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SENTINEL COMMENT

Donna Crowie, SAMS

How can it be that time of the year already? Very soon, our island's children will be taking their next big steps. Some are starting their very first schooling journey, others are stepping up to new classes/schools, and an older group is preparing for the massive leap into secondary education. For parents, this marks the familiar, hectic scramble for new rucksacks, shoes, and uniforms. It is undeniably a time of happy and exciting new beginnings—or so we hope!

As a parent with a child moving to St Helena Secondary School next term, the recent introduction meeting was a massive eye-opener. This is my second time sending a child into secondary education, and seeing how much things have progressed in just five years is absolutely mind-blowing. The technical upgrades, modernised facilities, and overall ease of mind offered to us as parents show just how far our education system has come.

Yet, the meeting also brought a wave of nostalgia and a little sadness. As a former Pilling student, myself, watching my own children walk through those same halls has been incredibly special. Knowing that the upcoming school reorganisation means our beloved primary school will eventually close its doors is upsetting. It feels like the end of an era for the community.

However, among that sadness, something truly beautiful about the reorganisation; the incredible bond between the students. When I attended high school many moons ago, the transition was terrifying. I distinctly remember the gripping fear of walking into a classroom filled with children I didn't know.

Today, things are completely different. Seeing the current Year 6 interacting, it is clear they have already formed a tight, supportive network, even though it has only been seven months. They are stepping into this massive new chapter without that old fear, comforted by the secure knowledge that they will always have a friend right there beside them.

But remember; work hard, study smart, and always give it your all—but never forget to stay true to who you really are and have fun along the way!

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

In response to a further letter from STC director Johann Bezuidenhout in last week's The Sentinel.

Below is an abstract from the Public Accounts Committee Report 2025, which proceeded Audit St Helena's Performance Audit regarding the "Fishing Operations Agreement" between PQTSH/STC/SHG.

• "The Committee concluded that the process to appoint the investor included non-transparent procurement practices. SHG bypassed the procurement board, selected PQTSH through a group established under Executive Council (ExCo), offered the winning bidder a £500k capital contribution that was never disclosed to the other 4 bidders and conducted only limited due diligence despite knowing that PQTSH had no vessels of its own".

We would encourage interested readers to read the PAC's report in full, however, the abstract included here is for the purpose of establishing once and for all why the St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association (SHCFA) chose to oppose the SHG lead 2019/2020 fisheries procurement process in the manner that we did. Mr Bezuidenhout references our petition and application for Judicial Review in his letter and suggests it is undisputed opposition. He would be correct, however and given the PAC findings, did the conduct of SHG in 2019/2020 not constitute a petition? Did it not suggest strongly that a government who conducted its business in this manner should have been prepared for legal challenge?

The SHCFA was unsuccessful with our petition and our application for a judicial review was rejected. We simply didn't have access to the type of information which might have made a difference at the time – indeed, the PAC Report cited above was published 5 years after these events.

We do not attach blame to PQTSH/STC for the highly questionable behaviour of the 2019/20 government – STC did not exist and PQTSH could not dictate how SHG conducted its business. However, the investor (PQTSH) made one fatal mistake at the time which raised serious questions regarding trust and this combination of an unethical government and potentially untrustworthy investor is what led to the sustained stance of the SHCFA which now spans nearly 7 years.

Of course a great deal has happened since the questionable procurement process which has only served to reinforce our position. The events are many - spread out over 7 years. It is not necessary to highlight any of them as STC's current position perhaps speaks loud enough.

With respect to STC refusing to purchase fish (or should we say choosing not to accept fish from interested fishermen for a sustained period of time...) from interested fishermen: we do not direct STC and so we invite Mr Bezuidenhout to explain the context involved with refusing to purchase fish from fishermen in the same way he did to the previous Minister for ENRP when she interjected on behalf of one of our members.

Kind regards,
SHCFA

Battery System Triggers Hospital Fire Alarm

Fire Service confirms that smoke from a battery unit in the Radiology room set off alarms at the General Hospital; no actual fire or injuries reported



Donna Crowie, SAMS

A fault within an electrical back-up system triggered fire alarms at the General Hospital on Wednesday evening, 22 July, prompting a response from the St Helena Fire & Rescue Service.

The SHF&RS Station Officer confirmed with The Sentinel that firefighters arrived at the hospital at approximately 6.30pm following the alarm activation. A subsequent investigation of the building confirmed that there was no actual fire.

The smoke that raised the alarm was traced directly to a fault within the hospital's Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) battery backup system inside the Radiology room. An attending electrician quickly isolated the system and made the area safe. Fire officials confirmed that no injuries occurred and the hospital remained safe throughout the incident.

Speaking to The Sentinel, Minister for Health and Social Care, Martin Henry, reassured the public that admitted patients and visitors were not in danger, and an emergency evacuation of the wards was not required.

The affected system supports the hospital's mammography equipment, and one of the old scanners used for routine breast screening now needs to be replaced. While the scanner is not required for emergency medical care, Minister Henry underscored its importance to St Helena's preventative healthcare services.

"We don't have a replacement machine on the island," he explained. "It is the machine used for routine breast screening, so it is not needed for any emergencies—however, it is an important part of our prevention strategy and services."

As such, the Health Directorate is moving quickly to replace the affected equipment. "We are in the process of procuring a replacement immediately due to its core strategic element and the fact that we have some direct funds which we secured through BIOT 2," the Minister confirmed.

The incident is being reviewed internally to asses and understand maintenance procedures and help inform future safety checks and equipment monitoring.

Swindon Shooting Update

Three men, including St Helenian brothers, appear in Court

Liam Yon, SAM

Recently, there has been a significant update on the shooting in Swindon last month, which many will remember is one that has deeply affected our island community; with the victim and main suspects all being Saints living in the UK.

Wiltshire Police have confirmed that three men have now appeared before the courts in connection with the incident on Friday, 19 June, in Gorse Hill, which left St Helenian Aaron 'Shorty' Thomas with severe injuries caused by a gunshot wound.

In the latest court proceedings, St Helenian, Kyron Anthony, aged 20, of Milton Road, Swindon, appeared at Swindon Crown Court where he pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted murder and possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence. A formal trial has now been scheduled to begin on 2 November.

Kyron's younger brother, Dylan Anthony, aged 19, also of Milton Road, appeared charged with attempted murder. He is due to return to court on 28 August for a Pre-Trial Preparation Hearing.

In addition, a third man, Peter Bullock, aged 51, of Queens Drive, Swindon, appeared in court charged with assisting an offender. Reports indicate that he is seeking to have the charge dismissed, with a potential dismissal hearing set for 24 September.

Wiltshire Police have also confirmed that of the eight individuals originally arrested in connection with the investigation, two have been released with no further action, while three others remain on conditional bail as enquiries continue.

While authorities have formally categorised Aaron's injuries from the attack as life-changing, family and friends have been heartened to see Aaron stepping up his recovery after being released from hospital, with his condition having greatly improved since being in a critical state in the immediate aftermath following the shooting in June.

Because formal criminal proceedings are active in the UK courts, further details surrounding evidence or motives cannot be released at this stage. The Sentinel will however continue to monitor the proceedings closely and bring you further updates as official details are released.

Independent Investigation Underway

GBB UK Limited's Dr Ross Beesley arrives on-Island to conduct Independent Inquiry into February's Airport Major Incident



St Helena Airport, where commercial flights were suspended for ten days in February prompting the ten-day airport shutdown

Dr Ross Beesley, Senior Forensic Investigator with GBB UK Limited, is on-island to conduct the independent inquiry

Liam Yon, SAMS

On Monday, the St Helena Government (SHG) finally, and officially, announced the launch of the independent investigation into the causes of the Major Incident that forced the temporary closure of St Helena Airport earlier this year in February.

In their announcement, SHG confirmed that they have formally signed a contract with UK-based forensic engineering firm GBB UK Limited to lead the inquiry. As such, Lead Investigator, Dr Ross Beesley, arrived on-island on Monday to begin interviewing key stakeholders and conducting physical inspections of evidence and equipment.

According to SHG, the investigation aims to determine the technical root cause or causes of the equipment failures, assess any underlying systemic or procedural weaknesses, and identify preventive actions to safeguard future critical equipment availability at St Helena Airport in the future. They also confirmed that key findings and recommendations resulting from the investigation will be published publicly upon completion.

This independent inquiry directly fulfils calls made during and immediately after the February Major Incident by members of the community—including a formal request from Councillor Derek Thomas—demanding an unvarnished, independent review to establish the facts surrounding the airport shutdown.

GBB UK Limited is a market-leading UK consultancy, specialising in forensic engineering, mechanical defect analysis, collision reconstruction, and failure investigation. Operating under the international Davies group, the firm provides expert technical analysis across civil, criminal, and large-loss commercial sectors.

According to information, GBB specialises in root-cause failure analysis, evaluating mechanical defect origin, fire ignition sources, and structural failures. The firm maintains its own self-funded research department, a distinction that has earned recognition in court proceedings for its research-backed and reasoned approach to complex engineering investigations.

Leading the on-island investigation is Dr Ross Beesley, a Senior Forensic Investigator in GBB's Large Loss Division. Dr Beesley brings extensive expertise in structural integrity, materials behaviour, and mechanical failure assessment. He is a Chartered Mechanical Engineer (CEng) and a member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (MIMechE). Dr Beesley also holds an Engineering Doctorate (EngD) in structural integrity from the University of Strathclyde, where his research focused on fracture mechanics, fatigue, and crack growth modelling in components subject to extreme thermal and structural cyclic loading. In addition, he also holds a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering (MEng) from Strathclyde and a Post Graduate Diploma in Enterprise Management from Manchester Business School. His investigative skill set includes Finite Element Analysis (FEA), 3D laser scanning, photogrammetry, computer-aided design (CAD) modelling, and forensic component failure diagnosis.

The upcoming findings from this investigation aim to address the critical breakdown that brought St Helena's primary air link to a halt for ten days earlier this year.

It was on Friday, 6 February, when the St Helena Resilience Forum declared a Major Incident after critical technical faults affected all three of the airport's Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) vehicles (R1, R2, and R3). The loss of fire cover caused the airport's safety status to drop and, because commercial Airlink flights require a minimum of Category 6 operational readiness, routine commercial operations were immediately suspended.

During a press conference in the

afternoon of the declaration of the Major Incident, HE Governor Nigel Phillips explained that while routine maintenance had been underway on tender R2, opening the pump on the final vehicle (R1) the day prior had revealed internal faults so severe that its ability to deliver fire suppressant was compromised. Domestic fire engines from the St Helena Fire & Rescue Service could not substitute for airport-grade appliances.

