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OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Luke Bennett, SAMS

Well we're now in September and it still feels like February. Anyways, that only means that the English Premier League is now on our television sets. So, the season has got off to a brilliant start! After three matches, pundits and fans have already started their predictions, something I could never do, even last season after three matches I didn't expect Arsenal finishing first, but some of the pundits and fans called it from day one. So, let's have a quick look on what's happening.

Man Utd, coming off a brilliant end to last season securing Champions League football. However, the transfer window has mixed opinions from the Utd fans and pundits and the inconsistent start to the season has also brought mixed opinions; I personally think that they need to give the manager some time and back him in the January transfer window.

Liverpool, another giant of England, has still not got off to the start they would've wished for but they seem to be slowly finding their feet which could lead to some good form, especially with Isak firing. Chelsea have been looking great in attack and gave the champions a real go on the weekend, but they would have to work on their defensive play if they hope to challenge for the title. Outscoring teams is fine, but like a certain someone once said, defence wins titles. But Chelsea fans will be happy with what they have seen so far.

Then we go to Newcastle and Aston Villa, two teams that have been stripped off their star players. Newcastle fans have got off to a great start and looks as if they could upset some teams; Villa haven't got off to a great start, but they have signed well, so I think they will gradually pick up form as the season progresses. Spurs unfortunately have had a nightmare of a start to the season after an impressive transfer window, but only time will tell. Hull has been a surprise package, but could they do what Sunderland did last season? I wouldn't be surprised.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Further to my letter, I thought I'd provide a link to this website - https://stopncii.org/ - for the benefit of the woman who was blackmailed, as well as for the police, though I hope they're already using it.

I came across it through the Report Fraud website in the UK - https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/sextortion/

While I have an interest in internet scams, and how those in West Africa and Southeast Asia work differently from each other, my primary concern is the woman's well-being, and ensuring that she is not caused any more worry and concern. In the event that she has shared intimate images with the perpetrator, StopNCII may be able to stop them from being uploaded, or removed if they have already been - https://stopncii.org/how-it-works/

Obviously, the main focus of the media coverage in St Helena has been the wrongful arrest of Kevin and Tasneen van Wyk, and the distress this caused them and their children; ironically, Tasneen has dealt with romance scams on the island and tried to help their victims.

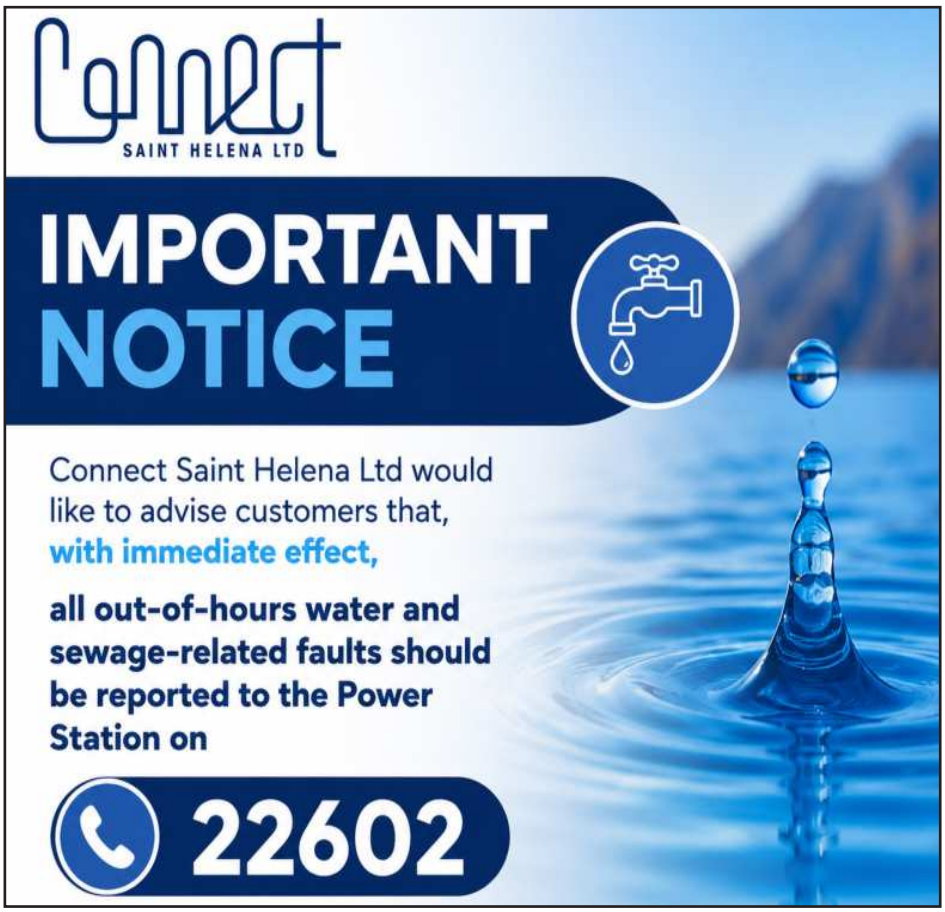
It's still not clear whether it was the first five digits of the perpetrator's that was 23490, or the last five digits; the police referred to an eleven-digit number, but it wasn't clear whether this was in the domestic or international format; a Nigerian number is eleven digits long in the domestic format (090 12345678) but thirteen digits long in international format (234 90 12345678). If it were a number in South Africa, it would be eleven digits in the international format (2778 1234567) but only ten in the domestic format (078 1234567).

