 30 July 2026

Senior Care Assistant
(£11,935 per annum)

Are you an experienced care professional ready to take the next step in your career? If so, Social Care is seeking to appoint a Senior Care Assistant to join the team at Ebony View. The successful candidate will play a key role in delivering high-quality, person-centred care and promoting the health, well-being, and independence of service users in accordance with individual Care Plans, as well as established policies, procedures, and best practice guidelines. The post holder will demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with proven experience in supporting individuals within a care environment who present with challenging behaviours. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Kelly Hopkins on Tel No. 23343 or Email: kelly.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing Date: 24 July 2026
Shortlisting date: 29 July 2026
Interview date: 06 August 2026

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Senior Support Worker

(£11,935 per annum)

Are you an experienced and compassionate care professional looking to take the next step in your career? If so, Social Care is seeking to appoint a dedicated Senior Support Worker to join the team at Piccolo Hill**.** This is an excellent opportunity to support the delivery of high-quality Supported Living and Respite Services, ensuring service users receive safe, person-centred support that promotes independence, choice and well-being. Working with the management team, you will oversee the day-to-day operations of the team and promote high standards of care for people with learning disabilities and non-learning disablities. You will also share responsibility for maintaining health and safety standards, managing risks, and ensuring safeguarding concerns are addressed promptly and in accordance with organisational policies and best practice. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Kelly Hopkins on Tel No. 23343 or Email: kelly.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing Date: **23 July 2026**
Shortlisting date: **30 July 2026**
Interview date: **12 August 2026**

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ST ANDREWS NEWSPAPER BINGO

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

This week the "Green" bingo sheet will be used – the last sheet. Numbers to be read across, from left to right

Claim on earliest number for full house will be the winner. Claims to be made to Karen Henry on 23401 by Saturday 11 July at 6 pm.

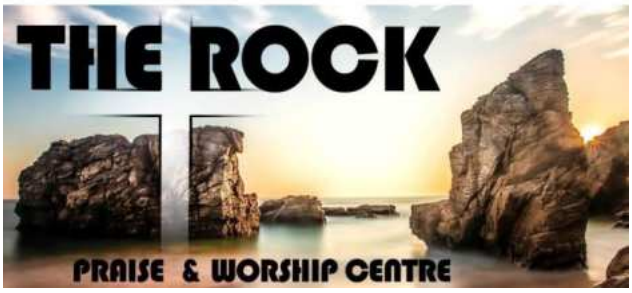
Prize - £20 per week

Last week's winner: Mrs Joycelyn Constantine.

9	48	35	52	24	69	18	40	79	82
66	59	14	32	5	67	28	75	80	46
63	57	36	50	15	29	70	7	85	64
30	45	84	56	22	13	51	90	37	1
11	39	60	55	73	87	4	42	21	86
71	16	65	6	33	27	41	77	20	88
23	61	72	31	10	44	83	34	3	54

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 12th July 2026 - 15th Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Martin
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
5.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Cathedral
	Thursday 16th July	
7.00 p.m.	**Mission Praise and Worship**	**Blue Hill Community Centre**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 12th July 2026 – 15th Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St John
	Thursday 16th July	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 12th July 2026 – 15th Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist/Church Parade	St Mark
	Tuesday 14th July	
7.00 p.m.	Bible School on Wheels	St Mark



Church Notices

We warmly invite you to join us for:

A Musical Evening

Friday 10th July 2026 at 7.30pm
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Prayer Meeting -Online

Saturday 11th July 2026 at 8.30am
Contact Mercy for details-65880 or 24212

Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 12th July 2026 10.00am
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Cell Meetings

Tuesday 14th July 2026
Cape Villa @ 5.00pm, (Contact Priscilla 51919)
Jamestown @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Bramwell 62117)
Wednesday 15th July 2026
Half Tree Hollow @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Mercy 53227)
The Rock Christian Fellowship, Longwood Avenue at 7.00pm
(Contact: Tav 51727 for details)

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services - 12th July
Sandy Bay Chapel, 8.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel, 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel, 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday, 14th July: Baptist School Hall, 7.00 pm
Wednesday, 15th July: Blue Hill Community Centre, 7.00 pm
Thursday, 16th July: Sandy Bay Chapel, 5.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENT
Adventure Kids: Age 6 – 10 yrs old
Saturday, 11th July: Baptist School Hall, 10am to 11.30am

Ladies Meeting
Wednesday, 15th July: Baptist School Hall, 10.30 am

Gospel Outreach Service
Sunday, 19th July: Kingshurst Community Centre, 3.00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact: Tel No 22388

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Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc

has a Vacancy for a

Financial Services Manager

This is a high profile, leadership position as a member of the Company's Corporate Management Team.

