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Touching Tribute







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OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Donna Crowie, SAMS

In last weeks edition of The Sentinel, we featured a piece on the Van Wyk family. After reading the letter submitted to The Sentinel, my heart went out to Kevin and Tasneen, but more so to their two daughters; their eldest is the same age as my daughter and what they went though, I would never want my daughter to experience.

Honestly why would you question children like that? Am I right in saying that you need a parent/guardian's consent to talk to minors or even for them to be present?

Also, I am no detective, but on St Helena as many will know we have a 5-digit landline and mobile system and with our code of 00290, so that's 5 and 5 with a dedicated landline or mobile number equals 10 digits, I wonder if the code was checked and digits counted correctly - I doubt it.

Mistaken identity? On St Helena, where the population is around 4000 people? OK then.

I will leave it there.

Also, within The Sentinel for a few weeks we have proudly showcased some of our recent Saint graduates, with a few more still to be published, but to you all well done on your achievements.

I bet most of the graduates will not be returning back to the island and personally I don't blame them; to study for a specific subject that will help them in their chosen career path and then to come to St Helena and can't follow through that chosen career is kind of a waste of time.

I know I am being really negative – sorry, but I think it just needs to be said.

Tina Yon-Stevens story is a big reminder that health issues can happen to anyone, even the most active and fit people. Sending you so much strength, Tina—I know you can fight this. Show that heart who's boss!

Well readers, I will stop my rant there for now! Enjoy another great issue of The Sentinel and also enjoy your long weekend ahead.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

The media service has in recent weeks publish letters concerning expenditure of funds linked to the BIOT agreement. Have the public seen any report of the previous expenditure and what has been achieved.

While Departments have projected outcomes, and milestones to be met with funding needed to achieve this, they should forcefully and fearlessly negotiate this during the budget session especially if they fall in line with UK policy. These Departments should not be coming up with a "to do list" when the CM has a carrot dangling in front of her.

What about the other problems: Is fishing going to get off the ground or just continue to be talked about, the parking problem in Jamestown--can Ministers see this? Our shipping arrangements: the ship calls at Walvis but our UK cargo goes to Cape Town and comes 1700 miles back up. Now containers for the island have to have less weight requiring additional units to ship the same amount of cargo, yet we have a 60-ton crane on the quayside. Why are we being dictated to when we are paying for a service?

Why are Ministers relaying to the public what has been told to them by an outside source instead of checking the situation against contract agreements?

Any extra funding for this Island should be used in solving the problems which affects the island as a whole and showing an improvement. We cannot continue with the same old song "we have a lot to be thankful for", because while not complaining we are also being taken advantage of.

Ministers are there to access the problems and make decisions. Non ministers also have a duty to their constituents for a timely end to these problems or activate a no confidence vote.

Lionel Williams

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Third Formal Session of the St Helena Public Accounts Committee (PAC) for 2026 will take place on Friday, 4 September at 9.30am in the Council Chamber.

The main programme of business will focus on the Audit St Helena Performance Audit Report on the Implementation of St Helena's Energy Strategy, and the Connect Saint Helena Ltd Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and the meeting will be streamed and broadcast live on SAMS Radio 1.

ST HELENA PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
26 August 2026

"We are not impressed by the reasons given"

Police explanation following wrongful arrest fails to impress van Wyk family after seeking clarity during meeting with leadership



Kevin and Tasneen van Wyk met with police leadership last week following their wrongful arrest

Liam Yon, SAMS

Following their high-profile wrongful arrest on Thursday, 13 August, Bank of St Helena employees Kevin and Tasneen van Wyk met with police leadership last week seeking formal clarity over the ordeal. However, the couple left the meeting expressing deep disappointment, with Mr van Wyk concluding, "We are not impressed by the reasons given".

According to Mr van Wyk, the explanation provided by the Royal St Helena Police Service has not changed materially from what was offered immediately following their release. Investigating officers maintained that because the couple's five-digit home landline number was contained within an 11-digit number associated with a perpetrator, it provided sufficient grounds to reasonably link them to a serious crime. Mr van Wyk questioned the rationale, stating it is the first time he has heard of anyone becoming a suspect simply for sharing half of a phone number, while noting that fundamental questions surrounding the investigation remain unanswered.

Addressing claims that police had hesitated to issue a public statement out of respect for the family's privacy, Mr van Wyk confirmed he has formally written to police clearing them to release whatever statement they deem necessary. He stressed that authorities can no longer cite the family as the reason for their public silence.

Mr van Wyk confirmed he has now lodged a formal complaint regarding the police's conduct and that legal action remains under serious consideration. He indicated that any potential court proceedings would examine whether police actions met the statutory threshold for "reasonable grounds," as set out under Section 22 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Ordinance 2003.

Despite the distress of having their home searched, personal electronics confiscated, and young daughters taken into protective care, the family expressed sincere gratitude to the local community for the overwhelming wave of kindness and support received since the traumatic ordeal.

Following these latest developments, The Sentinel once again reached out to the Royal St Helena Police Service for an official response and clarification. To date, those enquiries continue to be met with complete silence, with no response or acknowledgement provided by the police.



The Royal St Helena Police Service has so far declined to issue a public statement or respond to SAMS enquiries regarding the arrests

Waiting for the Golden Karoo

MV Karoline arrival delayed by four days as vessel awaits UK Cargo



MV Golden Karoo

Donna Crowie, SAMS

St Helena's primary freight vessel, the MV Karoline, has seen its upcoming arrival delayed by four days, pushing her scheduled return to Rupert's Jetty from Friday, 4 September to Tuesday, 8 September. Solomons Shipping initially alerted the public on Monday, 24 August, confirming that the revised timeline has also necessitated changes to cargo delivery schedules for Ascension Island.

Speaking to The Sentinel, contracted shipping provider MACS explained that the delay is a direct result of the MV Karoline having to wait in Cape Town to receive incoming UK cargo. The cargo is arriving aboard the mainline vessel Golden Karoo, which is scheduled to dock in Cape Town on Saturday, 29 August. MACS is aiming to dispatch the MV Karoline on Monday, 31 August. MACS added that regional shipping pressures are also contributing to the bottleneck, stating how "the port of Walvis Bay continues to delay our mainline vessels in both directions, which is having a knock-on effect".

Due to the adjusted arrival date, cargo delivery for Ascension Island at Rupert's Jetty has been rescheduled for Friday, 4 September, between 9am and 11am.

The schedule for the MV Karoline was previously modified from a four-week rotation to an approximate six-weekly schedule in order to absorb rising global fuel prices and prevent increased freight costs from being passed on to consumers. On a positive note, MACS told The Sentinel that they have observed a slight uptick in cargo volumes for this voyage now that calls to the island are spaced further apart.

MACS also cleared up speculation regarding future stops at Ascension Island. Addressing concerns that the September call might be the final voyage to Ascension for 2026, MACS confirmed that the MV Karoline will make a further Christmas voyage to Ascension Island, arriving on or about 11 December.



MV Karoline

Pool Reopening Postponed

New Horizons confirms planned 29 August reopening will not be met, with a new target date to be announced



The freshly resealed and repainted pool basin being refilled; final deep cleaning and water quality testing must be completed before a new opening date is set

Liam Yon, SAMS

Island residents hoping to take a dip this weekend will have to wait a little longer, as the planned reopening of the Jamestown Swimming Pool on Saturday, 29 August, has been delayed.

In a recent update released by current operators, New Horizons, the team confirmed that the previously advertised reopening date is no longer achievable; with a new opening date set to be announced once a clearer timeframe is established.

New Horizons expressed gratitude to the community for their support, thanking everyone for their "patience, understanding and support" while final preparations are completed.

The popular facility has been closed since mid-July to undergo essential maintenance and refurbishment works. The primary contract for resealing and repainting the pool basin was awarded to local contractor Mr Johnny Fuller and his team.

"The contract for the resealing and painting of the pool was awarded to Mr Johnny Fuller and his team, and we would like to recognise the excellent work carried out throughout this important project for the island community," said New Horizons, acknowledging the contractor's hard work.

Alongside the basin works, swimming pool staff have been busy giving the surrounding facility a fresh look ahead of welcoming visitors back. The final phases involve completing the pool refill, executing a deep clean, and carrying out necessary water quality tests to ensure the facility is safe for public use.

A reminder that the long-term operation of the Jamestown Swimming Pool is currently out for tender.



Workers applying touch-ups and line details to the Jamestown Swimming Pool during refurbishment



The Jamestown Swimming Pool floor was prepped for sealants and fresh paint during the essential maintenance period



The completed resealing and repainting job featuring vibrant blue coats and freshly painted lane lines

The Big Reveal

Students receive examination results at SHSS Official Results Day Ceremony



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

The St Helena Secondary School (SHSS) Official Results Day Ceremony for the 2025/26 school year took place in the main school hall on Friday, 21 August. Students who had completed their General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE), Advanced Subsidiary (AS), and Advanced-Level (A-Level) examinations earlier in the year (Year 11, 12, and 13 students) were issued with their long-awaited official statement of results.

Students, along with their parents and guardians, attended the ceremony alongside invited guests, which included, among others, Minister for Education, Andrew Turner. SHSS Head Teacher, Phil Toal, welcomed everyone present and gave the opening speech where he commended students for their efforts and wished them the best for their onward journey.

Addressing the students, Phil congratulated them on behalf of the entire school community. "I am incredibly proud of the achievements of our students this year," he began. "These results represent much more than numbers on a page. Today is not just about the grades you get on a piece of paper, it is about that whole journey you have undertaken. I want you to remember that success is not one-size-fits all. It is about the obstacles you overcome, the perseverance you showed during revision and the way you supported one another through the many highs and lows that have happened in the last academic year. You have genuinely embodied our motto to inspire and achieve; inspiring your teachers and peers every day and achieving personal growth that goes beyond the examination papers. Examination results measure only one part of a young person's journey, I am proud of students who achieved top grades, met or exceeded their targets, made significant progress, or overcame personal challenges to complete their studies."

Phil then proceeded to thank teachers and support staff for their commitment and dedication as well as the students' families for their encouragement. "Today marks an important milestone, but it is not the destination," he continued. "I look forward to seeing our students take the next steps in their education, employment and wider lives with confidence, ambition and determination."