As such, Chief Secretary, Ian Todd, assumed responsibility as Gold Commander to coordinate emergency logistics, financial support, and passenger welfare. Stranded travellers were provided with support vouchers on-island, while inbound passengers in Cape Town were relocated to Johannesburg to await charter options.

In an early success following the shutdown of operations, on Sunday, 8 February, the airport secured regulatory approval from Air Safety Support International (ASSI) to operate at Category 4. This enabled vital air access for emergency medical evacuations—including a Falcon 50EX flight on 11 February—and allowed a charter flight carrying replacement parts from Germany and specialist engineers from South Africa to land on-island.



The airport's Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) vehicles suffered simultaneous mechanical failures in February, prompting the ten-day airport shutdown

Following intensive repair work and testing, the fire fleet was re-certified, allowing commercial air services to resume at St Helena Airport after the disruption experienced between 6 and 15 February.

In terms of the investigation underway, Dr Beesley will remain on St Helena to complete interviews with key airport, SHG, and emergency personnel, as well as examine physical logs and the fire appliances themselves. Following the conclusion of field work and technical analysis, GBB UK Limited will submit a comprehensive report detailing their findings and any actionable recommendations for SHG, which will be published.

Rare Bugs get 'Stamp' of Approval

St Helena Post Office to Launch New "Endemic Invertebrates" Stamp Issue



Liam Yon, SAMS

The Post and Customer Services Centre has announced the launch of a brand-new definitive stamp series titled "Endemic Invertebrates", set to go on sale this Saturday, 1 August.

The 12-stamp collection showcases St Helena's unique biodiversity through detailed imagery of its rarest endemic invertebrates, including several species that have only recently been discovered on the island. The issue aims to celebrate the island's natural heritage while highlighting the ongoing importance of protecting its fragile wildlife.

The set covers twelve individual denominations; 5p, 10p, 15p, 20p, 30p, 40p, 50p, 60p, 80p, £1.00, £2.00, and £5.00. In addition to standard postal stamps, the release includes dedicated items for local and international philatelists, including a Souvenir Sheet; depicting all twelve valued stamps, available for £11.10, and First Day Covers; a set of three distinct covers priced at £6.00 each.

Local customers can purchase the new stamps and collector merchandise in person at the Post and Customer Services Centre in Jamestown starting Saturday morning, while overseas collectors looking to order the set can do so by contacting the island's official UK agent, CASCO Philatelic, via email at GShaw@cascophilatelic.com.

Pride and Passion in Glasgow

Team St Helena Delivers Personal Bests and Historic Moments at 2026 Commonwealth Games



Liam Yon, SAMS

It has been an extraordinary week of elite competition, grit, and national pride as Team St Helena took centre stage at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Following months of dedicated preparation, our local sports stars have taken on some of the finest athletes in the Commonwealth—delivering standout personal achievements and setting new benchmarks for St Helena on the global stage.

The campaign officially got underway on Thursday, 23 July, during an inspiring Opening Ceremony at a packed stadium in Glasgow. Proudly leading the island's contingent during the parade of nations, sprinter Sean Crowie served as St Helena's official flag bearer, while swimmer William Caswell carried the island's baton.

Guiding the squad on the ground is Chef de Mission Ryan Benjamin, alongside Athletics Official, Theo Meij, Swimming Official, Christine Caswell, CGA President, Anne Dillon, CGA Secretary-General, Michelle Yon, and UK Representative Kedell Worboys.

Action in the Pool: Tollcross International Swimming Centre

St Helena's campaign began bright and early on Friday, 24 July, at the Tollcross International Swimming Centre, where our swimmers faced a gruelling, action-packed schedule across six consecutive days.

Friday 24 July: Lukas Robbertse and Nolan George kicked off proceedings in Heat 1 of the Men's 50m Backstroke. Lukas put in a phenomenal swim to touch fifth in 34.62 seconds—a massive two seconds faster than his previous personal best—finishing nearly three seconds clear of both competitors from Sierra Leone. Nolan finished eighth in 38.10 seconds. Lukas later opted out of the 100m Breaststroke to strategically conserve energy for the packed days ahead.

Saturday 25 July: All three Saint swimmers featured in Heat 2 of the Men's 50m Freestyle. William Caswell led the trio home, touching fourth in 26.22 seconds, closely followed by Lukas Robbertse in fifth (27.56s) and Nolan George in sixth (29.03s). Later that morning, William took on the demanding Men's 400m Freestyle, putting in a determined swim in Heat 1 to finish third in 4:38.43.

Sunday 26 July: Lukas and Nolan returned to the pool for Heat 2 of the Men's 50m Breaststroke, delivering solid performances to finish fifth and sixth with times of 34.20 seconds and 37.10 seconds respectively.

Monday 27 July: The squad wrapped up their short-course freestyle events on Monday morning. William Caswell and Lukas Robbertse raced in Heat 1 of the Men's 100m Freestyle, taking fourth (58.46s) and fifth (1:03.83) respectively. Nolan George contested Heat 2, finishing sixth in 1:02.85.

Tuesday 28 July: On Tuesday morning, William and Nolan lined up in Heat 1 of the Men's 50m Butterfly. William delivered a sharp performance to finish fourth in 28.50 seconds, while Nolan touched in joint-fifth at 31.45 seconds.

Wednesday 29 July: Closing out the individual swimming campaign on Wednesday morning, both Nolan and William entered the Men's 200m Freestyle heats. Nolan touched fifth in Heat 1 with a time of 2:21.77, while William placed sixth in Heat 2, clocking 2:09.21.

Track & Field: Explosive Sprints and Heartbreak

Over at the athletics stadium, Team St Helena's sprinters brought incredible speed and determination to the Men's 100m and 200m sprint heats.

Monday 27 July: Our sprinters made an immediate statement in Monday's 100m heats; Tyler Anthony produced a blistering run in Heat 4, stopping the clock at 11.46 seconds to claim seventh place and establish a new Personal Best; Tye Leo-Stroud



stormed through Heat 2 to record a Season Best time of 11.85 seconds, also finishing seventh; and Sean Crowie showcased world-class acceleration in Heat 11, placing fifth with a lightning-fast time of 10.61 seconds.

Wednesday 29 July: Wednesday brought further dramatic action in the 200m heats. Sean Crowie was back in action in Heat 2, clocking another Season Best time of 21.80 seconds to take fifth place impressively. Blaze Baldwin made his debut in this Games in Heat 10, delivering a heroic sprint to take sixth place with a brand-new Personal Best time of 23.98 seconds. There was heart-breaking drama in Heat 7 for Tyler Anthony. Tyler ran a sensational race, powering across the finish line in 23.34 seconds—which would have smashed his previous Personal Best. However, officials subsequently issued a disqualification after his foot unluckily clipped the lane boundary line on the bend. Despite the technical ruling, Tyler's raw pace on the big stage earned tremendous applause.

Looking Ahead

With the individual events now wrapped up, all eyes turn toward the final showdown for Team St Helena. On Saturday, sprinters Blaze Baldwin, Tyler Anthony, Sean Crowie, and Tye Leo-Stroud will join forces for the highly anticipated Men's 4x100m Relay. It marks the culmination of months of training and promises to be an explosive end to St Helena's 2026 Commonwealth Games campaign.

The sportsmanship, grit, and continuous improvement shown by every member of the squad over the past week has made the entire island immensely proud. Be sure to tune in to SAMS Radio 1 and check next week's edition of The Sentinel for full coverage from Saturday's relay finale.

Go Team St Helena!

















"If you don't put measures in place, people are going to leave"

Former Minister leads the charge to address island cost of living crisis



Former Minister, Jeffrey Ellick, is calling for collective community action to address cost of living crisis

Donna Crowie, SAMS

Local resident, and former Minister, Jeffrey Ellick, is calling for collective community action following growing concern over the rising cost of living and fuel prices on St Helena. In a recent open letter to the public, Jeffrey warned that fuel costs are the single most influential factor driving up household expenses and threatening the viability of local businesses. Speaking to The Sentinel earlier this week, he argued that existing support schemes do not go far enough to protect residents—and warned that high costs could drive more people off-island.

"The ideal outcome is to put protection measures in place for our people," he said speaking on SAMS Radio 1. "Especially those who are vulnerable in society—you know, low-income earners. But also, the government has a vision. They need to look at their vision and say, 'Does this fit in with our vision?' Because in their vision, they're trying to say, 'We don't want people to leave.' Well, if you don't put measures in place, people are going to leave... I'm not saying we don't have some protections—we do—but I don't think we have sufficient."

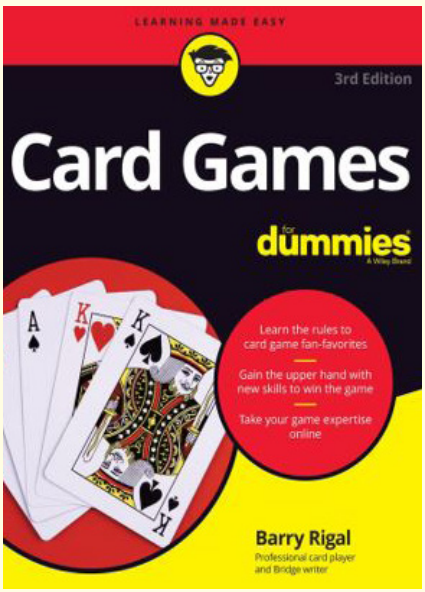
Following widespread discussion across the community, Jeffrey has now formed a working group to push for solutions. The group includes community members Jason Moyce, Hayley-Jayne Lowry, Earl Henry, and Melvin Benjamin, alongside Councillor Julie Thomas and a representative from the Youth Parliament.

Together, they hosted an open public meeting, scheduled for last night, to give residents a platform to voice their concerns and examine how price increases across government portfolios are impacting everyday lives. "I would encourage practically just about everybody out there who has businesses, you know, household people—whoever it is affecting out there... come along," urged Jeffrey prior to the meeting on Wednesday evening. "Because I think what we want to do is actually tackle this thing through the five portfolios, and [look at] how the things that occur in those portfolios are affecting you as a result of the increase in prices."

The public meeting on the cost of living took place at the Rock Club at 7.30pm last night and The Sentinel will look to follow-up with Jeffrey and the working group for some feedback and next steps.

Book of the Week

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Maritime activity and rescheduled flights keep St Helena ports busy

Liam Yon, SAMS

It was an active week across St Helena's air and sea transportation links, marked by rescheduled flights, swift cargo operations, and an unexpected offshore medical call-in.