The **Financial Services Manager** will be responsible for the Management of the Finance Department and to oversee the accurate provision of financial services and financial advice to all levels of the company, whilst upholding the Company's Purpose & Values.

Interested Persons should have:

- The following knowledge and experience:
    - 5 years professional experience in a financial field
    - 3-5 years' experience in financial management, accounting and budgetary control, including financial planning, and project management experience
    - Practical knowledge of maintenance of accounting systems internal controls and relevant accounting procedures. Experience with Access Dimensions will be an advantage.
    - Direct experience of preparation, analysis and reporting on monthly, quarterly and annual financial information
    - Preparation of Annual Financial Statements in readiness for audit.
- CCAB qualification or recent equivalent level of experience
- Financial Leadership/Management certification/accreditation.
- Strong financial and strategic planning skills including technical budgeting, forecasting and analytical skills
- Comprehensive knowledge of financial regulations and compliance requirements.
- Financial Risk assessment and risk mitigation skills and abilities
- Financial technical skills and abilities and able to train and develop accounting technicians and the wider finance team
- Delegation, planning and organisational skills
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- A high degree of integrity, maturity and professionalism with the ability to lead effectively in a demanding, fast paced team environment

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Paul Gasteen, Chief Operating Officer, on telephone number 22380, or via email: paul.gasteen@solomons.co.sh

Application forms can be collected from the Main Office Building, Jamestown, or alternatively, an electronic copy can be requested via email address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh. Completed application forms should be submitted to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Manager, or via email address hrm@solomons.co.sh by **1600hrs, Thursday, 23 July 2026.**

NOTICE BOARD

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

St Helena Airport Ltd is inviting **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST** from interested parties, to operate the **AIRSIDE CAFÉ** at the St Helena Airport on flight days, from **early August 2026 until 31 May 2031**.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted to Mandy Peters, Business Manager; at St Helena Airport Ltd via email to mandy.peters@sthelenaairport.aero by **1600 hrs on Friday 17 July 2026.**



St Helena Yacht club

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The St Helena Yacht Club will be holding its AGM on Thursday 30th July 2024 at 6pm at the club house.

Agenda:

- Annual report of the Commodore
- Approve annual accounts
- Election of officers
- Appointment of honorary auditor
- Any Other Business (AOB) *

** Please submit items in writing to sthelenayachtclub@gmail.com no later than 22nd July 2026.*

If you're interested in joining the team as part of the committee or as a volunteer/helper then please come along.

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NOTIFICATION

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

"The Land Development Control Authority will hold a special meeting on **Thursday, 23rd July 2026, at 10 am in the St Helena Community College Main Hall, Jamestown**.

Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors.

The Agenda and redacted version of the Handling Reports will be available on the LDCA Web Page of the SHG Web Site. Should you require assistance, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 24724.

Applicants and objectors may speak at the meeting providing that a summary of the points to be raised has been submitted to the Secretary at least 24 hours before the meeting".

ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

We're Hiring: Marine Project Officer

Full-time **£9945 per annum**





Do you have a passion for marine conservation and a desire to make a real difference?

The St Helena National Trust is looking for a Marine Project Officer to support conservation work on whale sharks, seahorses, devil rays and Storm Petrels, while helping deliver long-term marine monitoring across St Helena's waters.

You'll be involved in underwater and coastal field surveys, species monitoring, data collection, equipment care and day-to-day project delivery. Strong organisational and communication skills, attention to detail and a practical, positive attitude are essential. Experience in ecological fieldwork is desirable, and all required snorkel and scuba training will be provided.

This is a fantastic opportunity to build your skills, work with local and international conservation partners, and help protect one of the world's most unique marine environments.

For more information,
email: neil.thorp@trust.org.sh Tel:22307

To request an application form and job description,
email: amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh Tel:22190

Closing date:
Midnight, Thursday 23rd July 2026

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Governor's Office
St Helena, Ascension and
Tristan da Cunha

Technical issues with Biometric Enrolment System

The Governor's Office wishes to inform members of the public that, due to a technical fault with the biometrics enrolment system, they are currently unable to process biometric enrolments for UK visa and British registration applications.

Technical support has been sought to resolve the issue and restore full service as soon as possible. The Governor's Office sincerely apologises for any inconvenience caused and appreciates customers' patience during this time.