However, I still suspect it was from Nigeria, although the continued well-being of the woman in question is of far greater concern to me than the identity or location of the perpetrator, or the scale of the operation.

Cheers,

Ken Westmoreland

Sentinel Correction: In the article titled 'Local and Overseas Bids Sought for New Prison' in last week's The Sentinel, we alluded to the New Prison designed to have "a green gable-ended roof" however the Project Team have since clarified that this is not the case, and requested that the correction be made, with the New Prison, in fact, set to feature a roof coloured "dark slate grey".



A Changing of the Guard

New Governor, Belinda Lewis, arrives on-Island ahead of Official Inauguration as Governor Phillips bids farewell



Ms Belinda Lewis becomes only the second female Governor of St Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha since 1659

Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena's Governor-designate, Ms Belinda Lewis, has arrived on the island ahead of her official inauguration ceremony. Touching down on last Tuesday's Airlink flight alongside her husband, retired U.S. Marine, Major Anthony Galvin, and their children, Ms Lewis makes history as the 68th Governor of St Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha. She becomes only the second female to hold the executive post since its creation in 1659, succeeding Governor Nigel Phillips CBE, who is retiring from the UK Diplomatic Service.

Ms Lewis brings a distinguished background in international diplomacy and policy to the territory. She previously served as His Majesty's Ambassador to Kuwait, alongside high-profile Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) postings in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

Her Excellency's Official Inauguration Ceremony will take place this Saturday, 12 September, starting at 2pm in front of the Courthouse on the Supreme Court Terrace in Jamestown.

Proceedings will commence with a uniformed contingent parade marching from The Canister down to their positions on the Grand Parade, accompanied by a combined brass band. Following the arrival of Governor Lewis and Major Galvin, Chief Secretary Ian Todd will formally open the ceremony before the Sheriff of St Helena, Mrs Ethel Yon, administers the oaths of office.

Welcome addresses will be delivered by the Sheriff and Chief Minister, Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks MBE, followed by an address from Governor Lewis. Her Excellency will then inspect the parade alongside her Aide-de-Camp and the Parade Commander. Following a prayer and blessing from the Bishop of St Helena, the Right Reverend Dale Bowers MBE, the parade will march past to give an official salute to the newly sworn-in Governor.

Concluding the formal proceedings, Governor Lewis and Major Galvin will proceed inside the Court House to meet members of the Legislative Council, visiting dignitaries, officials, and members of the public.

To accommodate the ceremony and parade, the Highways Authority has approved temporary road and parking restrictions. On Saturday, 12 September, parking spaces between the Public Library and the Public Works Department entrance will close from 6am. Additionally, the main road from The Canister down to the Seafront will close to all vehicular traffic from 1.30pm to 3.00pm.