St Helena's cargo vessel, MV Karoline, made an early arrival into James Bay last Thursday evening, docking alongside Rupert's Jetty on Friday morning to commence cargo operations. The vessel delivered a total of 58 containers along with nearly 69 tonnes of break-bulk cargo to the island. Following an efficient turnaround, the MV Karoline departed just after 6pm on Saturday to begin her return voyage to Walvis Bay, where she is expected to arrive on Saturday, 1 August. According to the latest MACS schedule, the vessel is slated to return to St Helena on 3 September.

Meanwhile, commuters traveling into Jamestown on Monday morning will have spotted the Malta-flagged LNG tanker, Clean Future, anchored in James Bay. The vessel had originally departed Ingleside, Texas, on 12 July. Solomon's Shipping and Travel Office confirmed to The Sentinel that the tanker made an unscheduled call to St Helena to seek medical assistance for a crew member. Following the successful disembarkation of the crew member – under St Helena's Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) international maritime obligations – the Clean Future resumed her voyage, bound for Singapore.

Moving away from the sea and up to St Helena Airport, air operations were impacted over the weekend when Saturday's scheduled weekly Airlink arrival from Johannesburg was postponed due to unfavourable weather conditions. The flight was rescheduled for Monday, touching down safely just after 1:15pm. Departing passengers were advised to check in early, allowing ground crews to execute a swift turnaround before the aircraft departed on its return flight to Johannesburg shortly after 2pm.







"A Trusted Role Model"

Mark Henry recognised with SHG VIP Award



Liam Yon, SAMS

Recently via their official Facebook page, St Helena Government (SHG) have launched what is assumed is a new initiative called the 'VIP Award' — which stands for Values Inspiring People.

According to their post last Thursday, the initiative recognises public service staff who consistently go above and beyond in demonstrating fairness, integrity, and teamwork in their day-to-day work.

Taking home the recognition, in what appears to be the first recipient of the award, is local resident, Mark Henry, IT Development Support Officer within SHG's Central IT department.

Mark was nominated by his colleagues in Central Support Services, who praised him for his kindness, patience, and constant willingness to lend a hand.

Described as approachable, positive, and always ready to share his knowledge, colleagues highlighted Mark's calm manner, great sense of humour, and his commitment to solving problems collaboratively.

The Sentinel wishes to extend huge congratulations to Mark on his well-deserved VIP Award and for being what SHG described as "a trusted role model" within the Government.

Back Under Solomons Control

Longwood Fuel Station to temporarily close from 1 August before reopening under direct management of Solomons



The Longwood Fuel Station will undergo redevelopment from 1 August before Solomons takes over direct day-to-day operations

Liam Yon, SAMS

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc and Rose and Crown Ltd have announced an upcoming change in management for the Longwood Fuel Station, effective from 1 August 2026.

From Saturday, Rose and Crown Ltd will officially cease managing the site on behalf of Solomons. Following the transition, the Longwood Fuel Station will continue to operate as a Solomons business, with the company taking over direct operations of the facility.

To facilitate the handover and undertake planned redevelopment works, the station will undergo a temporary closure starting 1 August. The upgrade works are expected to take approximately four to five weeks to complete, with Solomons targeting a reopening in early to mid-September 2026.

During the closure period, motorists who regularly use the Longwood pump are advised that fuel supplies will remain available at the island's two other fuel stations in Half Tree Hollow and Jamestown.

Once the station reopens under direct Solomons management, several payment options will be available to customers. Those wishing to purchase fuel on account at Longwood will be able to use a standard Solomons account, with motorists who do not currently hold an account encouraged to set one up prior to reopening by contacting Solomons on 22380 or emailing salesaccountant@solomons.co.sh. Additionally, a Bank of St Helena Debit Card payment service will be also be operational at the pump once sales resume.

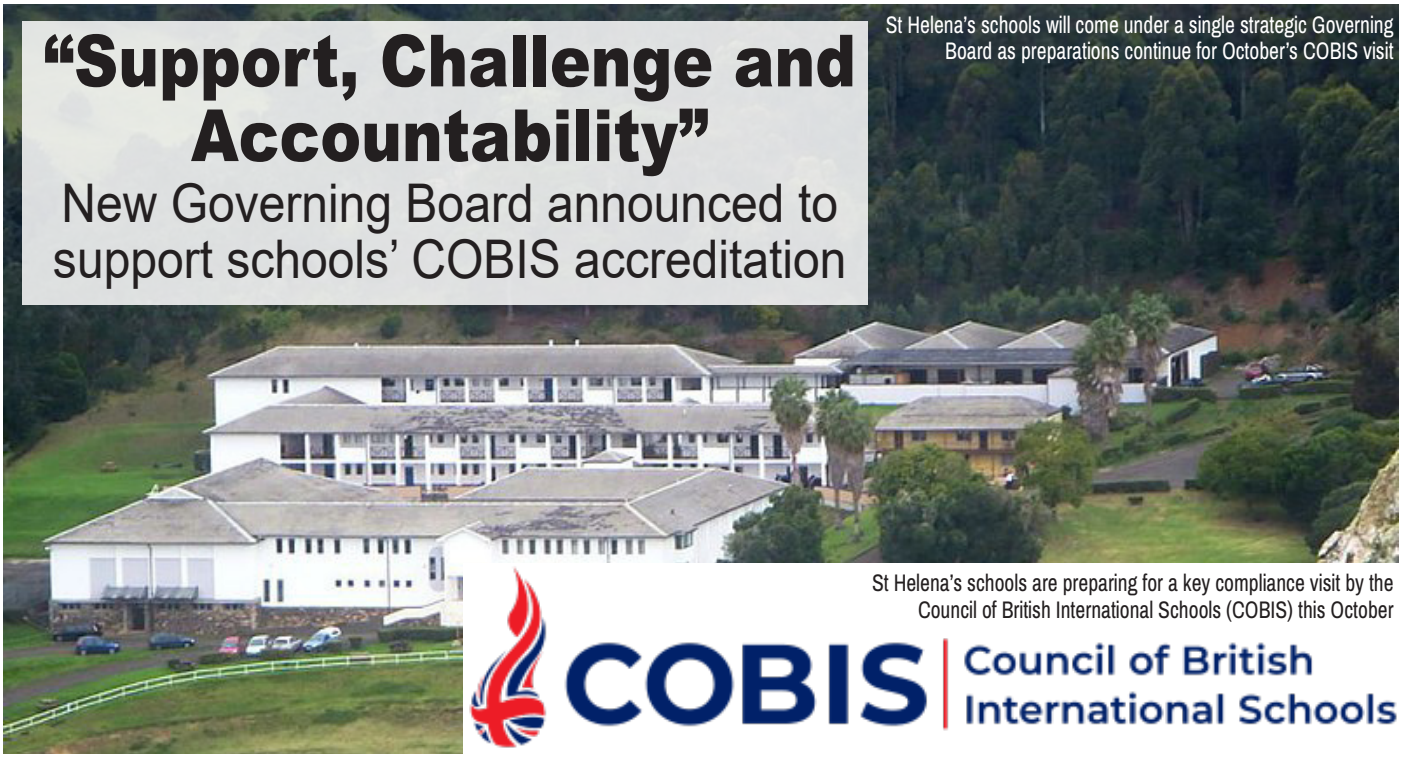
In line with taking over direct operations, Solomons has also commenced recruitment to staff the revamped facility. Vacancies for both a Fuel Station Supervisor and a Fuel Attendant have been issued, with details available in the 'Notice Board' section of this week's issue of The Sentinel.

In a statement, Solomons expressed appreciation to customers for their patience and understanding during the upcoming temporary closure. The company also extended its formal thanks to Rose and Crown Ltd for their support in managing the Longwood site to date, wishing them well in their future endeavours.

Further public updates regarding the exact reopening date in September will be issued by Solomons as redevelopment work progresses.

"Support, Challenge and Accountability"

New Governing Board announced to support schools' COBIS accreditation



St Helena's schools will come under a single strategic Governing Board as preparations continue for October's COBIS visit

St Helena's schools are preparing for a key compliance visit by the Council of British International Schools (COBIS) this October

COBIS | Council of British International Schools

Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena's Education, Skills, and Employment Portfolio has announced plans to establish a single Governing Board for the island's three schools as part of ongoing preparations for international accreditation. The strategic move comes ahead of a key compliance visit by the Council of British International Schools (COBIS), scheduled for October.

"The proposed governing board will provide strategic oversight for all three schools, creating a shared approach to educational standards, safeguarding and school improvement," said SHG, outlining the core purpose of the new structure.

The portfolio is reassuring parents and the community that the new board will not interfere with the day-to-day management of classrooms. Individual headteachers will continue to manage daily operations, while the board focuses on high-level accountability.

Elaborating on this role, SHG noted how "the board will not be responsible for the day-to-day operation of schools... instead, it will provide support, challenge and accountability to ensure that schools continue to improve and deliver the best possible outcomes for children and young people."

According to SHG, the board's membership will combine professional expertise with local community voices; bringing together the Director of Education, school headteachers, elected parent and staff representatives, and co-opted members with specialist skills in governance, education, and safeguarding.

They then advised that the setup will happen in two phases; Phase One will focus on appointing co-opted specialist governors, followed by Phase Two, which will open up elections for parent and staff representatives. During the transition, the new board will work alongside the existing Portfolio Advisory Board. Officials are also reviewing the Education Ordinance to see what legal updates may be required, with public meetings planned in due course to gather community feedback.

Looking ahead, the Education Portfolio underscored the broader vision for local education. "By working together, the island can continue to build a strong and sustainable education system that provides the best possible opportunities for all children and young people on St Helena," they concluded.

Members of the public who possess specialist skills and wish to express an interest in becoming a Co-opted Governor can find application details on the St Helena Government website, with expressions of interest closing on Sunday, 2 August.



The Education Portfolio has reassured parents that daily classroom learning and routines will remain unchanged under the new Governing Board

Celebrating Community, Creativity and Culture

Community turns out in force for inaugural Uniquely Saint Market



Liam Yon, SAMS

The Jamestown Community Centre was buzzing on Sunday as over 350 residents and visitors gathered for the very first 'Uniquely Saint Market'. Celebrating the island's creativity, culture, and local produce, the four-hour event brought together crafters, growers, bakers, and small businesses from across St Helena.

According to organisers from the Art and Craft Action Group, the market's debut exceeded expectations, showcasing a vibrant cross-section of island talent.

Stalls offered an array of goods ranging from handcrafted woodwork, jewellery, crochet, candles, and embroidery, through to fresh local eggs, vegetables, and homemade cakes. Food vendors were a major draw throughout the afternoon, serving up traditional fish cakes, fish 'n' batter, homemade ice cream, local preserves, vegetarian dishes, and fresh homemade ginger beer. The demand was so high that several food stalls were sold out by 2pm.