Head of Career Access St Helena, Glen Yon, was pleased to congratulate all students who had participated in the post sixteen offering by Career Access, in collaboration with various employers, as well as all the Year 11 students who had been part of the voluntary work programme. Glen reiterated how this provides a valuable opportunity for students to gain experience and knowledge of different career-options. He continued to commend participants for their commitment and hard work to make a success of their work placements. Career Access will continue to work with students who wish to pursue a route within the post-sixteen offering options; be it a full academic, blended or apprenticeship route.

Also in attendance on the day were members of the St Helena Airport Fire and Rescue team, including Craig Peters, who congratulated all students who had completed the Level 2 Fire and Rescue Course and presented them each with a certificate and a t-shirt to celebrate their achievement. He reminded all present that this internationally accredited qualification will provide a platform for those interested in pursuing a career in emergency services. Additionally, Kirk Lawrence was presented with a 'Golden helmet' for consistent highest attainment and achievement during the course. Tristan Smith, who had been training with the team through the post-sixteen offering, shared his success story with the attendees as it was revealed that he was also being offered the opportunity to continue his studies abroad, training in the Firefighter Foundation Development Programme, with the possibility of employment in this field on the island once he returns.

The Head Teacher then invited education staff Linda Yon, Kerry Peters and Isabel Andrews to hand out the offi-



cial statement of results to the waiting students. The moment of truth had arrived with students, alongside their parents and guardians, eagerly opening the statements to reveal the grades they received in the various subjects of study.

Following this, students were invited to speak with representatives from various businesses and organisations that had gathered in the hall to discuss employment opportunities and pathways into work. These included organisations like the Royal St Helena Police, the Bank of St Helena, Solomon & Company, Connect St Helena and SHG's Human Resources. Discussions included the Sixth Form Programme, Apprenticeship Scheme, potential careers, current job vacancies, and exam re-sits or remarks. Students who wishes to continue their studies at SHSS could discuss options with the Head of Sixth Form, Thomas North, while Glen Yon and Angie Benjamin was also present as representatives of Career Access, affording students the opportunity to discuss post-sixteen routes on offer.

In a press release, SHG have revealed a substantial improvement in the results returned compared to last year, across all levels of study. Results are compared on the proportion of students achieving the school's key measure - five or more subjects at Grade 4/C and above, including in English and Mathematics. An increase of 27% this year took the proportion of students achieving the key measure from 29% in 2025 to 56% achieving the required results this year. The improvement in results in English and Mathematics were particularly highlighted with the Education Portfolio pointing out that Level 2 (GCSE Grade A* to C) results in English on the island, at 76.5%, compares particularly well with the latest National Reference Test benchmark for England, which was 67% in 2025.

With big decisions to be made about the future, The Sentinel wishes to congratulate all students on their results and wish them all the best of luck with whichever route they choose to pursue.









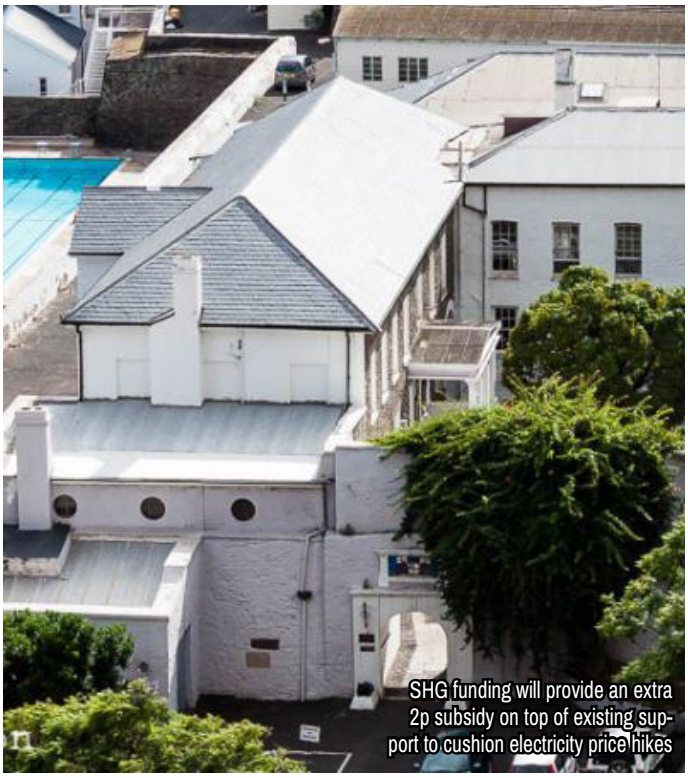







SHG Shock Absorbers

Additional Government subsidies cushion impact of rising fuel costs, keeping electricity increases to a penny per unit



SHG funding will provide an extra 2p subsidy on top of existing support to cushion electricity price hikes

Liam Yon, SAMS

Electricity tariffs on St Helena will rise by a single penny per unit on Tuesday, 1 September 2026, as extra St Helena Government (SHG) subsidies step in to cushion the impact of surging fuel prices. While government intervention prevented a much steeper hike, any increase adds further pressure to household and commercial budgets already strained by the island's high cost of living.

Under the revised pricing structure released by sole utility provider, Connect Saint Helena Ltd, domestic consumers using up to 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month will see rates rise from 46p to 47p per unit. Domestic consumption above 1,000 units, and all commercial rates, will increase from 57p to 58p per unit.

According to Connect, this price adjustment is driven by rising fuel costs, which pushed the underlying fuel generation component up by 4p per unit—from 33p to 37p. However, intervention from SHG has prevented the full surge from reaching consumers.

In an official press release, Connect explained that "this adjustment is necessary in response to the recent rise in fuel prices; however, the St Helena Government has anticipated this pressure and will absorb an additional 2p per unit through providing extra subsidy to Connect, meaning that overall increase passed onto customers is limited to just 1p per unit."

Altogether, SHG is absorbing 3p of the overall increase by raising its initial subsidy from 6p to 7p per unit and introducing a new additional subsidy of 2p per unit, capping the net increase passed to consumers at just one penny.

Although a one-penny shift appears minor on paper, the community is likely to feel the compounding strain. Following previous adjustments in mid-2024 and July 2025 that drove household energy inflation up by over 10% annually, even incremental rises add to everyday living expenses.

Connect acknowledged the challenge facing residents and local businesses. "We recognise that tariff changes can impact households and businesses, and we remain committed to delivering reliable services while ensuring financial sustainability," they said.

Customers with questions regarding the upcoming tariff changes can contact the Connect Billing Team on 22341 or via email at enquiries@connectonline.co.sh.



Inside Connect's Power Station at Rupert's Valley, where global fuel price spikes pushed raw generation costs up by 4p per unit



Domestic consumers will see electricity rates rise by 1p per unit from 1 September

Time for a Trim

Castle Gardens temporarily closed for Tree Topping works



Tree maintenance in progress this week in Castle Gardens, leaving limbs temporarily scattered across the surrounding grounds

Liam Yon, SAMS

If you've planned a quiet stroll through Jamestown this week, you would have needed to adjust your route around the Castle Gardens.

The Forestry and Properties sections are currently carrying out tree-topping works in the area, including on the large tree near the Public Library. Works started on Monday, 24 August, and is provisionally planned to run through to tomorrow, Friday 28 August. To allow room for the heavy crane, the main entrance to the gardens has been closed daily between 9am and 3pm.

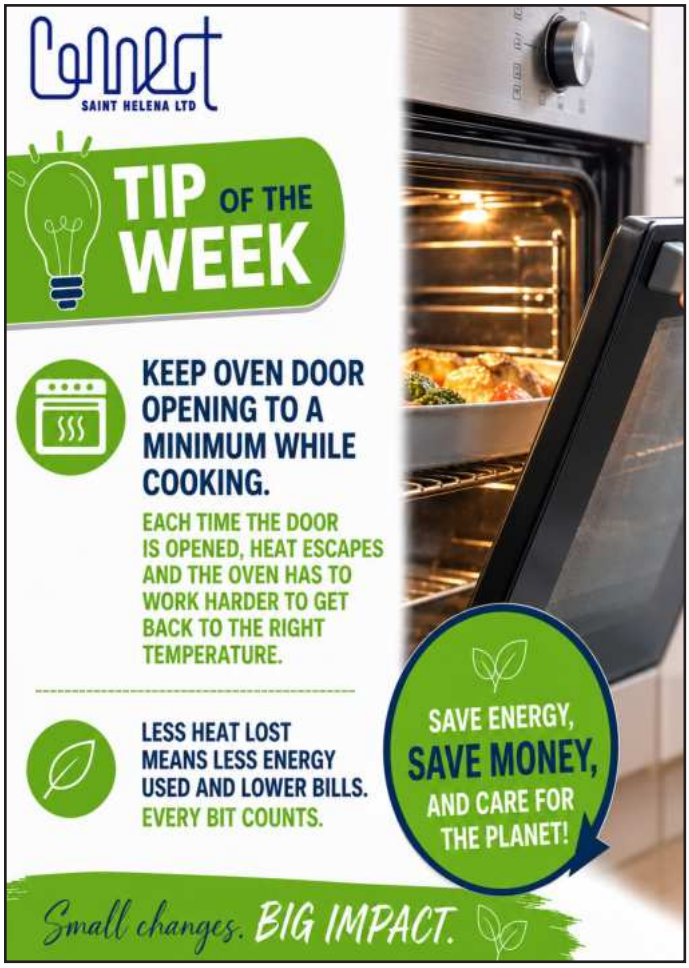
However, for those hoping to catch a bit of lunch in the gardens, the main entrance has been reopening briefly each day between 12noon and 1pm for both pedestrians and vehicles. Outside of that lunchtime window, access to surrounding homes and businesses has had to be diverted via the terrace, with notices posted at the main gate.

In addition, the Castle Gardens fish have been getting special protection, with the pond and fountain area screened and covered to keep the resident fish safe from any falling branches. Unfortunately, the attractive flower beds, planted and maintained by Martin Buckley and his team, have not been so lucky, with fallen limbs causing damage to the beautified areas.

A woodchipper has also needed to run at select times during the works, with the Forestry Section apologising for the noise disruption, while they also thanked the public for their patience while the safety maintenance is carried out.