The arrival and upcoming inauguration also mark the conclusion of Governor Nigel Phillips CBE's term of office, which officially ends on Friday, 11 September.

As is customary on St Helena, Governor Phillips will make himself available in the Governor's Office at The Castle, Jamestown, tomorrow, Friday 11 September, from 10am to 11:00am, to receive members of the public and bid a formal farewell to all who wish to attend.



Governor Nigel Phillips CBE and Mrs Emma Phillips. The Governor will hold a public farewell session at The Castle on Friday morning



Staging took shape in front of the Jamestown Court House this week ahead of Saturday's official inauguration ceremony

Con-graduations!

Celebrating the Achievements of Saint Graduates in the UK



Kirsten Augustus

BSc (Hons) in Architecture (First-Class), University of the West of England (UWE Bristol)

Liam Yon, SAMS

Our final featured graduate in this series is St Helena's Kirsten Augustus who, on 22 July, graduated with First-Class Honours in Architecture from the University of the West of England (UWE Bristol)—a prestigious programme ranked 13th in the UK by The Guardian University Guide.

Kirsten's undergraduate journey culminated in exceptional national and international recognition. Achieving the highest studio mark in her entire graduating cohort, her final project received a mark of exceptional distinction and earned a nomination for the internationally renowned Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Bronze Medal. In addition, her architectural work was selected for publication in Dezeen, one of the world's leading digital architecture and design journals.

Kirsten left St Helena in August 2023 to embark on her three-year degree at UWE Bristol. Her studies encompassed a rich array of theoretical and practical modules, including Histories and Theories of Architecture, Research and Design Strategies, and specialised design modules.

The defining core of her degree was the Design Studio module, which carried 60 credits in her final year. Designed to simulate a professional working environment, the module required students to develop comprehensive architectural proposals meeting specific residential or commercial briefs. Most of Kirsten's academic week was spent in studio sessions, collaborating with peers, developing digital design models, producing detailed hand drawings, and crafting physical models.

A central aspect of Design Studio was the formal review process, where students presented their concepts before both university tutors and external reviewers from established architectural practices. These industry professionals offered constructive feedback, critical analysis, and real-world guidance, enabling students to continuously refine their design rationale. "Design Studio was my favourite part of the course, as it created an active, community-based working environment," Kirsten shared. "My cohort dedicated much of our time in the studio to developing both our design and technical skills. It also allowed us to build strong working relationships with tutors."

Throughout her degree, Kirsten remained connected to her roots, using her academic research to explore St Helena's built environment. For her final-year dissertation, she authored a comprehensive study titled 'Spatial Identity in small Island towns and their role in shaping community Culture: Jamestown, St Helena Island.' Her research examined how the unique geographical constraints, historical evolution, and architectural heritage of Jamestown shape the daily social dynamics, cultural identity, and sense of community among local residents.

For her primary final-year site design project in Bristol, Kirsten developed an ambitious urban scheme rooted in deep historical and social contextual research. Her project explored Bristol's industrial heritage and the shifting social structures embedded within its landscape, tracing the subtle dialogue between topography and social class. By critically examining how physical elevation historically aligned with wealth, power, and privilege, Kirsten's scheme raised broader questions about urban social hierarchies. Her proposal highlighted the power of landscape architecture as a primary medium for urban planning—one capable of absorbing and mitigating complex social, environmental, and economic crises.

Her project's extraordinary quality led to its selection as one



of only two undergraduate projects chosen by UWE Bristol to represent the university globally in the RIBA Bronze Medal competition, alongside submissions from top architecture schools worldwide.

Reflecting on her remarkable achievement, Kirsten's tutor and Programme Leader for BSc Architecture, Dr. Yahya Lavaf-Pour, shared glowing praise.

"UWE Bristol's Architecture course, ranked 13th in The Guardian University Guide, continues to establish itself as one of the UK's top schools of architecture," he said. "On 22 July, this year's BSc (Hons) Architecture students graduated as part of one of the strongest cohorts in recent years, showcasing an exceptional range of creativity, technical excellence, and critical thinking."