Living heritage and traditional skills also took centre stage. Local artisan, Wanda Isaac, provided live demonstrations in bobbin lace making, wool spinning using island-sourced wool, and contemporary flax weaving. Highlighting the growth of new creative talents on the island, a Polymer Clay Showcase table featuring pieces created during recent workshops also drew considerable interest from visitors.

The event also featured rare historical displays, including a woven flax dress crafted by Liz Harrison and a vibrant aloe fibre skirt and top handmade nearly 40 years ago by Mrs Eileen Crowe for a St Helena Day float.

Adding to the vibrant atmosphere, the Blue Hill Band provided live music throughout the day. The sound of the piano accordion proved a particular hit, with several attendees remarking that the traditional tunes brought back memories of Christmas on the island.

The concept for the event stems from the 'Uniquely Saint' criteria established by the St Helena Art and Craft Centre. The initiative recognises products that reflect the island's distinct identity—encouraging the use of local materials or the creative transformation of imports, alongside high standards of craftsmanship and sustainable practices.

"We were delighted by the overwhelming support shown by the community and the way the event brought together creativity, connection, and local enterprise," the organisers shared. "We look forward to continuing to celebrate and strengthen St Helena's rich art and crafts heritage."











Following the success of the Jamestown launch, the Art and Craft Action Group plans to make the Uniquely Saint Market a regular fixture, rotating between different districts so communities across the island can participate.

The next edition of the Uniquely Saint Market is already confirmed for Sunday, 27 September, at the Kingshurst Community Centre in St Paul's.

Any crafters, growers, or small business owners interested in hosting a stall at the September event are encouraged to contact the St Helena Art and Craft Centre on 22101, reach out via the St Helena Art and Crafts Facebook page, or speak with any member of the association.

The Sentinel congratulates the organisers on an incredibly successful first Uniquely Saint Market and we look forward to the next edition in September!










SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

SAMS Radio 1

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

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

FRI. Jul 31
- 7am - 10am: Sunrise Show with Luke Bennett
- 2pm: Sweepstake Draw
- 3pm: Happy Days with Olivia
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam
- 7:30pm: Country Classics (Repeat)

SAT. Aug 01
- 9am-11: Indie Waves with Sue (Repeat)
- 11am: Happy Days with Olivia (Repeat)
- 1:00pm: Northward Sounds (Repeat)
- 3pm - Country Chart Show(Repeat)
- 6pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 8:30pm: OUT! OUT! with Liam (Repeat)

SUN. Aug 02
- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Liam
- 1pm: Interveiw Hour
- 3:30-5pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 5pm: Island Pulse (Repeat)
- 7pm: Seventh Day Adventist Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations with Anita

MON. Aug 03
- 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. Aug 04
- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Donna
- 10am: Minister Question Time
- 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. Aug 05
- 11am: Northward Sounds with Tony Leo
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett

THU. Aug 06
- 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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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Expert'

See solution to last week's Sudoku Puzzle:

9	8	4	2	6	7	5	3	1
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Throwback Thursday



30th July 2013:
It rains for the first time since February, ending the severe water shortage.

(sainthelenaisland.info)

Do you like to enjoy a cuppa with family and friends? It's good on a Sunday afternoon, right? But you can't just have the cuppa! So, this Sunday, why now get that oven going and make these easy Cheese Scones for everyone to enjoy with the cuppa?

Cheese Scones



Ingredients

- 300 g self-raising flour plus extra for dusting
- 60 g unsalted butter cold and cubed
- 1/2 tsp mustard powder
- 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1/4 tsp salt and pepper
- 125 g mature cheddar cheese grated
- 150 ml whole milk

Also required

- Extra grated cheese
- Milk
- 4cm cutter

Method

1. Heat the oven to 220C/210C Fan/Gas mark 7 and line a baking tray(s) - place tray in the oven to start heating with the oven
2. Mix together the self-raising flour, unsalted butter, mustard powder, cayenne pepper, and salt then rub together until the butter has essentially disappeared and the texture of all the mixture is like breadcrumbs - alternatively, put all of the same ingredients into a food processor and mix until the breadcrumbs texture is created!
3. Mix in the grated cheese, and then pour in 75% of the milk
4. Stir with a spatula until combined into a slightly sticky dough - if it is too dry, then continue to add the rest of the milk until it is ideal
5. Tip the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface and pat down with your hand till it is about 3-4cm deep
6. Remove the trays from the oven carefully
7. Using a 4cm round cutter, cut out the scones and place on the baking tray(s)
8. Knead the dough slightly to combine it all again, flatten, and cut the scones out - repeat until all the dough has been used!
9. Brush the scones with a bit of milk, and sprinkle with some cheese -
10. Bake in the oven for 10-15 minutes

The Island Pulse

Councillors Press for Clearer Delivery, Greater Accountability and Better Communication



Communications Champion Cllr Julie Thomas, Contributed

This week's edition of *The Island Pulse* focused on the recent two-day sitting of the Legislative Council, held on **17 and 20 July**, where Members questioned Ministers, scrutinised Government policy and debated preparations for the 2026/27 Budget.

With next week's programme dedicated to the Budget debate, this week's discussion concentrated on the oral and written questions put to Ministers, highlighting Councillors' calls for greater clarity, measurable targets and regular updates on Government commitments.

Vision and Strategy – Where are the roadmaps?

Opening the programme, Councillor Julie Thomas reflected on having the privilege of asking the first question of the sitting. Her questions centred on Government's recently published Vision and Strategy and how success would be measured.

While the Chief Minister confirmed that portfolio delivery plans and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are still being developed and that quarterly progress reports will eventually be published, Councillor Thomas expressed concern that no detailed implementation roadmaps or sector-specific performance indicators are currently available.

She said scrutiny is about ensuring Government delivers projects on time, within budget and achieves the outcomes promised to the public.

Councillor Thomas also questioned how Government intends to tackle St Helena's declining population and labour force, highlighting concerns over wage competitiveness and the need for practical measures to encourage people to remain on, or return to, the island.

During supplementary questions, she challenged suggestions that regular salary increases had failed to prevent outward migration. She noted that **2025 saw the first across-the-board public service pay rise in around a decade**, with Government pensioners also receiving their first increase in many years. While accepting that pay alone will not reverse depopulation, she argued that competitive salaries remain essential to attracting and retaining skilled workers.

Councillor Robert Midwinter supported those concerns, saying he was left wanting clearer answers on what practical changes the public would see and how success would be communicated in plain language. The Chief Minister committed to providing regular public updates showing what has been promised, what has been delivered and what has changed.

Who monitors delivery?

Councillor Thomas' second question examined the governance arrangements surrounding recurrent expenditure, BIOT funding and Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP) projects.

While Government outlined the Strategic Outcomes Framework, Project Boards, Programme Boards and Steering Committees that oversee delivery, Councillor Thomas questioned whether Ministers receive information early enough to intervene if projects begin falling behind schedule or overspend.

She noted that Ministers do not routinely participate in Senior Leadership Team meetings and stressed the importance of ensuring political oversight remains sufficiently connected to operational delivery.

Councillor Midwinter reinforced the need for straightforward public reporting, a commitment the Chief Minister confirmed Government intends to deliver.

Post-16 Education Review delayed

Councillor Thomas' final question focused on the postponement of the Post-16 Education Review.

Although the Minister for Education, Skills and Employment explained that additional work was required around governance and procurement before the review could proceed, Councillor Thomas questioned why the review had been announced before its Terms of Reference had received formal approval.

She also raised concerns voiced by parents regarding transport arrangements, sixth-form policy and work experience placements.

Councillor Midwinter sought reassurance that no student's course choices, transport arrangements or support would change during the postponement period, with the Minister confirming this would be the case.

Community facilities, staff wellbeing and online safety

Councillor Robert Midwinter's questions covered a broad range of community issues.

His first question sought assurances that the new playgrounds at Half Tree Hollow and Longwood Green would receive ongoing maintenance funding and asked whether similar improvements were planned elsewhere on the island.

Government confirmed that maintenance funding had been allocated and that further community engagement would help identify future projects.

Councillor Midwinter also highlighted the need for public toilet facilities at Half Tree Hollow and wider supporting infrastructure.

Councillor Julie Thomas added that legislative changes may still be required to formally recognise Longwood Green as a public recreational space, helping to safeguard future maintenance responsibilities.

Councillor Midwinter also questioned Government's policy on substance misuse within the Public Service. He welcomed confirmation that the policy not only addresses disciplinary matters but also provides confidential support for staff seeking help.

His final oral question examined online safety and the possible implications of future UK restrictions on social media use by under-16s.

While welcoming the establishment of a multi-agency Digital Literacy and Boundaries Working Group, Councillor Midwinter cautioned that St Helena should also assess any unintended technical consequences resulting from UK legislation.

Councillor Thomas, who serves on the Working Group, explained that it brings together representatives from Government IT, the Communications Hub, Education, Children's Services and Youth Parliament to promote safer and more responsible use of digital technology. She praised the awareness videos being produced by Youth Parliament members and confirmed that survey findings from all three schools will shortly be presented to the wider Council before wider public engagement begins. She encouraged parents, carers and young people to take part in those discussions.

Measuring economic success

Councillor Denis Leo focused his questioning on one of the central ambitions contained within Government's Vision and Strategy – achieving sustainable, locally driven economic growth.

Although he welcomed the detailed response received, he felt it still lacked measurable outcomes and specific targets that would allow both Councillors and the public to assess progress over time.

Councillor Leo emphasised that this should not be viewed as a one-off discussion. Instead, he intends to revisit these questions throughout the Council term to assess whether Government is delivering against its commitments, particularly in reversing population decline, strengthening food security, reducing reliance on imports and supporting local farmers and fishers.

Councillor Thomas agreed, noting that while the strategy contains many positive aspirations, without clear targets and timelines, effective scrutiny becomes increasingly difficult.

Housing, procurement and public transport

Dr Corinda Essex's questions reflected several long-standing concerns raised by both constituents and the business community.

Her first question sought an update on the Half Tree Hollow sewage scheme and the proposed Comprehensive Development Area (CDA).

Government confirmed that the sewage project remains the immediate priority and expressed hope that funding approvals could be secured by the end of August.

Dr Essex welcomed this progress but emphasised that greater clarity is still required regarding how housing development within the CDA will ultimately be delivered.

Councillor Midwinter also raised concerns about future road safety, noting that increased housing development must be accompanied by appropriate transport planning.

Dr Essex's second question examined Government procurement procedures on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. She highlighted concerns surrounding inconsistent tender documentation, delays in promised training on the In-Tend procurement system and the quality of feedback provided to unsuccessful bidders.