An update will be provided as soon as the system becomes operational again.

Governor's Office
St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
6th July 2026



ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST



We're Hiring: Marine Project Manager

Full-time **£13,395 per annum**

Do you have a passion for marine conservation and a desire to make a real difference?

The St Helena National Trust is looking for a Marine Project Manager to help lead exciting conservation projects focused on whale sharks, seahorses, devil rays and seabirds, while supporting long-term marine monitoring across St Helena.

Applicant must have strong organisational and communication skills, attention to detail, and a passion for conservation. Experience in ecological monitoring or conservation project delivery is desirable, and all scuba and technical training required for the role will be provided.

This is a fantastic opportunity to work with local and international conservation partners and contribute to protecting one of the world's most unique marine environments.

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

INTERNSHIP - CONSERVATION & FISHERIES DIRECTORATE

Are you a passionate early-career conservationist or recent graduate seeking hands-on experience in one of the world's most unique island ecosystems? The Ascension Island Government is offering a full-time, 12-month conservation internship from September 2026 to September 2027.

Ascension Island hosts a unique assemblage of animals and plants in a dramatic volcanic landscape. It is home to one of the world's largest nesting populations of green turtles, over a million seabirds, plant species found nowhere else on earth and a marine environment that abounds with fish.

Protecting, monitoring and managing this amazing biodiversity is a great challenge and we are looking for hard-working, enthusiastic people to assist us. You will work across all aspects of the department and take part in a range of tasks on the island including monitoring turtle, land crab and seabird populations, non-native species removal, maintaining the National Park and Marine Protected Area, endemic plant restoration, fisheries monitoring and education and outreach programmes.

We'd like to hear from anyone interested in being involved in our conservation work who has preferably lived and worked in small isolated communities before and is willing to work hard as part of a small team. We are offering a 12-month position from beginning of September 2026 to end of September 2027.

For the successful candidates we will provide:

- One return flight between the UK or St Helena and Ascension and reasonable travel expenses within the UK to Brize Norton if required.
- Rent free accommodation, including electricity and water allowances (Shared bungalow with other project staff: private bedroom, shared kitchen, bathroom and communal areas).
- While this internship is unsalaried, each intern will receive a monthly food allowance of £325 to help with living costs.
- Necessary medical and dental care while in Ascension.

This appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory Employment References
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical and Dental Clearance

Closing Date: 24 July 2026

Interviews: Week commencing 27 July 2026 (by MS Teams if off island)

To apply visit: https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/

For more information about AIGCFD, or about living and working on Ascension Island, please visit the official website at www.ascension.gov.ac/conservation or find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/AscensionIslandConservation

Funding is generously provided by Elizabeth Scarlett. https://www.instagram.com/elizabethscarlett/

Connect SAINT HELENA LTD

PRESS RELEASE

CONNECT SAINT HELENA LTD – UPDATE ON THE TRANSITION TO MONTHLY BILLING

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is committed to providing accurate, fair and transparent billing for all customers. During the transition from quarterly to monthly billing, we have identified several issues that may have affected you. We would like to explain what has happened, the steps we've taken to resolve these issues, and what you should do next.

Payment Due Date and Interest Charges

We recognise that the May 2026 bills were issued later than usual as part of the transition to monthly billing. To support customers, **no interest will be charged on these bills**. This gives everyone additional time to make payment without concern that interest will be applied.

Estimated Bills

Some customers received estimated bills that were higher than expected. This occurred because the billing system calculated estimated consumption from the date of the last quarterly meter reading, which temporarily inflated estimates.

Customers who have received estimated bills for **May or June 2026** are advised to please **defer payment until they receive their July or August bill**. These upcoming bills will include actual meter readings and will automatically adjust any previous estimated charges, ensuring you are billed correctly.

Standing Charges

Charges for unoccupied properties and unmetered untreated water continue to be billed on a quarterly basis. These charges have not been omitted and will appear on the relevant quarterly bills.

Our Commitment

We apologise for any inconvenience or concern these issues may have caused and thank customers for their patience and understanding during this transition.

Our priority is to ensure that every customer receives an accurate bill and that any issues are resolved quickly and transparently. We continue to work with our system provider to ensure the transition to monthly billing is completed successfully.

Customers who have any questions or require assistance are encouraged to contact the Billing Team on 22341 or by email at Accounts.support@connectonline.co.sh.