"Among the standout graduates was Kirsten Augustus, who achieved First Class Honours and received the highest studio mark in her year," the tutor continued. "Her final project was awarded a mark of exceptional distinction, recognising the outstanding quality of her design, research, and architectural thinking. In recognition of this achievement, the project was nominated for the prestigious RIBA Bronze Medal. The nomination is a testament to Kirsten's exceptional talent and dedication, as well as to the high standards achieved by the UWE Architecture Class of 2026."

Kirsten praised the accessible and inspiring environment fostered by UWE Bristol's faculty, noting that studio-based learning allowed for constant individual and collaborative guidance. She highlighted her close working relationship with Dr. Lavaf-Pour, who offered swift feedback and ongoing career support. "His passion and enthusiasm for architecture were truly inspiring throughout my studies," Kirsten noted. "I told him all about St Helena and he's always talking about wanting to visit!"

While her university journey was filled with academic success, it was also marked by deep personal trial. Navigating life thousands of miles from home while grieving the tragic loss of her close friend Kyla Joshua—with whom she had begun her UK journey—took a significant emotional toll. During this heartbreaking time, UWE Bristol provided compassionate support, setting up online learning modules so Kirsten could return home to St Helena to be with her family and friends while successfully completing her first year.

Kirsten built a strong support network in the UK, maintaining close ties with fellow Saints who regularly met up to support one another. She also formed lasting bonds within her close-knit architecture cohort, meeting one of her closest friends during her very first week of term. During her second year, she enjoyed well-earned downtime with friends, attending themed house parties and exploring local venues.

In the summer of 2025, Kirsten gained invaluable industry experience through a one-month work placement at One Creative Ltd, a multidisciplinary firm involved in designing St Helena's new prison. Collaborating alongside engineers and landscape architects, Kirsten developed a concept proposal to refurbish an existing college into a specialised construction college. She conducted site visits to document construction progress, participated in client meetings, recorded client feedback, and refined her professional pitching skills.

Her time in the UK also presented unforgettable travel opportunities. In summer 2025, she travelled to Egypt to visit the homes of her university friends and, in January 2026, she explored Copenhagen, Denmark, as part of an official university architecture trip.

Kirsten is currently seeking a Part 1 Architectural Assistant role in the UK to gain further professional practice. Her long-term career plan involves completing a Master's degree in Architecture, undertaking a required two-year practical placement, and passing the final professional exam-









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ination to qualify fully as a registered architect. She hopes to eventually bring her specialised expertise back home to contribute to St Helena's future development.

Kirsten extended heartfelt thanks to all who made her education possible including her parents, family, and friends for their continuous financial and emotional backing and the wonderful memories shared; UWE Bristol lecturers, with a special thank you to Dr. Yahya Lavaf-Pour for his ongoing mentorship; and deep gratitude to Kedell Worboys, Corinda Essex, and all community members whose financial contributions made her studies possible.

Looking back on her funding journey—which relied on UK Student Loans for course fees while maintenance and accommodation were largely self-funded—Kirsten offered thoughtful advice for future students and a passionate call for greater financial support.

"I'd encourage people to pursue the university path, as it's a valuable social and academic experience; however, I recognise that it may not be financially possible for everyone on the island," Kirsten reflected. "St Helena and the UK government should collaborate to ensure support for a maintenance allowance, given the high costs of accommodation and living expenses in the UK."

"University isn't the right path for everyone and work experience can be equally valuable," she continued. "All Saints deserve the opportunity to attend university if they wish, and for some, this is only possible with greater support from the St Helena Government. Such support would not only help individuals achieve their educational aspirations but also contribute to building the skill base needed for the island's future. Whatever route you choose, give it your best effort and stay committed!"

The Sentinel extends its warmest congratulations to Kirsten on her First-Class degree, her RIBA Bronze Medal nomination, and her extraordinary architectural achievements. We wish her every success as she takes her next steps in the architectural profession. Good luck with what comes next Kirsten!