While Government confirmed that procurement procedures will be reviewed, Dr Essex said businesses now need firm timelines and meaningful consultation.

Her final question focused on the Public Transport Review.

Although Government confirmed that work is progressing on concessionary travel and potential service improvements, Dr Essex expressed disappointment that clearer information only emerged during the subsequent Budget debate rather than when the question was originally answered.

She also questioned suggestions that elected representatives had been excluded from assisting constituents with the public consultation because of concerns the process could become politicised. In her view, District Representatives are well placed to help residents participate in consultations and should be regarded as partners in strengthening community engagement.

Ronald Coleman's questions reviewed

Although Councillor Ronald Coleman was unable to join the programme because of other commitments, his questions were reviewed by Councillor Robert Midwinter.

One question examined the future relationship between St Helena and the United Kingdom. Ministers explained that, because of St Helena's reliance on Official Development Assistance, discussions are now focused on developing a Compact better suited to the island's circumstances rather than pursuing a new Overseas Territories White Paper.

Councillor Midwinter asked what practical difference a new White Paper would make today and whether strengthening Minister-to-Minister relationships with UK Government departments was ultimately of greater significance. The response acknowledged that maintaining those strong relationships remains fundamental to securing support for St Helena's long-term priorities.

Councillor Coleman's second question explored the continuing development of St Helena's Ship Registry. Members heard that two vessels are currently registered, generating approximately **£120,000 each year**, with further registrations already attracting interest. Government estimates suggest that, after operating costs, the registry could generate around **£1 million in net revenue over the next decade**.

Ministers also explained that further legislative and regulatory work is being undertaken before the registry is marketed more widely. Councillor Thomas added that the survey costs discussed during the debate relate only to larger commercial vessels and **do not apply to locally operated domestic fishing vessels.**

Councillor Coleman's final oral question examined new cargo-handling equipment commissioned at Rupert's Port. Members heard that the equipment had been financed through the Essential Equipment Fund rather than the recurrent budget and that procurement of replacement parts for the James Bay cranes is progressing.

Finally, Councillor Midwinter summarised his written question on the National Agricultural Policy, welcoming Government's commitment to complete both the policy and accompanying action plan by the end of October 2026.

Looking ahead

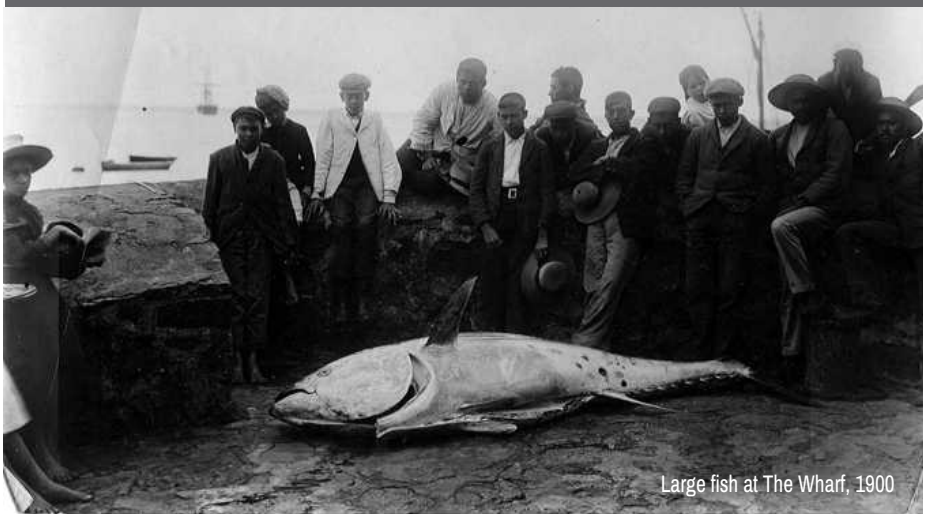
Bringing the programme to a close, Councillor Julie Thomas thanked listeners for continuing to engage with The *Island Pulse*, encouraging residents to share their views and remain involved in discussions that shape the island's future.

She reminded listeners that next week's programme will focus exclusively on the Chief Minister's Budget Speech and elected members' responses, providing further analysis of this year's Budget.

For those who miss the live broadcast, The *Island Pulse* is repeated on **Thursday at 7.30pm** and again on **Sunday at 5.00pm**, ensuring everyone can stay informed about the work being undertaken on their behalf in Legislative Council.

Fishing Back Then

Sufficient fish, apparently to return to the sea if unsold



Large fish at The Wharf, 1900

Cyril Gunnell, Contributed

Following initiation of the St Helena Island Fishing Sector Review announced in November 2025, SHG is inviting the community to input on the future of St Helena's Fishing Industry, following the publication in June 2026 of the Situational Analysis of the Fishing Industry.

The review and situational analysis of the island's fishing industry are the latest attempts at investigating why St Helena Island, seemingly, has not been able to establish a flourishing and sustainable fishing industry, even in spite of hundreds of thousands of pounds spent over many years to help drive economic development utilising one of the island's few natural resources.

Much has been said about the difficulties surrounding fishing in St Helena. A seafood economy has never been without them it has to be said. However, it is hoped the call by SHG for ideas and options that will positively assist the future planning of a strong and sustainable fishing industry will be taken up.

Reflecting, I believe it is worth recalling some of the fishing industry initiatives over past decades, which for one reason or another found they were not able to continue and ceased operating.

Examples; way back in 1886 the St Helena Whaling Association dissolved. 1910 saw Alfred Moseley's fish curing industry close down due to lack of fish it was said. In 1957, Ovenstones closed its factory. They started canning Skipjack in Narrabacks, Jamestown, in the property now known as Blue Lantern. Later on, Ovenstones moved to Ladder Hill but ultimately, had to close.

In the 1970s Frank Roberts Associates (FRASHI) tried to set up an industry catching lobster. They brought two fishing vessels from South Africa. That business lasted a number of years, but it too failed. Tragically, on 30 August 1991, the crab fishing vessel, Oman Sea One, capsized in heavy seas and sunk when heading back after surveying crab stocks around Cardno Sea Mount, resulting in the death of four men and loss of a crab fishing venture.



Albacore at the Wharf, 1903

Argos, who worked alongside the St Helena Fisheries Corporation (SHFC) for some time, decided they had to pull out, taking their fishing vessel with them. This, they said, was due to continual losses annually. The late Doug Wallace's canning factory produced good quality canned tuna for both the local and export markets, notably selling to Tesco's and other supermarket chains in the UK; but that business too closed its doors.

The aforementioned SHFC started in 1979, as part of an ODA Project, the outcome of a fishing industry review that included two years of consultation between the ODA and SHG. One of the first projects was the Jubilee Cold Store, built where the former Customs stands. The Jubilee Cold Store burned in 1981, was refurbished in 1982, and was demolished around 1984. Fisheries had by then relocated to Rupert's. ODA provided a factory that was regularly upgraded to meet EU standards so that fish could be exported to EU countries, a cold store, catamarans and other fishing vessels. The heavily subsidised Corporation was meant to, at least, break even and eventually become profitable. However the government, following yet another review, wound up the SHFC around 2019.

Later, the STC were taken on to manage the fishing industry, with SHG contributing £500,000 from the public purse to help it get started.

Now, many islanders can relate to fishing back in the day. This can be from personal experience or from tales told by fishermen and their families of old. It was a different era then. There were fruitful and lean fishing periods, just like evidenced today, but overall, there were more fish to catch, it seemed, albeit only for the domestic market then. Fish-



A large amount of fish at the Jubilee Cold Store


Off for launch, 1968

ing, it has been said, is in a man's blood. Fish were skilfully hunted using knowhow handed down from their forefathers. There weren't fish finders or other instruments to rely on like today, and boats had to be rowed to and from the various fishing grounds, although sometimes a sail could be used.

One such former hunter of fish was the late Charles Henry of Church Lane, Jamestown. He passed away in 2018 aged 95 years but had relayed many stories. He started fishing from 14 years of age. He always wanted to be in boats and naturally took up fishing full-time. Traditionally fishing was by pole on line. Like the majority of fishermen, he didn't own a boat but took an equal share of the catch. If there were say three in a boat, there would be four shares – one for the boat owner. A typical day started at 2am or 4am, depending on which fishing ground the boats had to pull to.

From my own boyhood memory, living in Jamestown, I can recall fishing boats arriving in James Bay with their catch, sometimes late in the evening. Apparently during lean fishing periods some boats would stay out for days to ensure they didn't return without fish. There were times when only one boat would return with the catch and collect food and other essentials from families, to take back to fishermen waiting on the fishing ground. They did what had to be done to ensure an income.

When the fish was landed, the next morning the late Johnny Andrews, who died at age 94, carried that fish on a pole across his shoulders, up the street to the fish market where mongers were waiting eagerly anticipating good sales. Motor driven vehicles to take fish to the market were few and far between.

Later in the day, Mr Andrews carried what fish had been given to him for his services up the Shy Road and Jacobs Ladder stopping only momentarily for a breather, to Half Tree Hollow (HTH) where he lived. Climbing Jacobs Ladder he had a way of moving his feet in a side to side pattern which apparently helped his progress. I didn't know his journey didn't stop in HTH. From his family and customers in country areas I learnt that he carried fish as far away as Blue Hill. One can safely assume that Mr Andrews didn't die from hard work. It was said however that the heavily laden pole across his shoulders actually dented his anatomy.

Most boats would return from fishing at around 4pm or 6pm, sometimes later. "We had to return with something," they often said. When tuna was scarce they targeted ground species, and also mackerel at night, in James Bay. From on shore one could see up to 14 lights (hurricane lanterns) bobbing up and down. If a porpoise happened to take the bait it was brought ashore. It wasn't illegal then and some considered the meat a delicacy.

There wasn't ice for cooling fish down in the boats or at the market. Wet gunny sacks were used. No one got sick apparently. The catch was brought to the wharf middle steps – tuna, wahoo, and other large fish were pulled in on a rope and hung overnight on a specially erected rail situated above the steps. Ground fish, mackerel and so on were divided up equally into lots and an independent person placed a fisherman's marker on a lot. The system seemed to work well.

Some fishmongers sold for more than one fisherman, displayed on purpose built concrete slabs. Fish Mongers were Florence Essex, Gladys Leo, Theresa Thomas, Irene Yon, Lillian Young and Violet Benjamin to name some; all have since passed on. They were mostly paid by what could be sold on, or used some for their own consumption.

As said earlier, there weren't many vehicles, but after a while, Mr Arthur (Cheese) Thomas, organised transport with Mr Amos Yon who had a van. At the market, bonito was sold at sixpence (old money) for a half. A slice of tuna also was sixpence. Mackerel mostly was sold in sixes or by the dozen and grouper, bullseyes and other ground fish were sold as the customer required.