The central fountain and fish pond screened off with scaffolding and protective netting to keep resident fish safe from falling branches



A Touching Tribute

University of the West of England honours Kyla Joshua

Kyla Joshua

BSc (Hons) in Radiography, University of the West of England



Liam Yon, SAMS

In this week's feature, we turn our hearts to honouring the memory, academic dedication, and lasting legacy of Kyla Joshua—a remarkable young Saint whose tragic passing while studying abroad shook our island community to its core.

This year, during what would have been her graduation ceremony at the University of the West of England (UWE Bristol), Kyla was remembered in a deeply touching tribute as the university presented a posthumous award recognising her studies toward a Bachelor of Science (BSc Hons) degree in Radiography, specialising in Radiotherapy and Oncology.

Addressing the congregation, a university official delivered a heartfelt address, honouring Kyla's time on campus. She recalled how Kyla joined UWE Bristol in September 2023 alongside close friends from St Helena to begin their academic journeys together. Settling into accommodation on the Glenside campus, Kyla immediately threw herself into her studies with passion and clear vision.

"In her short time with us, colleagues saw the potential she had and her clear enthusiasm and drive for the subject, with plans for further study once she completed her degree," the speaker shared before the hall. "She is missed."

In a moment of profound unity and emotion, Kyla's family—including her dad Alan, mum Toni, and sister Aimee—alongside her close friends, were invited to accept the award on her behalf. As the university official requested the audience to stand, the entire hall erupted into a heartfelt, prolonged standing ovation. Kyla's sister, Aimee, walked onto the stage to receive the award to thunderous applause, surrounded by the warmth and deep respect of Kyla's peers, lecturers, and friends.

Reflecting on the ceremony, Kyla's mum, Toni, expressed how meaningful the day was for their family. "What the University did was absolutely beautiful and a very lovely gesture indeed," she told The Sentinel. "It was a very emotional day for us. We were so grateful to the University for giving us the opportunity and, at the same time, so proud of our Kyla's achievements, even though it was for a short period."

Kyla's drive to make a difference was evident long before she stepped onto university grounds. Prior to leaving for the UK, she was a prominent and passionate advocate for student equality and young people across St Helena. In 2023, Kyla joined a select cohort of local students to present a paper to the St Helena Legislative Council, campaigning for equal access to UK university maintenance funds to help secure stronger, fairer higher educa-



tion pathways for future generations of Saints.

Whether championing the rights of island youth or pursuing a career in healthcare dedicated to treating others, Kyla lived with purpose, courage, and immense heart.

The Sentinel extends its deepest condolences, thoughts, and love to Alan, Toni, Aimee, Kyla's extended family, and her many friends. Though her time was tragically brief, Kyla's achievements, advocacy, and spirit remain a beacon of pride for St Helena, and her legacy will never be forgotten.

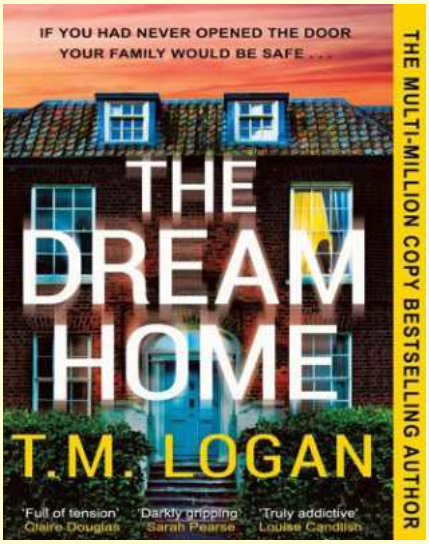






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LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

From Airwoman to Base Commander

Lorna Bearsby reflects on 16-Month Ascension Tour and St Helena Visit



Wing Commander Lorna Bearsby pictured at Wideawake Airfield, supporting the South Atlantic Air Bridge during her 16-month tour on Ascension Island

Donna Crowie, SAMS

It has been over 40 years since the Royal Air Force (RAF) began jointly operating Wideawake Airfield on Ascension Island—a partnership that has drawn many RAF personnel and commanders to our 88-square-kilometre sister island over the decades. Among them is Wing Commander Lorna Bearsby, who recently wrapped up a 16-month deployment on Ascension—a posting she described as an "absolute delight."

Following her duties, Lorna and her husband made a week-long stopover on St Helena before heading back to the UK. "The way people have spoken about St Helena, we felt that the only way to go home back to the UK was to come via St Helena and see what everyone's talking about," she shared.

Lorna has served in the RAF for 35 years, having originally joined as a young senior airwoman before earning her commission in 2005. She later served as a Squadron Leader, completing her sub-unit command tour before being assigned to Ascension Island in March 2025.

Her move into top leadership on the island came unexpectedly when the standing base commander had to be medically evacuated.

"A couple of months after I arrived, I was asked to move into the role. So, they promoted me into the role," Lorna explained. "So, I got my Wing Commander—something I've been after—and took up the role of the Commander of Ascension Island Base (CAIB)."

Reflecting on the milestone, she added, "right place, right time in some ways, maybe!"

While many associates the Air Force strictly with pilots, Lorna highlighted the extensive ground network that keeps operations moving. "I'm logistics. We used to be called 'supply,' and we had a little bit of a fun term that we used to say: 'You can't fly without supply,'" Lorna laughed. "My actual background is logistics movements—that small movements team at Royal Air Force Ascension is my profession and my expertise. But being the commander, you don't need to be a specific profession. You just have to be able to look after people and understand risk."

As Base Commander, Lorna was responsible for looking after around 230 military and contractor personnel. Operating on Ascension requires coordinating across three distinct entities; the Ascension Island Government (under the Governor), the US Base, and the RAF Base.

The primary military output for RAF Ascension is supporting the South Atlantic Air Bridge—the vital flight line connecting the UK, Ascension, and the Falkland Islands.

Lorna explained how duties on the airfield are split between forces. "The Americans have the airfield, so they do the air traffic control. The British do the fuel, aircraft refuelling, and movements," she advised.

Beyond the runway, RAF Ascension functions much like a



Lorna Bearsby served as Commander of Ascension Island Base (CAIB) after taking over the role mid-deployment

self-contained village. "We take care of the flight coming in—the fuel, the driving, the loading of the aeroplane," Lorna noted. "And then we have the infrastructure, accommodation, and the combined mess hall, because we have one eating facility for everybody. If you imagine a little estate, you need people to do all of it—you need people to cook, you need people to clean."

Living and commanding on a remote island required constant adaptation, particularly regarding supply lines. "If something breaks, you can't just nip to B&Q like in the UK and collect something," Lorna explained. "Our biggest problems were supply—maintaining spares, maintaining food. Food security is a very big issue. There are no farms on Ascension, there's no cattle; everything is flown in or shipped in."

Balancing reserve stock against shelf life was a daily consideration for her team. "For the UK MOD to deliver our output, we have to think, 'What do we need?' But we can't hold too much because if you hold too much food-wise, it goes off and spoils."

At the conclusion of her 16-month tour, Lorna caught the monthly Airlink flight from Ascension to spend a week taking in St Helena's sights, lush green landscape, and local cuisine.

"It's been amazing—it's like home from home," she said. "It's been beautiful because the Saints are just such an amazing nation of people. They're so welcoming."

Wing Commander Bearsby has since arrived safely back in the UK, where she is currently settling into her new home.



Lorna Bearsby reflects on her 16-month posting to Ascension Island during her week-long visit to St Helena

"We look forward to Paul's leadership"

Paul Gasteen appointed Chief Executive Officer of Solomon & Company



Newly appointed Solomon & Company CEO, Paul Gasteen

Liam Yon, SAMS

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has announced the appointment of Paul Gasteen as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective 10 August 2026.

Paul takes over the top executive role after spending the past two years as the company's Chief Operating Officer (COO), bringing over 30 years of extensive industry experience to the leadership position. Alongside his executive role, Paul is well-known across the island community as the former owner of The Mule Yard, a popular local gathering spot which he operated until January 2025.

Paul's recent appointment marks the culmination of a planned leadership transition within St Helena's oldest commercial enterprise. He succeeds Neil Wilshere, who stepped in as interim CEO in August 2025 before departing the island earlier this year. Neil—who previously served as Managing Director of Solomons from 2001 to 2008—worked alongside Paul during his tenure as COO to prepare him for taking over the reins.

Neil had taken over following the retirement of long-standing CEO, Mandy Peters, who stepped down in 2024 after leading the company's retail, shipping, and insurance arms since the mid-2000s.

In an official statement, Solomon & Company expressed strong confidence in Paul's ability to guide the organisation forward. "His strategic and operational expertise, together with his strong understanding of the Company, provide a solid foundation as he takes on the role of Chief Executive Officer," they said.

Established in 1790, Solomon & Company remains one of St Helena's foundational commercial enterprises, supplying key services spanning retail, shipping, fuel, travel, and agriculture across the island. The company states that it "looks forward to Paul's leadership as Solomons & Company continues to build on its achievements and pursue future opportunities."

The Sentinel congratulates Paul on his appointment and wishes him well in his role.



The main office premises of Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc in Jamestown

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FRI. Aug 28
- 7am - 10am: Sunrise Show with Luke Bennett
- 10am: Select Committee 1 Hearing
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam
- 7:30pm: Country Classics (Repeat)

SAT. Aug 29
- 9am-11: Indie Waves with Sue (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 30
- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Anita & Deon
- 1pm:Interveiw hour
- 3:30-5pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7pm: Salvation Army Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations with Anita

MON. Aug 31
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 1pm-3pm: Indie Waves with Sue
- 3-5pm: DNA with Deon & Anita
- 5:30pm: Country Classics with Donna
- 7:30 In The Know

TUE. Sep 01
- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Donna
- 11am: Vibes with Anita
- 2pm: 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. Sep 02
- 7am: Morning show with Deon
- 11am: Northward Sounds with Tony Leo
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett

THU. Sep 03
- 7am - 10am: Sunrise with Liam & Luke
- 3-5pm: Vibes with Anita (Repeat)
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna
- 7:30pm: The Island Pulse

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Featured this Week





Deon and Anita will be entertaining you this Sunday.

On the program will be a selection of classical music, some jazz, oldies, 80's and lots of other tracks to keep you tapping your feet.

In this week's show they will once again be featuring songs with a person's name in the title.