06 July 2026

SPORTS ARENA

Greetings from the Jamestown Rifle Club



Pat Henry, Contributed

It's unbelievably frightening, we are sailing away into July 2026, how this year is travelling like lightning. But, it doesn't bother us when we're having a hearty night shooting and having fun, the enjoyment is what counts. Eight people came and gave it a go practicing for next week's competition. However, we welcomed three new entries, first time for Paul from our Royal St Helena Police Department, Adam who had visited us last year, and first visit for Amelia.

Everyone was looking forward to shooting well and finishing with good scores. It was amazing to see on the monitor as the shots hitting shooters targets; we knew they were trying hard to make huge improvements, right-on-target. But we always expect good shooting from the more experience shooters and it's good to see them encouraging and helping new entries along.

Mario shot 100.9 & 100.9, Vince 97.6 & 91.3, Mahmood 77 & 92.3, Kyle 100.7 & 99.8, Nina with one shoot, 92.2, Paul 92.1 & 93, Adam 89.2 & 91.1, first time for Amelia with 90.2 & 90; everyone enjoyed and is looking forward to next week.

We are hoping, and depending on turnout, to have a two person team competition, it doesn't matter if you haven't shot before, we will help and give you all the support you need to enjoy, relax have fun and forget about your difficult day at work or if you just want to have a go at shooting, Jamestown Rifle Club is the place to do just that, so why not join us, it'll be fun.

NOTICE: Please be Advise Jamestown Rifle Club will be operating a shooting activity on Friday 10th July 2026. This event requested by St Helena Conservation Group for their Away-Day. The excess bridge will be closed off with Safety Signage and Warning Flags indicating shooting in progress starting at 10.30am.

Excess to the Port Control, Customs Building and Food Service Operator can be made via the Wharf main entrance and Castle Garden terrace steps, this area will not be affected.

On behalf of Jamestown Rifle Club and our Conservation Group we would like to thank the Public for their understanding and their support given to this event. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Golf Report

SHGC Honours Honorary Member Cecil Thomas with Medalford Competition



SHGC, Contributed

The St Helena Golf Club hosted the 18-Hole Medalford Competition on Sunday in honour of honorary member Mr Cecil Thomas, with 13 players taking to the course in very good weather conditions. This event was held to celebrate the birthday of Honorary Member Mr Cecil Thomas who turned 90 in June 2026.

After an enjoyable afternoon of competitive golf, Jason Hopkins produced an outstanding performance to claim first place with an impressive score of 18.

The battle for the remaining podium places was much closer, with K. J., Peter Bagley, and Rodney Braaf all finishing on 21. A play-off was required to separate the trio, with K. J. securing second place and Peter Bagley taking third, while Rodney Braaf narrowly missed out on the prizes.

Special competition winners were:

- Two-Ball Pool: Jeffrey Stevens and Ashton Benjamin, who both birdied the 16th.
- Longest Drive (4th Fairway): Rodney Braaf.
- Nearest the Pin (5th Green): Raymond Henry.
- Nearest the Pin (7th Green): Keith Joshua.

The St Helena Golf Club congratulates all the prize winners and thanks everyone who participated in celebrating Mr Cecil Thomas through another successful day of golf. A big thanks also goes out to the members who contributed towards the prizes for this event. Your generosity and unity for such a noble event is highly appreciated.

The club's next competition is the Par 3 Competition stroke play, tee off 12:00. Members are encouraged to register and continue supporting the club's programme of events. Registration closes on Saturday, 11 July, at 3pm.

Happy swinging!

SPORTS ARENA





FOOTBALL RESULTS

Saturday 4 July 2026

Rovers 2
B Baldwin (2)
MoM: Ricardo Williams

Harts 2
S Stroud (pen), L George (pen)
YPoM: Lebron George

Sunday 5 July 2026

Fugees 6
K Yon (3) L Williams (2) J Williams
MoM: Kenin Yon

STH Young Boys 1
J Jacobs
YPoM: Jude Jacobs

La Verde 0

Bellboys 5
T Brady (2), J Thomas (2) A Duncan
MoM: Jacob Duncan
YPoM: Zac Francis

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Saturday 11 July 2026

2pm **Fugees vs Harts**

Sunday 12 July 2026

1.30pm **Bellboys vs STH Young Boys**

3.30pm **La Verde vs Rovers**

**Fixtures subject to weather conditions*

Fugees 6 – 1 STH Young Boys

In Sunday's opening match between Fugees and league debutants, St Helena Young Boys, both sides walked onto the pitch desperate for points and hunting for their first goals of the season. It was the Fugees who found their shooting boots instantly, tearing into a relentless four-goal lead in the first half.