Fishermen undated

The fish market was situated where Gary Stevens' butchery now stands. Government rules determined that the building had to be vacated by 3pm. This was so that the late Billy Grace could clean the market ready for the next morning. Any fish not sold were wheeled in a barrow to West Rocks and returned to the sea. The late Jimmy (not certain of his surname) carried out this task.

The government for a brief period took over fish sales from the building on the wharf now known as the Yacht Club.

That's the way it was back then!

Photos obtained from sainthelenaisland.info


Fishing market, 1920s


Mackerel processing on The Wharf, 1910

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

ENRP Assets For Licensing

The Environmental Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio wishes to advise the public that there are 3 fodder terraces available for licensing at Bottom Woods from September 2026.

Application forms are available from the ENRP Reception, or by contacting the Farmers Support staff on telephone 24724 or email martina.leo@sainthelena.gov.sh or frederick.green@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date for applications is 16:00 on 7 August 2026

SHG
27 July 2026



The family of the late Nicholas Leo of Levelwood, would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone who offered and gave support during this difficult time and everyone who assisted with the funeral & burial arrangements.

We are also grateful to everyone who attended the funeral, gave flowers, sent cards, messages, phone calls and the home visits, all has meant so much to our family.

Your love and presence brought great comfort.

Nicholas will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

St Helena Legislative Council

MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME

Tuesday 04 August 2026

The Tenth meeting of Ministers Question Time will take place on Tuesday 04 August 2026 at 10:00am in the Council Chamber. This meeting is open to the public and will be broadcast live via SAMS Radio 1

The topic for this meeting is:
'Economic Growth and Local Production'.

A copy of the Order Paper will be published on the SHG Website on Tuesday morning, and can be accessed via www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislative-council/order-papers/.

Legislative Council, 27 July 2026

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St Helena Airport Limited (SHAL) has for **Sale by Tender** the following Vehicles

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3	Toyota Hilux Single Cab	2015	4307
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5	Toyota Hilux Double Cab	2015	4305
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7	Toyota Hilux Double Cab	2015	4309
8	Toyota Hilux Single Cab (No Tray)	2012	4306

Site visits to view the vehicles will be held at **St Helena Airport** on the following dates and times:

- **Wednesday 5th August 2026** **9.30 am to 11 am**
- **Friday, 7th August 2026** **9.30 am to 10.30 am**

The **Closing Date** by which **Tenders** are to be **submitted** is **12 noon on Tuesday 11th August 2026.**

Tenders should be placed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked **TENDER** and the **Tender No** and addressed to **Procurement**, St Helena Airport Ltd and dropped into the Tender Box at the Vehicle Control Access Point (VCAP) at St Helena Airport, Prosperous Bay Plain, or submitted via email to **procurement@sthelenaairport.aero**.

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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.

Research Coordinator

(£16,248 per annum)

Are you passionate about education, research, and creating opportunities that make a lasting impact? If so, St Helena Community College is looking for a dedicated Research Co-ordinator to join its team. In this varied and rewarding role, you will oversee the management of research applications, including organising and facilitating meetings where required. You will be responsible for maintaining and developing the Research Database, ensuring that all research activity is accurately recorded, securely managed, and readily accessible. You will also provide regular reports to the Research Council and Steering Group, highlighting the effectiveness of the St Helena Research Institute, including achievements, areas for development, research secured, and income generated. Working closely with both internal and external partners, you will play a key role in strengthening relationships and supporting the continued development and successful delivery of the St Helena Research Institute. This is an exciting opportunity for an organised, proactive individual who is committed to supporting research, education, and innovation on St Helena. For more information or to arrange an informal discussion about the role, please contact us.

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

Enquiries: Angela Benjamin on Tel No. 22607 or Email: angela.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 07 August 2026
Shortlisting date: 12 August 2026
Interview date: 28 August 2026

Grounds person

(£9,849 per annum)

Do you enjoy working outdoors and take pride in maintaining attractive, well-kept grounds? If so, St Helena Secondary School is looking to recruit a Groundsman to help maintain a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for everyone who uses Francis Plain and the school grounds. In this role, you will be responsible for carrying out a range of ground maintenance tasks, including mowing grass, trimming hedges, and maintaining the Francis Plain Sports Field, its surrounding areas, and the grounds of St Helena Secondary School. If you're hardworking, enjoy outdoor work, and want to make a positive contribution, we'd love to hear from you!

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Enquiries: Phil Toal on Tel No. 24290 or Email: phil.toal@sainthelena.edu.sh
Closing date: 07 August 2026
Shortlisting date: 12 August 2026
Interview date: 26 August 2026

The St Helena Public Service welcomes all applications from across our whole community, including our St Helenian diaspora wishing to return to St Helena. If you are a St Helenian currently living and working overseas, please contact us at recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh to discuss how we can support you.
SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief and will consider all applications on the basis of merit assessed against the role profile and person specification. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, which include a medical check, vetting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role

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- → **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 in the first instance

(£10,088 per annum) (Local interests only)

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: 05 August 2026
Shortlisting date: 07 August 2026
Interview date: 14 August 2026

Private Secretary to Chief Minister

(£19,814 per annum)

The Private Secretary will contribute to the island's prosperity by offering direct, high-quality assistance to the Chief Minister, allowing them to fulfil their demanding responsibilities both efficiently and effectively.

The Private Secretary will serve as a reliable source of advice for the Chief Minister, delivering a high-level administrative and advisory support service. This position necessitates the ability to manage multiple tasks and adhere to strict deadlines while coordinating and prioritizing Ministerial duties. The individual in this role will be adept at navigating the political landscape and will leverage connections throughout St Helena Government (SHG).

They will serve as the initial point of contact for the Chief Minister, addressing inquiries and requests from various sources, while remaining available and accessible to staff who assist Ministers in handling urgent issues that necessitate prompt decisions.

This position is crucial in facilitating the realisation of the Ministers' vision for the island. Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Gillian Francis on Tel No.22470 or Email: Gillian.francis@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 12 August 2026
Shortlisting date: 18 August 2026
Interview date: 27 August 2026

The St Helena Public Service welcomes all applications from across our whole community, including our St Helenian diaspora wishing to return to St Helena. If you are a St Helenian currently living and working overseas, please contact us at recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh to discuss how we can support you.
SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief and will consider all applications on the basis of merit assessed against the role profile and person specification. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, which include a medical check, vetting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role

NOTICE BOARD



St Helena Cloud Forest Project: Quarter 1 Update (April-June)



A Heartfelt Thank You to the FCDO

On 31 March 2026, the St Helena Cloud Forest Project marked the official conclusion of its foundational funding from the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO).

Since July 2021, the FCDO's generous financial backing has been the cornerstone of our efforts to safeguard the Peaks National Park. This multi-year support successfully transformed what would have been isolated, small-scale efforts into a cohesive, world-class conservation programme.

Because of this partnership, our teams are now better equipped, better informed, and highly skilled. We have secured critical infrastructure, integrated climate resilience into our water planning, and paved the way for long-term ecological restoration.

"A massive thank you to the FCDO for years of vital support that have been instrumental to our conservation progress. Your legacy is rooted deeply in the future of our Peaks."



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St Helena Cloud Forest Project: Quarter 1 Update (April-June)

The Darwin Plus Era: Recovering the Cloud Forest (DPLUS224)



As one door closes, another exciting chapter begins. To build upon the foundations laid by the FCDO, we secured a major £938,637 Darwin Plus Main grant (DPLUS224) running from October 2025 through to September 2028.

Led on-island by the St Helena Government, the St Helena National Trust, and Connect Saint Helena—and supported internationally by the RSPB, CABI, Kew and the Species Recovery Trust—this three-year initiative secures the next phase of our cloud forest's recovery.

DPLUS224 aims to develop a sustainable, long-term and collaborative approach to managing St Helena's unique cloud forest to enable nature recovery, improve water security, and provide a model for other key habitats on St Helena. This will be achieved through advancing cloud forest restoration and water monitoring, addressing the key threats of plant pathogens and invasive species, and by developing a sustainable framework to scale restoration efforts to secure St Helena's biodiversity.

Innovation & Advanced Monitoring

As critical work progressed across the project through Quarter 1, we are actively embracing UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) technology to scale our conservation impact. A highlight of Quarter 1 was been intensive, specialised drone training designed to help our teams map habitat change and monitor tree health in real-time.



UAV Training with SAERI

In June 2026, our project team and local partners completed comprehensive training delivered by the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI). This training focused on utilising Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) as environmental monitoring tools.

What the Training Covered:

- **Refresher training on UAV operation**
- **Survey Planning & Operations**
- **Data Collection, Storage & Management**
- **Image Processing, Analysis & Interpretation**
- **Using the Outputs in GIS (Geographic Information System) time.**
- **Establishment of a routine surveillance system across the Peaks National Park.**

This training will allow us to track habitat health, and monitor changes within the Peaks National Park, including the spread of our newly-planted endemics.

Looking Ahead

Armed with new funding, advanced technology, and a dedicated team, the St Helena Cloud Forest Project is perfectly positioned to tackle the ecological challenges ahead. We look forward to sharing more milestones with you as the Darwin Plus project continues!