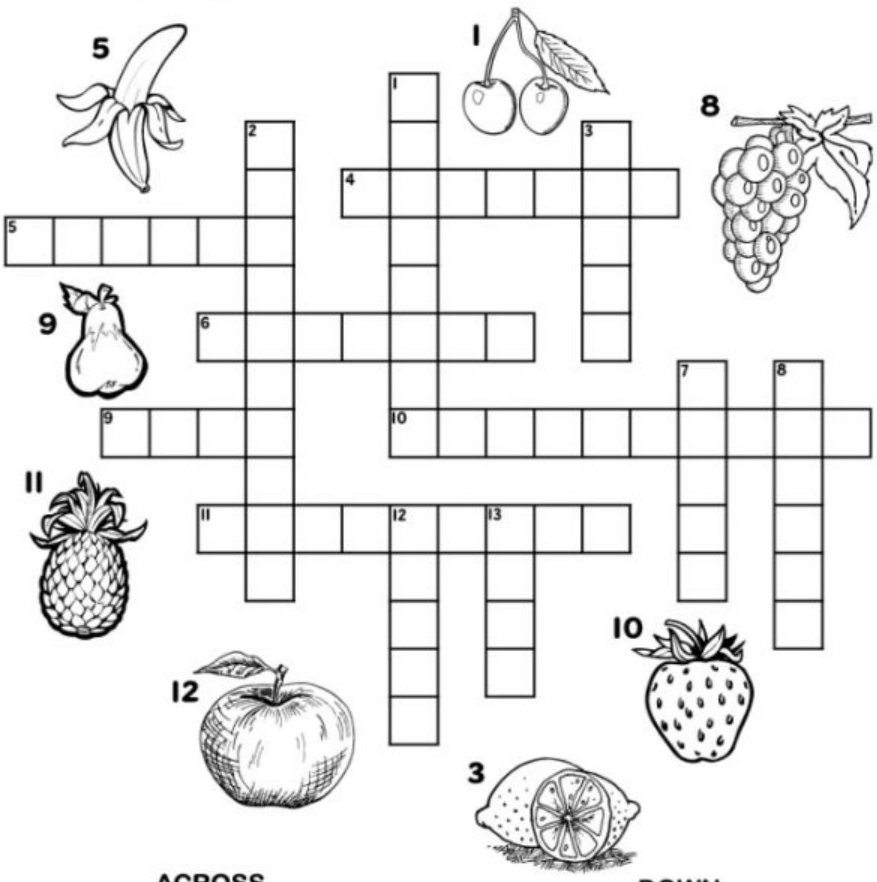
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FRUIT
CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

4. round, sweet fruit with juicy yellow (or sometimes white) flesh and fuzzy pinkish-yellow skin, and a large, hard seed at the center
6. small fruit that have many small seeds

DOWN

2. a round citrus fruit with yellow skin
7. honeydew _____
13. a round, juicy fruit that has red or purple skin, sweet yellow flesh and a hard seed at the center

Kids REBUS Puzzles



The Sentinel continues to share some recipes for the kids to try out during the holidays.

Recipes for Kids



No Bake Marshmallo Slice

Ingredients

- 2 Packets Super Wine Biscuits (500 grams total) - a sweet tea biscuit
- 1 Tin Sweetened Condensed Milk (approx 395 grams)
- 250 grams Butter, diced
- 1 Cup Brown Sugar, packed (200 grams)
- 4 Tablespoons Cocoa Powder
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Essence (5mls)
- 180 grams Marshmallows (Frozen is best)

Method

1. Prepare a 23-25cm slice or cake tin with cooking spray and baking paper (allows paper to stick - the smaller the tin the thicker the slice will be)
2. Crush the biscuits, leaving some pieces a little chunkier sized crumb (can use a food processor to make this easier)
3. Using kitchen scissors or sharp knife, slice the marshmallows (can slice off a third then cut the remaining bit in half and set aside)
4. In a large pot, add the butter, condensed milk, brown sugar and cocoa and over a low heat melt until completely combined, ideally with most of the brown sugar dissolved, but do not allow it to boil, stirring occasionally
5. Once melted, remove from the heat, add the vanilla and stir in well
6. Pour into this the crushed biscuits and the diced marshmallows – quickly combine all the ingredients
7. Spoon mixture into the lined slice tin. Firmly press down with the back of a spoon
8. Allow to set in the fridge before slicing, 4-6 hours or overnight
9. Slice into squares to serve, storing in an airtight container in the fridge
10. Enjoy!

ISLAND PULSE

The Island Pulse

Constituency Concerns Put Cost of Living, Roads, Policing and Economic Development Under the Spotlight



— **Cllr Julie Thomas,Communication Champion,** Contributed

The Island Pulse returns from recess with Councillors reporting directly from their constituency meetings - and a clear message emerging from communities: people want answers, action and greater certainty about St Helena's future.

After a two-week recess, *The Island Pulse* returned to SAMS Radio 1 this week with all seven Councillors in the studio, using the programme to report back on their recent constituency meetings and the issues residents are asking them to pursue.

Across Longwood, St Paul's, Jamestown, Rupert's, Blue Hill, Sandy Bay, Levelwood, Half Tree Hollow and Alarm Forest, Councillors heard a remarkably consistent set of concerns - rising living costs, fuel and utility prices, employment and population decline, roads and infrastructure, policing, renewable energy, fisheries and the pace at which Government decisions are translated into action.

While attendance varied, Councillors said the smaller meetings often provided an opportunity for detailed and constructive discussion.

Councillor Dr Corinda Essex, who represents Jamestown and Rupert's, observed that some residents now obtain so much information through *The Island Pulse*, social media and other channels that they feel less need to attend meetings in person.

She described this as "a bit of a double-edged sword", noting that better access to information is positive, but face-to-face engagement remains important because it allows residents to question their representatives directly.

Policing: recruitment and community engagement

Policing featured prominently across several constituencies, with Councillors hearing directly from police representatives about recruitment difficulties, community policing and the growing threat of online crime.

Councillor Denis Leo said his Longwood meeting included a lengthy discussion with Inspector Annabel Palmer, including body-worn cameras, traffic stops, drink-driving enforcement and the challenges facing community policing.

Residents were told that the Royal St Helena Police Service continues to experience significant recruitment difficulties, with four vacancies at the time of the meetings, including the Chief of Police position. Four UK officers are planned to come to St Helena to assist with training and development.

Councillors also heard that a 10-year plan is being developed to increase the number of local officers in post, with opportunities for local officers to gain wider exposure and training, more than likely in Gibraltar.

Councillor Leo said residents were concerned that officers were less visible on foot than in previous years, but staffing shortages meant existing officers were sometimes working double shifts.

Councillor Robert Midwinter reported similar discussions in St Paul's, where the Acting Chief of Police outlined the establishment of a dedicated neighbourhood policing team, supported by temporary officers, with a focus on visibility and frontline engagement.

Online fraud and cyber-enabled crime were also highlighted as emerging concerns.

"St Helena is not isolated anymore," Councillor Ronald Coleman said, reporting comments made at his Levelwood meeting about the increasing risks associated with internet use, including blackmail and online crime.

The Blue Light Cadet Scheme, designed to expose young people to careers in Policing, Fire and Rescue and other emergency services, was welcomed by Councillors as a potential way of encouraging future local recruitment.

Councillor Dr Essex also reported that Fixed Penalty Notices are expected to be introduced initially in specific areas, potentially within the next couple of months.

Cost of living remains the dominant concern

If there was one issue that cut across almost every constituency, it was the cost of living.

Residents raised concerns about wages, pensions, fuel prices, electricity costs and the price of essential goods, with Councillors repeatedly hearing that people want to know what Government's longer-term plan is.

Councillor Clint Beard said residents in Blue Hill and Sandy Bay identified freight, fuel and electricity as the key economic pressures affecting households.

"They want Government to be as open and transparent and as honest as they can be," he said, adding that residents wanted more frequent information about fuel prices and the measures being considered.

Dr Essex said the issue had prompted her to speak twice with the Chief Minister about developing a clear strategy for rising oil prices.

While Government is currently contributing two pence of every three pence of an increase in utility costs, she argued that this was only one measure and that Government needed to be "proactive and not reactive".

She has also asked the Senior Economist to examine different approaches to the fuel pricing model and their respective advantages and disadvantages.

Councillor Coleman said Levelwood residents were particularly concerned about wages and the rising cost of living, while also pointing to the Government's stated priority of protecting living standards.

Councillors have previously written to Ministers following the Budget to highlight concerns about measures to address the cost of living. A response

from the Chief Minister is still awaited.

Roads: a familiar frustration

Roads remain a recurring theme at constituency meetings.

Councillor Leo joked that when he first joined Council, he had hoped not to spend his time discussing roads - yet "that's all I hear about".

Residents raised potholes at Piccolo Hill, the condition of Deadwood Road, vegetation and roadside maintenance, bus shelters, drainage and safety concerns.

The Piccolo Hill Road has been an issue for more than a year, he said, describing the slow progress as an example of "how slow the wheels of government move".

Councillor Dr Essex raised concerns about uneven pavements in Jamestown and access bridges across the run at Rupert's. She said she would continue pressing Government on the latter, arguing that because the infrastructure had been created by Government, there should be some responsibility for ensuring it remains safe.

In Half Tree Hollow, Councillor Derek Thomas reported longstanding requests for a pavement, while also highlighting the need for improved road markings and parking arrangements in Jamestown.

Infrastructure and public services

Utility billing was another recurring concern. Councillor Midwinter confirmed that the intention is to retain **monthly rather than quarterly billing**, despite the confusion experienced by customers.

Residents also raised concerns about school renovations and the proposed reorganisation of primary education, particularly transport and supervision of younger children.

Councillor Coleman reported concerns from Levelwood parents about children travelling without supervisors on buses, including reports of children falling from seats and fighting.

The delayed completion of Harford Primary School was also raised repeatedly.

Other infrastructure matters included sewage connections, telecommunications, renewable energy projects, the condition of the Jamestown Wharf, public facilities at Half Tree Hollow playground and proposed improvements at Rupert's Beach.

Councillor Derek Thomas said approximately **£6.4 million has been allocated through EDIP for renewable energy**, including solar generation and battery storage at Ladder Hill Rifle Range. He called on the responsible Minister to provide the public with an update on progress and indicative timelines.