Man of the Match, Kenin Yon, was in unstoppable form, bagging a clinical hat-trick. His first came from a brilliant burst away from the backline, followed by two classic poacher finishes. Jason Williams netted the remaining first-half goal, cropping up in the box with his trademark spatial awareness to convert. Lars Williams dominated the right wing with electric pace and skill; though he was wasteful in front of goal in the first half when he could easily have bagged a hat-trick of his own; he redeemed himself in style however with a second-half brace.

The Young Boys found visual rhythm late in the first half as the Fugees tired, looking dangerous on the counter. Their efforts were rewarded in the second half when Young Player of the Match Jude Jacobs scored their first goal of the campaign to the delight of the crowd. Alonzo Henry, transitioning seamlessly from a combative midfielder of days gone by to the Fugees' new goalkeeper, provided a calm, ball-playing presence at the back to keep the Young Boys at bay.

The only dark cloud for the Fugees was a second-half shoulder injury to star striker, Kenin, who landed awkwardly after a spectacular overhead bicycle kick. The senior players will also look to inject more control into their possession in the games to come, having expressed frustration at times with the team's over-eagerness and often chaotic attacks.

Bellboys 5 – 0 La Verde

While many neutrals fancied a well-drilled, possession-based La Verde side to potentially cause an upset in the weekend's last fixture, the reigning champions swiftly put those notions to bed with a commanding 5-0 victory to claim the top spot in the standings.

The Bellboys took a 2-0 lead into halftime, highlighted by a stunning half-volley from Tyler Brady that left the keeper stranded. The champions completely dictated the tempo thanks to a masterful midfield performance from Man of the Match, Jacob Duncan. Dominating duels, winning interceptions, and shielding the backline, Duncan's distribution allowed those around him to flourish—most notably young Zac Francis, who collected another Young Player of the Match award.

Last season's Player of the Season, Joey Thomas, may have seemed slightly off his usual blistering pace, but he proved his undoubted quality with a brace. In fact, his second strike was a contender for goal of the decade; a venomous right-footed long-range rocket that rattled off the woodwork before rippling the net in a true "blink and you'll miss it" moment.

At the other end of the spectacular spectrum was Aiden Duncan's goal—surely the most comedic moment of the season. La Verde keeper David Layman attempted a long clearance, only to smash the ball directly into the back of a retreating Aiden. The ball looped comically over the stranded keeper and into the empty net. Aiden will take the goal for his personal tally nonetheless.

With two wins from two, the Bellboys finish the weekend exactly where they intend to stay; top of the tree.

All in all, the big winners of Week 3 are undoubtedly the Bellboys. Having narrowly edged past Harts in Week 1, the champions will be absolutely thrilled to watch their two primary title rivals, Rovers and Harts, take points off each other on Saturday. The gap at the top is already opening.





SPORTS ARENA

Champions March On While Saturday Derby Ends In Drama





Liam Yon, SAMS

The St Helena Football Association (SHFA) League heated up over the weekend with a fiery Saturday derby, a goal-fest for the Fugees, and a clinical display from the reigning champions. At the end of Week 2, it is the Bellboys who sit alone at the top of the tree, maintaining a perfect start to their title defence.

Harts 2 – 2 Rovers

The weekend kicked off with the return of one of local football's most historic and fiercely anticipated rivalries. With Harts returning to the league after a recent absence, a large crowd turned out to witness a highly competitive, tense, and ultimately controversial 2-2 draw against regular title contenders Rovers.

The match was filled with drama with the Harts being awarded not one, but two penalties, both successfully converted. One drilled home by Captain Shane Stroud, and the second tucked away by young sensation and Young Player of the Match, Lebron George. In fact, Lebron's goal ensures he has scored in every single league game of his debut season, remarkably occupying the same position his father did for Harts many moons ago.

Rovers also scored twice through a lethal brace from Blaise Baldwin, who continues to show his clinical edge before he departs to represent St Helena at the Commonwealth Games. Rovers thought they had snatched a dramatic late winner when Captain Rico Benjamin found the back of the net, but the linesman spotted a foul in the build-up, convincing the referee to reverse the decision.

Tempers flared as Rovers felt hard done by several officiating decisions, while a resilient Harts side battled hard to leave the pitch smiling with a massive point. Standing tall amidst the chaos was Rovers' Ricardo "Squares" Williams, whose tireless and rock-solid shift at the back earned him Man of the Match honours.

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