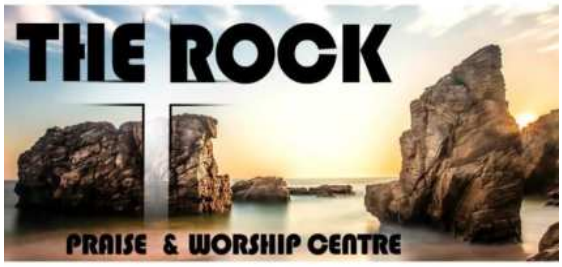
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Church Notices

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Prayer Vigil

Friday 31st July 2026 at 9.00pm

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Contact Mercy for details-65880 or 24212

Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 01 August 2026 11.00am

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Cell Meetings

Tuesday 03rd August 2026

Jamestown @ 6.30pm, (Contact: Bramwell 62117)

Wednesday 04th August 2026

Half Tree Hollow @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Mercy 53227)

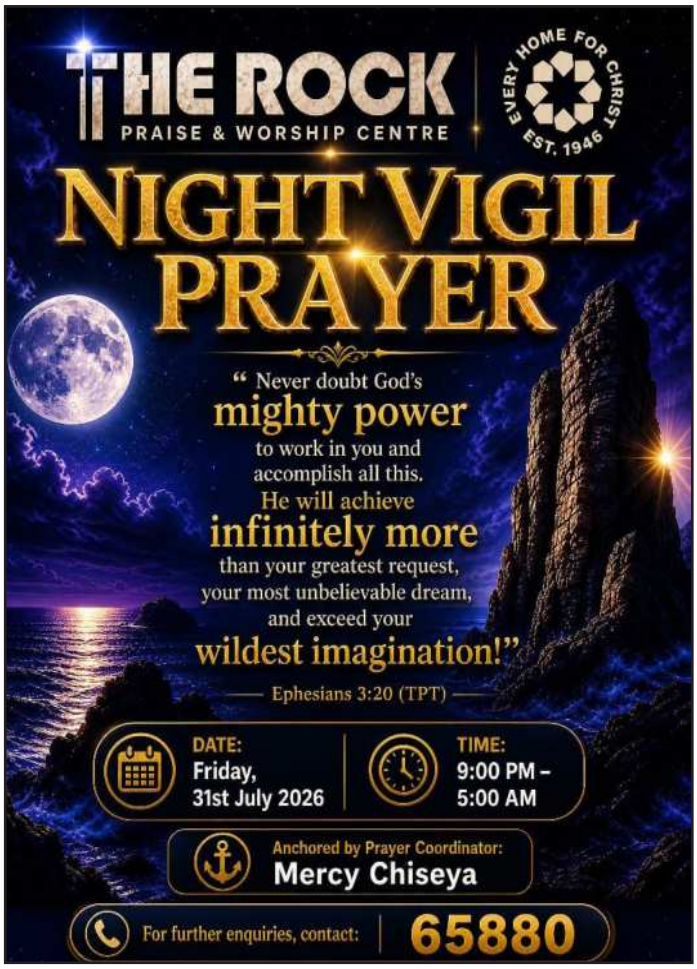
The Rock Christian Fellowship, Longwood Avenue at 5.30pm

(Contact: Tav 51727 for details)

Christian Gift/bookshop & DVD rental

The Christian gift/bookshop & DVD rental (as well as second-hand goods shop) is available.

For further information contact Priscilla: 51919.





Brenda Stevens will have hand-knitted items for sale at her home in Half Tree Hollow on Friday and Saturday from 1pm. Alternately you can telephone 23857 to check if the particular item you require is available.

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

PRESS RELEASE

Executive Council Top Lines: Tuesday 28 July 2026

A meeting of Executive Council (ExCo) was held on 28 July 2026.
The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

CLOSED AGENDA

1. Declaration of Interest
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting held on 26 June 2026
3. Matters Arising from Minutes of 26 June 2026
4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting held on 1 July 2026
5. Matters Arising from Minutes of 1 July 2026
6. Amendment: Schedule to the Road Traffic (Signs) Regulations 1985 (ExCo Memo 28/2026)
7. Child Benefit (ExCo Memo 29/2026)
8. Tax Working Programme (ExCo Memo 30/2026)
9. St Helena Government Draft Entity Financial Statements 2025/26 and Audit Engagement Letter (ExCo 31/2026)
10. Ministerial Updates on Significant Issues
11. Any Other Business

NB Items marked (*) are commercially sensitive and depending on the subject matter, might not be referred to in the top lines.

The following items were considered:

1. There were no Declarations of Interest.

2 - 5. Confirmation of Minutes and Matters Arising from the Minutes from 26 June 2026 and 1 July 2026.

Executive Council confirmed and signed off the minutes of meeting held on 26 June 2026 and 1 July 2026.

6. Amendment: Schedule to the Road Traffic (Signs) Regulations 1985 (ExCo Memo 28/2026)

Executive Council considered whether the Schedule to the Road Traffic (Signs) Regulations, 1985, should be amended to include additional signs and possible future signs. Members welcomed the good progress made in bringing forward the revised schedule. Minor amendments were proposed in the description of standard road signs and in the interpretation between standard road signs and St Helena custom worded signs where there was variance from recognised signs. Alongside this, there was a recognised need to update the Highway Code and to raise awareness of the additional signage. The revised schedule of road traffic signs and road markings complements other measures being introduced, including planned fixed penalty notices. The Minister for Safety Security and Home Affairs will bring this back to the next scheduled meeting of the ExCo.

7. Child Benefit (ExCo Memo 29/2026)

Executive Council considered and agreed with the recommendation of the Treasury Advisory Board to introduce a child benefit for 0 to 5 year olds, before starting primary school. This benefit will extend to all resident families on the island, with the exception of those Technical Co-operations officers who are in receipt of a supplement to their salary for dependents as part of their salary. The child benefit will be exempt from tax. The purpose of the policy is to help improve the financial situation of families with children, with a financial transfer targeted at benefitting children. The policy approach that investing in families with children via child benefit supports childhood development, reduces poverty and reaps long term benefits for the child, for society and for social and economic development. The policy also recognises the financial constraints for SHG.

It is proposed to start paying this benefit from 1 November 2026, starting at £15/ week.

8. Tax Working Programme (ExCo Memo 30/2026)

Executive Council was asked to consider the “Options for Tax Policy” paper and advise which tax policies the government should develop over the next few years.
Substantial work has been done developing options for tax policy. The options have been developed over several years and updated to reflect this Government’s Vision and Strategy. The recommendations by the Treasury Advisory Board (TAB), and discussed with the Tax and Revenue Working Group, who are supportive of the approach, are that the following areas of policy should be reviewed:

a. Income tax reform; b. Property taxation; c. Corporation tax; d. Customs duties e. Services tax

Members discussed the capacity constraints in developing tax policies. To ensure work to standard it is expected that 4 tax policy options can be reasonably taken forward. A commitment to reviewing income tax and customs duties has already been given to Legislative Council.

9. St Helena Government Draft Entity Financial Statements 2025/26 and Audit Engagement Letter (ExCo 31/2026)

Executive Council considered and accepted the first draft of the St Helena Government Entity Financial Statements for the 2025/26 financial year should be submitted to the

Chief Auditor to undertake the annual audit as required by section 109 of the Constitution.

Timely financial reporting is essential to effective Public Financial Management (PFM), as it supports Government accountability to the Legislature and the public for the management and use of public funds. Preparing the draft 2025/26 SHG Financial Statements within four months of the financial year-end is an important first step in achieving its objectives.

Executive Council noted the Chief Auditor's anticipated audit completion date of 31 January 2027, which is six months after the Treasury submits the first draft. The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) Financial Aid MOU 2025/26 requires SHG to present audited Financial Statements within 12 months of the year-end. Based on the timeline in the Audit Engagement Letter, SHG will meet the MOU's financial reporting requirements.

10. Ministerial Updates on Significant Issues

No matters were raised.

11. Any Other Business

No matters were raised.

SHG, 28 July 2026



For Sale - A new build 3 Bed Property

Introducing this exceptional, light-filled detached home, built in 2023, offering breathtaking, uninterrupted ocean and sunset views.

- Uninterrupted panoramic ocean views and spectacular sunsets.
- Built in 2023, high-specification, light-filled detached home.
- Modern open-plan living, high ceilings, fully-fitted kitchen.
- Stunning glass-fronted wrap-around balcony.
- Master suite with en-suite, dressing room, and balcony access.
- Established low-maintenance garden, private driveway, carport, and energy-efficient.

Offers invited
Full property details:
https://www.propertyfinder.sh/properties/for-sale-is-a-stunning-high-spec-new-build-with-great-views/
Contact: tamsinbath@gmail.com

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Vacancy

Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper

Salary for the post will commence at £11,752 per annum (£226 per week)

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

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

Interested Persons Should:

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

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

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

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **06 August 2026.**

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

- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

Vacancy

Senior Sales Assistant

Salary for the post will commence at £11,676 per annum (£973 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Silver Hill Shop for a Senior Sales Assistant.

The Senior Sales Assistant will provide support to Management, assisting with the day to day running of the store, whilst ensuring an excellent standard of customer service is always provided.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess knowledge of food safety & hygiene
- Be customer focused and target driven
- Possess experience of working in a customer facing environment and have excellent customer service skills
- Be competent in Maths, English and IT
- Possess experience in Cash Handling, ideally including use of the EPOS till and payment by local debit card
- Be self-motivated and able to work well as part of a team
- Be able to undertake physically demanding and manual handling duties
- Have the ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment
- Be reliable and able to take on responsibility in overseeing the day to day operations when the Supervisor is away from the business
- Be available to work weekends.

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

Julie Lawrence, General Manager (Mercantile, Marketing & IT) 22380 julie.h.lawrence@solomons.co.sh

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Vacancy

Fuel Station Supervisor

Salary for the post will commence at £12,576 per annum (£1,048 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Longwood Fuel Station for a Supervisor.

As the Fuel Stations Supervisor you will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Longwood Fuel Station ensuring maximum performance and quality service is delivered on a consistent and timely basis.

Interested Persons Should:

- Be customer focused and target driven with excellent customer service skills
- Have proven supervisory experience with the ability to lead and motivate a team
- Be competent in Maths, English & IT
- Be familiar with EPOS Cash Tills and have experience in cash management and security
- Have knowledge of stock management
- Possess Health & Safety awareness including handling substances hazardous to health
- Have the ability to undertake physically demanding and manual handling duties
- Be self-motivated, flexible with a positive attitude, and able to work well in a team environment
- Be available to work outside of usual hours and on weekends.
- Have the ability to use own initiative, take on responsibility and make routine decisions

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

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

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- Staff Discounts

Vacancy

Fuel Attendant

Salary for the post will commence at £11,028 per annum (£919 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Longwood Fuel Station for a Fuel Attendant.

As the Fuel Attendant you will assist the Supervisor with the day-to-day operations of the Longwood Fuel Station ensuring maximum performance and quality service is delivered on a safe, consistent and timely basis.

Interested Persons Should:

- Be customer focused and target driven with excellent Customer Service skills
- Have basic Maths and English competency
- Ideally be familiar with EPOS Cash Tills and have Cash Handling experience
- Have Health & Safety awareness when handling substances hazardous to health, including LPG Cylinders
- Have the ability to undertake physically demanding and manual handling duties
- Be self-motivated, flexible with a positive attitude, and able to work well in a team environment
- Be available to work outside of usual hours and on weekends.
- Be comfortable to work in a potentially hazardous environment

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

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METER READING SUBMISSIONS

Customers who wish to submit their own electricity and water meter readings may do so between **1 and 7 August 2026** for August invoicing. Customers who call in their readings will have an actual reading applied to their next bill, not an estimate.

Customers in the following areas may submit their readings if they choose to:

- Levelwood, Sandy Bay, Blue Hill, Deadwood, and Longwood, Alarm Forest, Rupert's, Jamestown, Ladder Hill to Three Tanks and Lower Half Tree Hollow (Veranda Quarters to Evergreen Tree)

Please note: All other areas not listed above are scheduled for a Meter Reader visit in August and therefore do not need to submit a meter reading.