Fisheries and the island's economic future

For several Councillors, fisheries remain an area requiring urgent attention.

The publication of the Fisheries Situational Analysis was discussed, with residents encouraged to submit their views during the consultation period.

Dr Essex urged people to engage, arguing that, alongside tourism, fisheries could be one of St Helena's key economic drivers.

"We really can't go on with what's happening now much longer without the industry getting completely destroyed," she warned.

Questions were also raised about the relationship between SHG and the Saints Tuna Corporation and whether the commitments within their agreement are being met.

Councillor Julie Thomas highlighted a separate concern: the anticipated Fisheries Options Paper has been delayed. Councillors had previously understood that it would be published on 14 August but were subsequently advised that publication would now be on 11 September.

She also stressed that Councillors as a whole have **not fed into the Fisheries Options Paper** prepared by the Fisheries Working Group.

Residents have also expressed disappointment that there have been no public consultation meetings associated with the Situational Analysis, with concerns that the same approach could be taken with the Options Paper.

Employment, young people and population

Employment and the island's ability to retain its young people featured heavily.

Councillor Beard said Blue Hill residents were concerned that young people were leaving because suitable employment opportunities were unavailable.

He stressed that vocational skills should receive as much attention as academic achievement.

"You can have a lot of people doing invoicing, but you need people to do the work as well," he said.

Councillors also discussed apprenticeships, casual work, Technical Cooperation (TC) posts, succession planning and the need to create opportunities that encourage Saints to remain or return to the island.

Councillor Thomas highlighted concerns about the delayed post-16 opportunities programme, while Councillor Derek Thomas argued that more land should be released for genuinely productive agricultural, forestry or development purposes where appropriate.

Bunkers Hill and the importance of communication

For Alarm Forest residents, the continuing uncertainty surrounding the Bunkers Hill development was a particular frustration.

Councillor Thomas said residents had been disappointed to learn that no further progress could currently be made on the access road because SHG has initiated legal proceedings.

With court proceedings active, Government has advised that it cannot provide further detail or a definitive timeline until the legal process concludes.

"It is extremely frustrating," Councillor Thomas said, noting that residents had previously been told following an April site visit that a formal tender process was expected shortly.

A call for action — not simply more discussion

Perhaps the strongest message emerging from the constituency meetings was the desire to see issues move from discussion to delivery.

Councillor Beard said residents in Blue Hill acknowledged that meetings were informative but felt there was "a lot of talk" without enough action.

That sentiment was echoed across several constituencies.

From potholes and bus shelters to renewable energy, telecommunications, fisheries, school transport and the cost of living, Councillors have returned from recess with extensive lists of follow-up actions.

The meetings may have varied in size - from one resident in Alarm Forest to 24 in Half Tree Hollow - but Councillors agreed that engagement remains essential.

As Councillor Julie Thomas concluded on *The Island Pulse*: "Keep pushing, keep asking questions, and keep interacting with your Councillors, your District Representatives."

The next opportunity for public scrutiny comes this **Friday, 28 August**, when Select Committee 1 holds a live hearing on the Labour Market Strategy from **10am**, broadcast on SAMS Radio 1.

Chaired by Councillor Robert Midwinter, the hearing will focus on three key areas: addressing real and perceived inequities in St Helena's labour market; increasing the population living and working on the island; and preparing the workforce for the ambitions set out in the Sustainable Economic Development Strategy.

For a community facing significant economic and social challenges, the message from this week's Island Pulse was clear: **engagement matters - but residents increasingly want to see that engagement translated into action.**

The Island Pulse airs on SAMS Radio 1 on Tuesdays at 2pm, with repeats on Thursdays at 7pm and Sundays at 5pm.

Put St Helena on the World Stage

Island shortlisted across three global tourism awards—with final votes for the Family Traveller Awards closing TODAY and Wanderlust voting open until October



St Helena's dramatic coastal scenery and untouched landscapes have earned the island nominations across two major global travel awards

Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena's international profile has received another major boost after being shortlisted across three categories in two prestigious global travel awards. With one major deadline falling today, the public, Saints abroad, and past visitors are being urged to cast their votes immediately to help push the island over the finish line.

The island has been named a finalist in two separate categories for the Family Traveller Awards 2026 - Adventure Family Destination and Emerging Family Destination.

Selected by an expert panel of international family travel journalists, the shortlisting recognises St Helena as a standout destination for families seeking authentic, off-the-beaten-track experiences and outdoor adventure.

The competition is fierce in both categories. In the Adventure Family Destination category, St Helena is pitted against world-class travel spots including Japan, The Algarve (Portugal), and alpine hotspots Morzine & Avoriaz and Les Menuires (France). As for the Emerging Family Destination category, St Helena stands alongside emerging global tourism powerhouses including Oman, Saudi Arabia, Lithuania, Uzbekistan, and Virginia Beach (USA).

Public voting for the Family Traveller Awards closes today, Thursday, 27 August. Everyone who casts a vote across the categories is automatically entered into a prize draw to win a seven-night Eurocamp family holiday in 2027.

Islanders and supporters can cast their final votes online right now by visiting: awards-voting.familytraveller.com. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on Friday, 11 September.

In addition, St Helena has been nominated for the second consecutive year as the Most Desirable Island – Worldwide in the 25th annual Wanderlust Reader Travel Awards 2026.

The nomination reflects St Helena's growing international appeal as a distinctive, high-value destination offering untouched natural beauty, marine biodiversity, and rich history.

Tourism Manager Dianne Venning highlighted the significance of the global recognition. "For St Helena to be nominated as the Most Desirable Island is an incredible achievement and will raise our destination awareness at an international level," she said. "With travellers seeking an authentic and meaningful experience, from our rich history and heritage to our unspoilt natural beauty, breath-taking landscapes and warm welcome, St Helena offers an experience unlike anywhere else."

"We encourage everyone who has discovered, experienced or been touched by St Helena, whether through travel, a meaningful connection or have an inspiration to visit, to cast their vote and help showcase our unique and unforgettable island to the world," she concluded in a call to action.

Voting for the Wanderlust Awards remains open until Tuesday, 27 October 2026. Supporters can cast their vote by searching for and selecting 'Saint Helena' under the 'Most Desirable Island – Worldwide' category at wanderlustmagazine.com.

The winners of the Wanderlust Reader Travel Awards will be revealed at a ceremony in London on Wednesday, 4 November 2026.

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services - 30th August
Sandy Bay Chapel, 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel, 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel, 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
In recess.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Adventure Kids – Age 6 – 10 yrs old
Saturday, 29th August:
Baptist School Hall, 10.00 am to 11.30

Ladies Meeting
Wednesday, 2nd September:
Baptist School Hall, 10.30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact:
Tel No 24644

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The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 30th August 2026 - 22nd Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
	Thursday 3rd September	
7.00 p.m.	**Mission Praise and Worship**	**St Andrew**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 30th August 2026 – 22nd Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 3rd September	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 30th August 2026 – 22nd Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 1st September	
7.00 p.m.	Bible School on Wheels	St Mark

THE SALVATION ARMY

Praise and Worship Musical Evening

Join The Salvation Army on
Friday, 28th August, at 7:30 pm
for a Praise and Worship Musical Evening at the
Half Tree Hollow Salvation Army Hall.

Come and join us as we worship God through music and song.
Bring the whole family.

Everyone is welcome!



Church Notices

Prayer Meeting

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.
Saturday 29th August 2026 at 8.30am
Contact Mercy for details-65880 or 24212

Mens Fellowship-Theme: Iron Sharpens Iron Proverbs: 27 vs17

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.
Saturday 29th August 2026 at 4.30-6.pm

Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 30th August 11.00am
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Cell Meetings

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Jamestown @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Bramwell 62117)
Wednesday 02nd September 2026
Half Tree Hollow @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Mercy 53227)
The Rock Christian Fellowship, Longwood Avenue at 5.30pm
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Terrestrial Conservation Officer

(£16,248 per annum)

The Terrestrial Conservation Officer will play a crucial role in fostering the Island's prosperity by implementing the Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio's (ENRP) terrestrial conservation programme, aimed at preserving St Helena's unique terrestrial biodiversity, endemic species and natural ecosystems. This position will provide operational direction and support for the Terrestrial Conservation Section, using sound restoration ecology knowledge to guide the delivery of habitat restoration, invasive species management and endemic species recovery programmes. The post holder will maintain a regular and visible presence in the field, working closely with the Species and Habitats Teams to support effective conservation delivery.

The post holder will support the Head of Nature Conservation in the strategic development of the terrestrial conservation programme, ensuring that practical conservation delivery, monitoring, research and scientific evidence inform long-term conservation management. The post holder will also manage and support to the Nursery Officer and Habitat Chargehands, working closely with them to coordinate the delivery of the Species and Habitats Teams' work programmes and build on the considerable practical knowledge and experience within the teams. The role also includes programme and project implementation, habitat restoration and species conservation, reporting, communications and outreach activities, and maintaining effective relationships with local and international stakeholders and conservation partners associated with the work of the Terrestrial Conservation Section (TCS).

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries:	**Elizabeth Clingham on Tel No. 24724 or Email: elizabeth.clingham@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date:	**09 September 2026**
Shortlisting date:	**14 September 2026**
Interview date:	**23 September 2026**

Mental Health Support Worker

(£11,604 per annum)

We are seeking to recruit a Mental Health Support Worker. This role is based within the multi-agency partnership support for the development of early intervention, direct support and the improved outcomes for patients and service users alike. The post holder will enable the early help approach from a mental health perspective across the multi-agency partnership, which will include Health, Social Care, Education and community-based services. This could involve working in facilities such as the Hospital, Community Care Complex (CCC), Sheltered Accommodation, Schools, Prison or wherever you are required in order to perform the role.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries:	**Ian Rummery on Tel No. 22500 or Email: ian.rummery@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date:	**09 September 2026**
Shortlisting date:	**14 August 2026**
Interview date:	**23 September 2026**

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Customs/Immigration Officer

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If you're looking for a challenge, have an inquisitive mind and see yourself working as part of a team why not join the Customs and Immigration team. We need you on the front line where you will be required to help reduce threats to the border integrity of St Helena, by protecting the borders of St Helena by performing anti-smuggling duties, detecting prohibited and restricted goods entering and leaving the island and to ensure the effective control of passengers, crew and cargo on St Helena in accordance with the Customs & Excise Ordinance and associated legislation. This is a critical and demanding role where you will interact with the public on a daily basis.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Juliette O'Dean on Tel No.22287 or Email: juliette.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 09 September 2026
Assessment date: 14 September 2026
Shortlisting date: 16 September 2026
Interview date: 25 September 2026

Personal Assistant to HE the Governor

(£13,569 per annum)

We are looking for a Personal Assistant to the Governor to coordinate the Governor's schedule, prioritising meeting requests based on their significance and urgency, as well as arranging teleconferences and meetings with officials overseas. This role involves one-on-one discussions with Elected Members, senior managers, visiting consultants, advisors, media representatives, foreign nationals, as well as members of the public. In addition, the role involves co-ordination of the Governor's official entertainment and provision of administrative support to the Head of the Governor's Office.