When submitting your electricity or water meter readings, please include:

- Customer Reference
- Date the reading was taken

Providing this information helps us process your reading quickly and accurately.

Submission Options

Telephone: 22341

Mobile/WhatsApp: +290 66242

Email: meterreadings@connectonline.co.sh

(St Helena) Cancer Support Awareness Charity
Registered Charity No. 00024

Chairman – Colin Yon
Secretary, Wendy E Benjamin – Tel No 23942
Treasurer, Nicholas Yon – Tel No 25311
Members: Olive Williams - Tel No 22392
Sandra Sim - Tel No 24677
Joy George 24717

Bank of St Helena Account No 22165002

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR OCT0BER 2026

SAT 3rd	Coffee Morning – Jamestown Community Centre, 10.00am	
THUR 8th	Miscellaneous stall in front of Canister	10am – Cakes/Cup Cakes/Plants/Fruit & Vegetable/ Gifts etc., most welcome
FRI 16th	Mofti Day	You can wear a colour of your choice
SAT 17TH	Tea Dance	At the Guinea Grass Community Centre
SUN 18th	Patients lunch	By invitation only
SAT 24th	CARNIVAL DAY	THEME – BEAUTIFUL & UNITED
THUR 29TH	Healing service at St John's church	All are welcome to attend at 7pm
	PLEASE NOTE – IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO ORGANISE A FUNDRAISING EVENT DURING OCTOBER 26	PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE CANCER CHARITY MEMBERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

Rupert's Cargo Handling Facility – Reefer Gantry Design and Installation

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

CS-2060-SHG – Rupert's Cargo Handling Facility – Reefer Gantry Design and Installation

A site visit to view the works will take place on Wednesday, 12 August 2026, at 09:00, meeting at the PCB Yard, Rupert's Cargo Handling Facility.

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

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Friday, 28 August 2026, clearly marked **"Tender CS-2060-SHG"**.

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

SHG, 27 July 2026

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services - 2nd August
Sandy Bay Chapel 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday, 4th August: Baptist School Hall, 7.00 pm
Wednesday, 5th August: Blue Hill Community Centre, 7.00 pm
Thursday, 6th August: Sandy Bay Chapel, 5.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS
Adventure Kids – Age 6 – 10 yrs old
Saturday 1st August: Baptist School Hall
10.00 am to 11.30

Ladies Meeting
Wednesday, 5th August: Baptist School Hall, 10.30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact: Tel No 24644

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 2nd August 2026 - 18th Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist/Junior Church	Cathedral
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
	Thursday 6th August	
7.00 p.m.	**Mission Praise and Worship**	**St Andrew**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 2nd August 2026 – 18th Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Michael
	Monday 3rd August	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mary
	Thursday 6th August	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 7th June 2026 – 18th Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 4th August	
7.00 p.m.	Bible School on Wheels	St Mark

NOTICE BOARD

Batter Up!

Big Victories Signal Strong Start to 2026 Rounders Season



WSA, Contributed

The 2026 rounders season got underway this week, with teams returning to the field for the opening round of league fixtures. With each team receiving one bye per week during the season, Incredibles sat out the opening week, leaving two matches to get the season started.

Battitude began their season with a 29 - 2½ victory over Thunderbats, with consistent batting and strong fielding helping them secure the win.

Battitude scored 21½ in their first innings, with contributions throughout the batting order. Whitney top-scored with 4½, while Georgia added 3 and Emma contributed 2. Thunderbats' fielding kept the pressure on with several good stumpings, but Battitude were able to build an early advantage.

Thunderbats found scoring difficult in reply as Battitude's fielders worked well together to limit their opportunities. Alfreda, Emma and Georgia were among those making key contributions in the field, with catches and stumpings helping to restrict Thunderbats to just a ½ rounder at the halfway stage. Selena scored Thunderbats' only half-rounder of the innings before being stumped.

The second half followed a similar pattern, with Thunderbats adding two more rounders but struggling to find a way through Battitude's organised fielding. Battitude continued to create chances in the field before finishing strongly with another 7½ rounders in their final innings to secure the victory.

Alfreda was named Lady of the Match for her all-round contribution throughout the game. She played an important role in Battitude's performance with both bat and fielding, helping to maintain pressure on Thunderbats and supporting her team's overall result.

Georgia received Young Lady of the Match for her strong performance across the fixture. She contributed 3 rounders with the bat in Battitude's first innings and continued to make an impact in the field with her effort, teamwork and commitment throughout the match. Her contribution played an important part in helping Battitude start the season with a win.

Ballzy Ladies, last season's league champions, also began the season with a victory, defeating Catchdashians 31 - 2½.

Ballzy Ladies made a strong start, scoring 15½ in their opening innings. Charlotte scored 4, while Kati added 4½, with further contributions from Katelyn, Danielle and Ice helping them establish an early lead.

Catchdashians found scoring difficult in reply as Ballzy Ladies' fielding remained organised throughout the innings. The combination of Danielle, Kati and Charlotte was particularly effective, with Danielle's accurate bowling, Kati's work from wicket and Charlotte's positioning at first base helping to restrict Catchdashians to 1½ at the halfway stage.

The second innings saw Catchdashians add another rounder through Jordana Crowie, who was later named Young Lady of the Match. Despite the final score, Catchdashians showed plenty of positives in the field. They worked hard to stop further runs, prevented several half-rounders at second base and improved their communication as the match progressed.

Ballzy Ladies continued to apply pressure and finished with another 15½ rounders in their final innings. Charlotte led the way with 5 rounders, while Kati added another 3 to help secure the win.

Kati was awarded Lady of the Match after another strong all-round performance, scoring 7½ rounders across the match and taking several important catches from wicket. Jordana Crowie received Young Lady of the Match after contributing with both bat and ball, scoring Catchdashians' only rounder of the second innings and showing great awareness and accuracy in the field.

The opening week has provided a positive start to the 2026 season, with Battitude and Ballzy Ladies taking early victories. Thunderbats and Catchdashians both showed determination and teamwork throughout their matches and will look to build on their performances as the season continues. With Incredibles returning after their opening-week bye, the league is already shaping up to be another competitive season.





Golf Report

Club Apologises Following Cancellation of Monthly Medal Competition



SHGC, Contributed

The St Helena Golf Club regrets the cancellation of the postponed Monthly Medal competition that had been scheduled for Sunday, 26 July 2026.

With weather forecasts indicating poor golfing conditions for the weekend, the event organiser made the difficult decision on Saturday, 25 July, to cancel the competition before the draw was completed. The decision was taken in good faith, with the intention of avoiding unnecessary inconvenience to members should the forecast prove accurate.

However, Sunday brought far more favourable conditions than had been anticipated, making the cancellation an unfortunate one in hindsight.

The Club sincerely apologises to all members for the inconvenience and disappointment caused. While every effort is made to make the best decision based on the information available at the time, the weather can be unpredictable, and on this occasion the forecast did not reflect the conditions that eventually prevailed. The Committee thanks members for their understanding and continued support.

The Club now looks ahead to the Modified Stableford Competition, which will be played on Sunday, 2 August, with tee-off at 12noon. Registration closes at 3pm on Saturday, 1 August, and members are encouraged to enter before the closing deadline.

Members are also reminded of the Annual Peter Francis Memorial Challenge, scheduled for Sunday, 9 August. This prestigious event honours the memory of the late Peter Francis, who served the St Helena Golf Club Committee with distinction in a number of capacities over many years. The Committee encourages members to sign up and participate as a fitting tribute to his dedication and lasting contribution to the Club.

The Committee looks forward to welcoming a strong field of competitors over the coming weeks and hopes for favourable weather to allow both events to proceed as planned.

Happy swinging!

into raptures.

Trailing at the break and looking well off their usual rhythm, Bellboys regrouped for the second half and elevated their intensity. Young player Zac Francis—who went on to earn the Young Player of the Match award—began dictating play from midfield, providing the spark Bellboys desperately needed.

The equalizer arrived in somewhat unexpected fashion when Jacob Duncan swung a right-footed cross from the left wing that drifted over everyone and nestled directly into the far corner.

With momentum fully restored, Bellboys pushed for the winner. Man of the Match, Joey Thomas, capitalized on two late misjudgements by Anelka—who rushed off his line unnecessarily in an effort to clear—allowing Thomas to score twice to seal a hard-fought 3–1 victory.

The comeback ensures Bellboys remain undefeated at the top of the tree, but Fugees earned immense respect for a heroic effort that pushed the champions to their limits.

In Sunday's earlier kickoff, Rovers produced an emphatic attacking performance against STH Young Boys, netting 28 unanswered goals to keep maximum pressure on Bellboys at the top of the table.

Rico Benjamin put on a historic goal-scoring masterclass, bagging an incredible 11 goals to claim an undisputed Man of the Match award. Ronan Legg was equally ruthless in front of goal with a seven-goal haul, while Shaquille Benjamin netted four. Double strikes from Brett Isaac and Toure, alongside goals from Tyler Benjamin and Jake Letori, rounded off the scoring.

The massive win keeps Rovers firmly in the title hunt as their goal difference receives a substantial boost heading into the second half of the campaign.



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Bellboys Survive Fugees Scare to Stay Top

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Round 1 of the 2026 St Helena Football Association (SHFA) League season is officially in the books, and the battle at the top of the table could not be tighter. While league leaders Bellboys maintained their undefeated record to finish the first half of the season at the summit, they were forced to dig deep after being tested to the limit by an inspired Fugees side. Meanwhile, title rivals Rovers sent a loud warning shot across Francis Plain with an explosive goal-scoring display.

What many expected to be a routine afternoon for the league leaders turned into a thrilling contest at Francis Plain, as a determined Fugees team pushed the reigning champions all the way.

From the opening whistle, Fugees set out to disrupt Bellboys' usual fluid play. Operating with discipline, physical grit, and tactical focus, Fugees' central defensive partnership of Delroy Leo and Dontae Buckley stood firm against the league's most potent attack. On the left flank, Fugees Captain Travis Samuel-Yon produced an outstanding performance, winning crucial duels and recovering brilliantly whenever Bellboys managed to breach the line. Behind them, goalkeeper Anelka Leo was in fine form, pulling off a series of spectacular saves while acting as an effective sweeper keeper to keep Bellboys at bay.

Playing on the counter-attack, Fugees looked dangerous whenever the ball reached Lars Williams on the right wing. After threatening twice early on, Williams made his third opportunity count in style. The speedy forward spun past defender Dane Wade, carried the ball forward with pace and control, and calmly finished past Keith Yon to give Fugees a shock lead—sending the underdog supporters in the crowd