The successful candidate will work alongside the current postholder for a short period of time to ensure a smooth transition.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Carol Henry on Tel No. 22470 or Email: carol.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 10 September 2026
Shortlisting date: 15 September 2026
Interview date: 24 September 2026

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For more information or to arrange an informal discussion about the role, please contact us.

Enquiries:	**Rosalie Brown on Tel No. 22920 or Email: rosalie.brown@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date:	**04 September 2026**
Shortlisting date:	**09 September 2026**
Interview date:	**17 September 2026**

Small Machinery Operator/Tractor Driver
(£10,464 per annum)

We are seeking a small machinery operator/tractor driver to contribute to the island's prosperity by assisting the Forestry Section with dependable and effective small machinery, herbicide, and tree surgery application services. In instances where the Small Machinery Operator's tasks are not needed, the individual will offer safe tractor driving and operational services to ensure that all necessary forestry operations are conducted safely and efficiently.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries:	**Myra Young on Tel No.22470 or Email: myra.young@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date:	**03 September 2026**
Shortlisting date:	**09 September 2026**
Interview date:	**17 September 2026**

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PRESS RELEASE

Connect Saint Helena Ltd announces leadership transition and Board changes

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is strengthening its leadership and governance arrangements as it enters an important period of delivery across its energy, water and wastewater programmes. The Company is announcing a change in executive leadership, with Phanual Shangwa to become Chief Executive Officer, alongside proposals to strengthen the Board through two new appointments. These proposals will be considered by the Shareholder at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 3 September 2026.

Leadership transition

Roeland van der Hoeven has resigned as Chief Executive Officer for family reasons, with his final day as CEO with Connect agreed as 14 September 2026.

Following Roeland's departure, Phanual Shangwa will become Chief Executive Officer, subject to shareholder approval at the Extraordinary General Meeting. Phanual is a long-standing member of the Connect team and has extensive knowledge of the organisation and its programmes. His appointment will provide continuity as Connect progresses its programme of work across renewable energy, water and wastewater.

Roeland will continue to act as CEO of Connect remotely until 14 September to ensure an orderly transition.

Strengthening the Board

The Extraordinary General Meeting on 3 September 2026 will also consider proposals to strengthen Connect's governance arrangements.

The Shareholder will be asked to approve an increase in the maximum size of the Connect Board from seven to eight members. This will enable the Company to fill an existing Board vacancy while also appointing an additional member, increasing the diversity, breadth of experience and expertise available to the Board and strengthening organisational resilience.

The proposed changes will be considered at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 3 September 2026.

26 August 2026

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Children & Young People's Social Media Use

Secondary School

Key findings from questionnaire | St Helena | 2026

Part 1

149 respondents

Ages 11 - 18

17% have experienced cyberbullying

43% contacted or possibly approached by a stranger

38% spend 16+ hours per week on social media

INTERNET ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY

HOW DO YOU CONNECT?

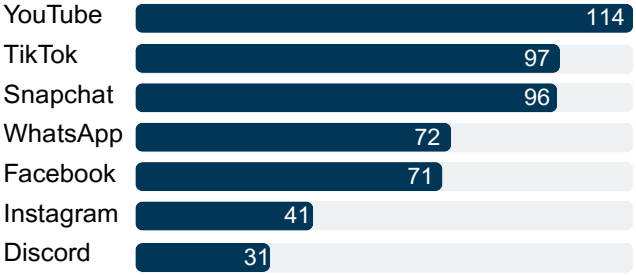
- **97%** internet at home
- **95%** connect via WiFi at home
- **29%** use mobile data at home
- **57%** use mobile outside home

TOP DEVICES USED TO CONNECT TO THE INTERNET

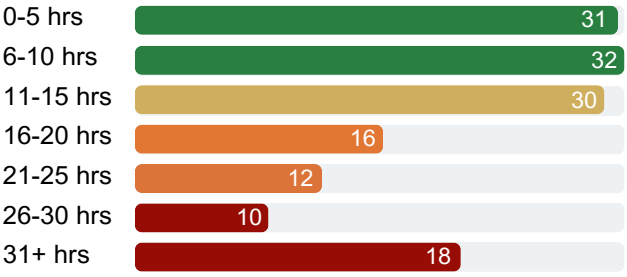
- **92%** smartphone (137)
- **34%** laptop/netbook (51)
- **23%** tablet (35)
- **25%** playstation (37)

SOCIAL MEDIA

TOP PLATFORMS AND APPS USED



HOURS ON SOCIAL MEDIA PER WEEK



⚠ 38% spend 16+ hours per week on social media

ONLINE SAFETY & WELLBEING

CYBERBULLYING

- **17%** Have been cyberbullied
- **3%** Cyberbullied someone

⚠ 25 young people experienced cyberbullying. 5 admitted to bullying others.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS ONLINE

- No - 85 (57%)
- Yes - 44 (30%)
- Not sure - 20 (13%)

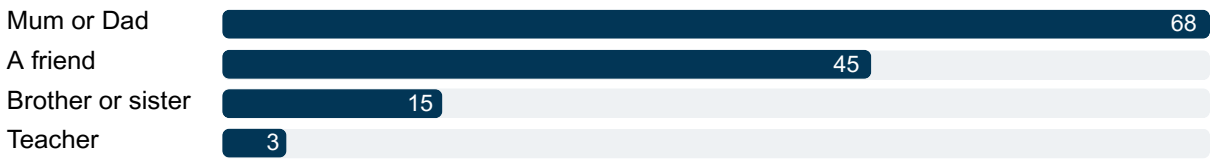
⚠ 43% have been or may have been approached by a stranger

UNCOMFORTABLE CONTENT ONLINE

- No - 93 (62%)
- Yes - 30 (20%)
- Maybe - 26 (17%)

⚠ Only 27% who saw upsetting content told someone

IF WORRIED OR UNCOMFORTABLE ONLINE - WHO WOULD THEY TURN TO?



46% would speak to a parent

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Children & Young People's Social Media Use

Secondary School

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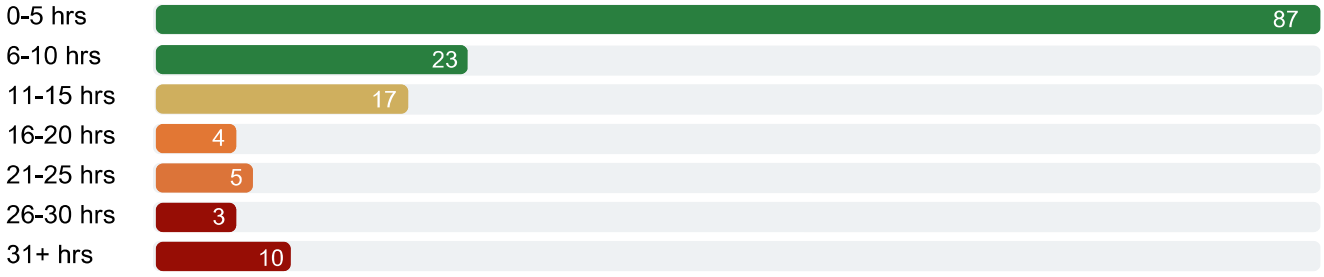
Part 2

149 respondents

Ages 11 - 18

ONLINE SAFETY & WELLBEING

HOURS SPENT GAMING PER WEEK



⚠ 15% game 16+ hours per week

MOST POPULAR GAMING DAYS

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
70	52	57	54	76	105	92

TOP GAMES PLAYED

Roblox (60) | Minecraft (60) | Fortnite (44) | Among Us (37) | Call of Duty (29) | GTA (23)

41% play with strangers

18% chat with strangers via games

AWARENESS OF NEGATIVE EFFECTS & TOP CONCERNS IDENTIFIED

66% aware of negative effects

17% not aware of risks

TOP NEGATIVE EFFECTS IDENTIFIED BY RESPONDENTS

Tiredness	Sleeplessness	Lower Attention Span	Lower Grades at School	Anxiety	Moodiness
98	**87**	**79**	**78**	**65**	**67**

Key Takeaways

- Nearly 1 in 6 secondary pupils have experienced cyberbullying
- 57% connect to the internet outside the home using mobile data
- 46% would speak to a parent if worried about something online
- 43% have been or may have been approached by strangers online
- Only 27% spoke to someone after seeing upsetting content
- 17% are not yet aware of the negative effects of social media

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

PRESS RELEASE

Growing up Online: New Survey Explores How St Helena's Young People are Navigating the Online World

The Education, Skills and Employment Portfolio has today published the second set of findings from the island's first comprehensive survey into children and young people's internet and social media use.

This latest set of findings focuses on responses from 149 secondary school pupils aged 11 to 18.

The findings provide insight into how young people use smartphones, social media and online gaming, while highlighting some of the opportunities and challenges they encounter in the digital world.

They also raise an important question for families: **Does every young person actually need a smartphone?**

The aim is not to suggest that there is one correct approach. Every family is different, and every young person has different needs. However, as evidence continues to emerge about the impact of smartphones and social media, This is an important conversation for families to consider.

Across Europe, Australia and parts of the United States, governments are considering restrictions on smartphone use and stronger age protections for social media. Education experts are also considering whether delaying smartphone ownership could give children more time to develop emotionally before navigating the pressures of social media.

The survey found that **92% of secondary pupils use a smartphone to access the internet**, while 97% have internet access at home. Almost four in ten pupils, (**38%**) spend 16 or more hours each week on social media.

YouTube was the most popular platform, followed by TikTok, Snapchat, WhatsApp and Instagram.

The survey also provides important information about young people's online experiences. **43% said they had been contacted online by someone they did not know, or were unsure whether someone approaching them was a stranger.** A further **17% reported experiencing cyberbullying**.

Young people also identified a number of negative effects associated with social media use, including tiredness, sleeplessness, reduced attention span, lower grades at school, mood changes and depression. **Two-thirds of pupils said they were aware of negative effects associated with social media use.**

Online gaming was also a significant part of young people's digital lives. **15% reported spending 16 or more hours gaming each week**, while 41% said they play games with strangers and 18% said they chat to strangers through games.

The findings also provide reasons for optimism. **46% of young people said they would speak to a parent if something online worried or made them uncomfortable**. Others said they would turn to friends, siblings or other family members.

St Helena Secondary School Headteacher and member of the Digital Literacy and Boundaries Group, Phil Toal said:

"These findings should make all of us stop and think about the digital lives our young people are leading. A smartphone can be an incredibly useful tool, ***but it also gives children access to a huge digital world, and they may need time, guidance and support to navigate it safely****. If a young person simply needs to be able to contact home, there is nothing wrong with considering whether a basic phone might be enough. This is about making informed choices, not about taking technology away."*

Supporting parents and carers

The Digital Literacy and Boundaries Group recognises that technology is changing faster than any parent can reasonably be expected to keep up with.

That is why, over the coming academic year, the group will deliver a programme of practical support for parents and carers, building on the work already planned following the publication of the first survey findings.

Workshops will cover areas including parental controls, privacy settings, device management, emerging apps and online trends.

The sessions will not be focused on prescribing parenting methods or advocating a single approach. Rather, they are designed to equip parents and carers with practical guidance and relevant knowledge, enabling them to make well-informed decisions regarding the technology their children engage with. The group brings together representatives from education, safeguarding, health, policing, Youth Parliament and other community partners. Its work is focused on understanding children and young people's digital lives and identifying both the opportunities and challenges they encounter online.

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The conversation continues

The findings from secondary school pupils do not advocate for parents to prohibit their children's use of smartphones. Instead, they invite families to ask one question:

"What does my child actually need from their phone today, and does a smartphone provide more than they currently need?"

Sometimes, asking the question is the most important first step.

Digital safety is not about removing children and young people from the digital world. It is about making sure they have the knowledge, support and boundaries they need to benefit from it safely and positively.

To view the results of the survey, please click the link at:
https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/app/uploads/2026/08/Children-Young-Peoples-Social-Media-Use-Findings-Secondary-School.pdf

#StHelena #OnlineSafety #AltogetherBetterfortheSafetyofChildrenandYoungPeople

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SHG, 27 August 2026



VACANCY

Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Compliance Analyst

Commencing at £12,336 pa

Do you have an eye for detail, enjoy analysing information and want to help ensure the Bank operates to the highest regulatory standard?

Bank of St Helena is seeking a motivated and professional Compliance Analyst to join our Risk & Compliance team.

Working as part of the Bank's independent Second Line of Defence, you will support the delivery of the Bank's Compliance Management Framework by undertaking compliance monitoring, maintaining compliance records, supporting regulatory reporting and helping to strengthen governance and regulatory compliance across the Bank.

What you'll be doing.

As a Compliance Analyst, you will responsible to the Assistant Compliance Manager to help ensure the Bank continues to meet its legal and regulatory obligations. You will support the delivery of the Bank's Compliance Monitoring Programme by carrying out compliance reviews, analysing information, maintaining compliance records and registers, and assisting with regulatory reporting. You will also work with colleagues across the Bank to promote good governance and a strong culture of compliance.

We are looking for someone who has:

- A qualification in Compliance, Governance or a related field, or willing to work towards one.
- A good understanding of compliance, governance or regulatory requirements within a financial services environment.
- Strong analytical, communication and organisation skills, with excellent attention to detail.
- The ability to maintain confidentiality and build positive working relationships across the Bank.

Interested persons can contact Risk and Compliance Manager, on risk.compliancemanager@sainthelenabank.com or (+290) 22390 for more information.

An Application form and a job profile is available upon request from the Bank.

Completed application forms should be addressed to the Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 04 September 2026.

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Job Vacancy

Transmission & Provisioning Team Lead (Rural)

Sure South Atlantic Ltd (Falklands) is seeking an enthusiastic individual to manage, lead and supervise our small but dynamic Transmission and Provisioning team.

Experience and skills:

- Qualified to HNC level or higher in a relevant field.
- Extensive mechanical/electrical and telecoms experience.
- Proven management/leadership skills.
- Experience with electrical installation/renewable energy; standby power plant and UPS systems.
- Proven track record of system design, installation and maintenance practices.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Computer literate in MS Office suite.
- Certified Rescue Climber, Rope access and Rigger certification.

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

Please contact Head of Service Operations, Mark Heron on E: mark.heron@sure.com for further information regarding the responsibilities of the post and Job Description.

Applications should be submitted by email to hradmin@sure.com by **4:30pm on Friday 4 September 2026**

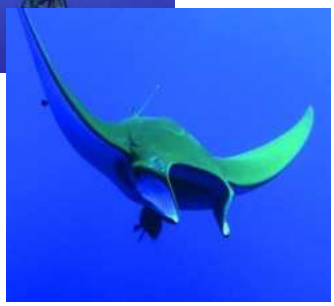
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ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

We're Hiring: Marine Project Manager

Full-time **£13,395 per annum**





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

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

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

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

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

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

Closing date:
Midnight, Friday 11 September 2026

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

Underwater Habitat Surveys

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

ENRP14-2026/27 – Provision of services to undertake Underwater Habitat Surveys

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

Should you require any further details, please contact the Contract Officer, Adam Riggs on telephone no: 25966 or email adam.riggs@sainthelena.gov.sh .

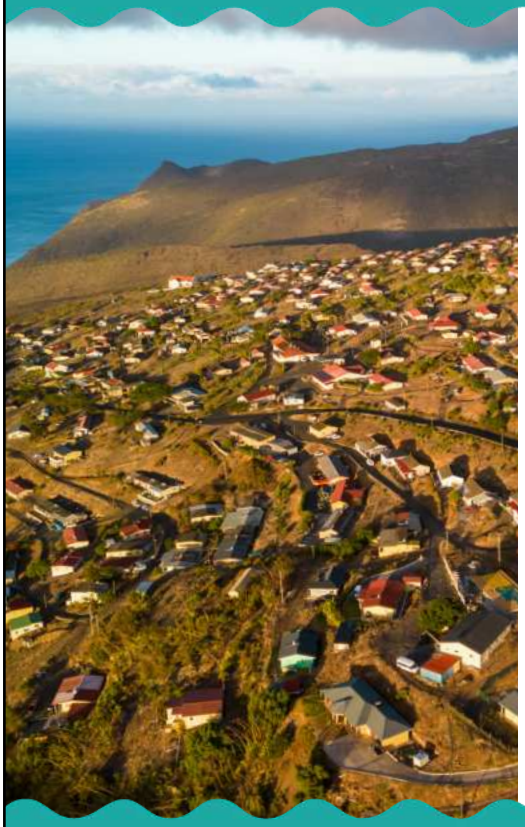
Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Monday, 07 September 2026, clearly marked **"Tender ENRP14-2026/27"**.

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

SHG, 25 August 2026

Call for accommodation

St Helena Island



Help Grow St Helena's Accommodation Offering – St Helena Marathon 2027

St Helena Tourism is delighted by the positive interest generated for the St Helena Marathon with participants and their families preparing to travel to the island for this exciting event.

With visitors expected between **16 February and 2 March 2027**, St Helena Tourism is looking for accommodation to help meet this demand. Whether you have a spare room, self-catering flat, holiday home, cottage, guest accommodation, or other suitable property, we'd love to hear from you!

Could you help make their experience even more special?

Consider hosting a marathon participant and immersing them in true St Helenian hospitality, by providing a welcoming place to stay, help visitors enjoy our beautiful island and the warm community spirit and friendliness of its people.

We are also keen to expand our accommodation database for future visitors throughout the year. Offering accommodation can be a great way to make use of available space, welcome visitors to the island, and support St Helena's tourism industry.

If you have accommodation available, or are considering hosting visitors in the future, please contact Katie-Raye Williams at the Tourist Office.
E: Katie-raye.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh T: 22158.

sthelenatourism.com

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Vacancy

General Assistant (Day Ops)/Relief Driver

Salary for the post will be £6,241 per annum (£120.12 per week) – 21 hours per week (Part Time Basis)

Job Outline:
To work flexibly across different areas of the Bakery by carrying out the daily duties associated with the packaging of bakery products, cleaning of bakery equipment and facilities to meet health, safety and hygiene standards, as well as driving duties for the delivery of Bakery products as and when required, whilst providing an excellent standard of customer service.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess knowledge Food & Hygiene, HACCP and Health & Safety Awareness
- Have basic numeracy and literacy understanding
- Be in possession of a clean and valid Class D drivers licence
- Be able to carry out manual handling and repetitive tasks; have good time management, organisational and observational skills
- Be competent with operating production equipment as required
- Be able to undertake cash handling duties during deliveries
- Be able to perform cleaning duties in accordance with operational requirements
- Be willing to assist with production processes as and when required
- Be energetic and able to communicate and work well within a team
- Be committed to work unsocial hours and able to multitask in a fast past environment to meet tight deadlines

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

Miss Daryl Legg, General Manager (Production) via 22380 gm-productions@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **Thursday, 10 September 2026.**

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

- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

Grounds Maintenance Services

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

ENRP13-2026/27 – Annual Grounds Maintenance Services at the Castle Gardens, Planted Areas at the Grand Parade and Bougainvillea Area at the Honeymoon Chair, Jamestown

ENRP15-2026/27 – Vegetation/Litter Clearance (Manual, Mechanical and Chemical) at Sister's Walk Jamestown

A site visit to view the works will take place on Monday, 07 September 2026, meeting at the entrance to the Castle Gardens at 09:30 for ENRP13 and at 10:30 for ENRP15.

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 Monday, 21 September 2026, clearly marked with the tender number.

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

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Connect SAINT HELENA LTD

METER READING SUBMISSIONS

Customers who wish to submit their own electricity and water meter readings may do so between **1 and 7 September 2026** for **September 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:

- Alarm Forest, Rupert's, Jamestown, Ladder Hill and all of Half Tree Hollow, St Paul's, Cleughs Plain, Rosemary, Sapper Way and New Ground.

  Please note: All other areas not listed above are scheduled for a Meter Reader visit in September 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: 22242 | Mobile/WhatsApp: +290 66242 | Email: meterreadings@connectonline.co.sh

Part-Time Airport Vacancies

Junior Ramp Handlers & Junior Security Officers

Since 1790

Rate of pay commence at £5.00 per hour

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has an exciting opportunity for young individuals aged **16 – 17 years old** to join our Part Time airport operations teams as **Junior Ramp Handlers** or **Junior Security Officers**.

These roles will give you the opportunity to learn and develop and gain practical experience within airport operations, while working towards a future career as a fully trained Part Time Security Officer or Part Time Ramp Handler.

What does this Junior role involve?

As a Junior Security Officer or Junior Ramp Handler, you will undertake a structured programme of training, learning and on-the-job development. You will gain an understanding of airport operations and develop valuable skills and experience while working alongside experienced members of the team.

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

Interested Applicants Should:

- Be reliable, responsible, enthusiastic and committed to learning and undertaking the required training
- Be interested in working in an airport environment, keen to develop their skills
- Be able to work effectively as part of a team
- Have a calm approach and the ability to work accurately
- Be adaptable to changing environments and able to multitask effectively
- Enjoy engaging with all types of individuals
- Possess a good standard of English and ICT

How to Apply:

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **Friday, 04 September 2026**

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

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SEPTEMBER OPENING HOURS

Main Branch

Monday - Friday	08:45 - 15:00
Saturday	09:00 - 12:00

Airport Kiosk

Flight days only	10:30 - 14:30

Remote Banking

HTH Supermarket	Thursday, 24 September 2026	09:30 – 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Friday, 25 September 2026	09:30 – 13:00

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Procurement of ICT Services

The Government of St Helena would like to invite organisations to submit a Tender for provision of ICT goods and services.

The scope of this Invitation to Tender (ITT) is the supply of a range of On Premise, Cloud & Hybrid Cloud Solutions, Software, Consumables, Consultancy & Support Services and Cyber Security Services & Solutions.

Expressions of interest must be received no later than 12:00pm (Midday) GMT on Monday 14th September 2026. Clarifications must be received no later 12:00pm (Midday) GMT on Monday 21st September 2026.
Bids must be received no later than 12:00pm (Midday) GMT on Monday 12th October 2026.

Research link below to get more information:
https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena/aspx/ProjectManage/1858

Golf Report

Social Golf Keeps the Flag Flying



SHGC, Contributed

There was no official competition at St Helena Golf Club on Sunday, 23 August, but that did not stop members from getting out on the course. Seven golfers turned up in the afternoon for a social round, while another group had already taken to the course during the morning.
Although social golf remains a great way to enjoy the course and keep the swing going, morning golfers are encouraged to support the Club's official competitions whenever possible. A good turnout makes for a more competitive and enjoyable day for everyone.
The next official competition is on Sunday, 30 August, when members will contest an 18-hole Stableford competition. Tee-off is at 12:00, and members are encouraged to get their names down and support the event.
Looking further ahead, members are reminded that the Club will hold its Half-Yearly General Meeting on Sunday, 6 September 2026. The meeting will be preceded by a Texas Scramble Cross-Country Stroke Play competition, sponsored by Dr Annette Delacourt. The competition will have a shotgun start at 12:00.
Reports for the General Meeting have already been emailed to members, while hard copies are also available on the Club notice board for those who wish to review them ahead of the meeting.
With a busy few weeks ahead, members are encouraged to get involved, support the competitions and continue making the most of the St Helena Golf Club course.
Happy Swinging!

WSA Rounders League 2026



WSA, Contributed

Week 4

Week 4 of the St Helena Women's Sports Association Rounders season delivered plenty of action on Sunday, 16 August, with four teams battling it out on the field.

Battitude vs Incredibles

The Incredibles came out firing, putting an impressive 16½ runs on the board to secure a convincing victory over Battitude, who finished with 7½ runs.

Laila Clarke led the scoring for the Incredibles with an outstanding 5 rounders, while Barbara Osborne produced 2½. Sara Thomas also contributed 2½, helping the Incredibles build their strong total.

Battitude's best contributions came from Julie Anthony with 2½ and Justine Green with 1½. Despite their efforts, the Incredibles proved too strong on the day.

Thunderbats vs Catchdasians

The second match saw the Thunderbats dominate, finishing with an impressive 15½ rounders, while the Catchdasians finished on 7.

Anna Samuel had a fantastic game for the Thunderbats, scoring 5, with Shantai Yon adding 4 and Selena Leo contributing 3½. The team also picked up a penalty score of 1.

The Catchdasians fought hard, with Hannah Beard scoring 1½, while Taylor Thomas, Jordana Crowie and Ellie Yon each added ½. Georgia Young and April Peters both contributed 1.

With some excellent batting, strong teamwork and plenty of determination on display, Week 4 proved to be another exciting round of women's rounders!

Week 5

Battitude vs Catchdashians

Battitude and Catchdashians met in another competitive rounders fixture, with both teams looking to put a strong performance on the board.

Battitude made a strong start in the field during the first innings, restricting Catchdashians to just 1 run and giving themselves an early advantage.

Battitude then produced a strong 14½ runs in their first innings, with Justine, Tara, Andrea and Georgia making valuable contributions with the bat to help their team build a substantial lead.

Catchdashians continued to work hard in the field, looking to limit Battitude's scoring opportunities and create chances to get players out. Despite their efforts, Battitude maintained their momentum and went into the second innings with a significant advantage.

Battitude continued their strong performance in the second innings, adding a further 5 runs to take their final score to 19½ runs.

Catchdashians battled on in their second innings, managing to add 2 runs to their total and finishing the game on 3 runs.

Special recognition goes to Tara Thomas, who was named Lady of the Match for Catchdashians, while Georgia Bennett was recognised as Young Lady of the Match for her performance.

Battitude finished the match with a convincing 19½–3 victory, with their strong fielding in the first innings and consistent scoring throughout the game helping them secure the win. Catchdashians showed determination throughout the match and continued to compete until the final ball.

Incredibles vs Ballzy Ladies

It was a highly anticipated top-of-the-table clash between the Incredibles and Ballzy Ladies, with both teams battling to secure first place before the end of Round 1. With the competition so close, every run counted as both teams took to the pitch looking to gain the advantage.

Ballzy Ladies built on their early advantage with the bat, scoring 6 rounders in their first innings. Danni Thomas, Katelyn Benjamin and Renae Coleman all made valuable contributions with the bat, helping Ballzy Ladies establish an early lead. Then strongly advanced in the field, restricting the Incredibles to just 2 rounders in the first innings.

The Incredibles came back strongly in the second innings, showing determination to close the gap. Their fielding efforts restricted Ballzy Ladies to just 3½ rounders, giving the Incredibles an opportunity to bring the scores closer.

The Incredibles then produced a strong 7½-rounder second innings, bringing their overall score to 9½ rounders. Special mention goes to April Stevens, Barbara Osborne and Laila Clarke, who all made valuable contributions with the bat during the second innings and helped their team fight back.

April Stevens was also named Lady of the Match for the Incredibles for her contribution to the team's performance.

With both teams finishing on 9½ rounders, the match ended in a hard-fought draw. It was a closely contested game between two teams competing at the top of the table, with both sides showing determination throughout the match.

The result leaves the competition finely poised, with both teams continuing to stake their claim for the top position. With such a narrow margin between the leading sides, every upcoming match will be important as the teams look to strengthen their position on the table.

SPORTS ARENA





Late Drama in the Derby

Harts edge Fugees as Rovers and Bellboys brace for final day title-decider

Liam Yon, SAMS

It was a weekend of high drama, massive scorelines, and late thrillers in Game Week 9 of the St Helena Football Association League, leaving the title race on a knife-edge heading into the final fixtures.



League leaders Rovers maintained their position at the top of the table with a comfortable 8-2 victory over La Verde on Saturday. Rico Benjamin, Sean-Lee Thomas, and Ronan Legg each bagged braces, alongside goals from Tyler Benjamin and Man of the Match Brett Isaac. Tyler Anthony and Young Player of the Match Ephrem Stroud netted the consolation goals for La Verde.

Reigning champions Bellboys responded in emphatic fashion on Sunday afternoon, storming to a 16-0 win against STH Young Boys. Joey Thomas was in unstoppable form, firing in seven goals—four in the first half and three in the second—to earn Man of the Match honours. Taylan Phillips also scored four, with Scott Henry adding a double alongside strikes from Tyler Brady, Jacob Duncan, and Aiden Duncan. Joey's seven-goal haul dramatically shifts the Golden Boot race, taking him to 33 goals for the season and pushing him ahead of Rovers' Rico Benjamin with 30 goals at the top of the charts.

The match of the weekend, however, came in the St Paul's 'Old Firm Derby' between Harts and Fugees. Fugees took an early lead through a Korben Minto header, but Harts responded with a relentless four-goal flurry before half-time, including a brace each for young stars, Ryan Stevens and Lebron George, one being from the penalty spot.

Against the odds however, Fugees battled back heroically in the second half, thanks to a standout performance from Lars Williams switching flanks and terrorising the Harts backline, grabbing a brace, alongside another Korben Minto finish to level the match at 4-4. Harts veteran, Mark Williams then snatched a goal to edge Harts ahead once more, only for Kenin Yon to curl in a brilliant direct free-kick into the top bins to make it 5-5 late on. The closing seconds delivered absolute heartbreak (for Fugees) and ecstasy (for Harts). With just 20 seconds left on the clock, Fugees struck the post at one end after a golden chance for Kenin Yon, before Harts launched a counter-attack, capped off by Man of the Match Shane Stroud, who buried the winner past Anelka Leo out off his goal line; sealing a breath-taking 6-5 victory for his side with virtually the last kick of the game and bringing to an end a true game of the season contender.

With Game Week 9 in the books, all eyes now turn to the ultimate finale. Just one point separates the top two, setting up a winner-takes-all title decider in Game Week 10 when leaders Rovers face off against second-placed Bellboys to decide the 2026 champions.