Doc, Doc, Gone

Doctor shortage prompts temporary reduction in Outpatient Clinics



Outpatient clinic capacity is being temporarily reduced over the coming weeks due to an ongoing doctor shortage on the island

Liam Yon, SAMS

The Health and Social Care Portfolio has announced temporary changes to outpatient clinic capacity due to an ongoing shortage of doctors on the island.

Health say that "recognise that changes to appointments can be worrying," and therefore wanted to "explain clearly what this means for you and your care."

As such, over the coming weeks, some outpatient clinics will operate at reduced capacity.

Health officials stressed that most appointments will go ahead as scheduled, while patients whose appointments need to be rescheduled will be contacted directly by the Health team. Therefore, unless you receive a call, you should attend your appointment as planned.

The Portfolio reassures the public that patients requiring rescheduled appointments will not lose their place on the waiting list and will be offered the earliest available alternative slot as capacity is restored. Emergency medical services remain fully operational and unaffected by these changes.

Alongside clinic updates, the Health Portfolio is also reminding patients to plan ahead when requesting repeat prescriptions.

To ensure processing times are met without interruption to care, the public is asked to allow five working days for the Pharmacy team to fulfil repeat requests. Patients are advised to submit their repeat requests when they have at least seven days of medication remaining.

Repeat prescription requests can be made by calling the Pharmacy on 25867 or by emailing pharmacy.prescriptions@sainthelena.gov.sh.

An Import(ant) Drop

St Helena imports drop by 23% to £23.6 Million for 25/26 Financial Year



Total island import values dropped by 23.1% to £23.6 million for the 2025-26 financial year following a spike in project imports the previous year

Liam Yon, SAMS

The total value of goods imported into St Helena dropped significantly during the 2025/26 financial year, according to the latest External Trade statistical update released by the St Helena Government.

In the Statistical Bulletin published at the end of August, Stats revealed how the total purchase value of imported goods for 2025/26 is estimated at £23.6 million, noting that this figure marks a decrease of £7.1 million—or 23.1%—compared to the previous financial year.

Stats did note, however, that the sharp year-on-year drop is largely due to a high baseline in 2024/25, which saw a major one-off spike in imported machinery and transport equipment for "a private project" on the island. Without that single large project carrying over into 2025/26, overall import values returned to normal levels.

Unsurprisingly, it was found that imported goods to the Island continue to be dominated by four key categories; machinery and transport equipment, manufactured goods, food, and mineral fuel and lubricants. Diesel for the power station remains one of the largest single annual import items.

In terms of trading partners, Stats indicate that the majority of imported goods continue to be sourced from the United Kingdom and South Africa. In recent years, spending in South Africa has slightly outpaced the UK, driven by the relative weakness of the South African Rand and lower freight costs, making goods cheaper to purchase.

Speaking to the valuation basis for the latest estimates, Stats informed that the £23.6 million figure reflects the 'free on board' value of goods, which covers the purchase price but excludes additional costs such as freight, insurance, and import duties.

As always, detailed datasets, tables and methodology notes for these latest estimates can be accessed on the St Helena Government website under the Statistics section (https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/st-helena/statistics/).

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Netball takes centre stage as WSA prepare for historic Falklands team visit



Liam Yon, SAMS

A new chapter for women's sport on St Helena is officially underway, with the St Helena Women's Sports Association (WSA) having launched regular netball training sessions as momentum builds ahead of a major international sporting event set for early 2027.

Weekly sessions have begun and will take place every Thursday afternoon at St Helena Secondary School (SHSS), running from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

This training marks a crucial step in the WSA's preparations to host the Falkland Islands National Women's Team in January 2027.

The upcoming visit promises a rare and exciting opportunity for local women and girls to experience competitive netball at an international standard, while further strengthening the close sporting ties between St Helena and the Falklands.

Beyond the upcoming tournament, the initiative aims to build a lasting foundation for the sport on the island. The WSA is therefore actively encouraging players of all skill and fitness levels to get involved—whether they are seasoned players looking to return to the court or complete beginners wanting to try something new.

The WSA Chairperson highlighted the broader vision behind the initiative. "This is a really exciting time for women's sport on St Helena," she said. "We're not just preparing for the Falklands—we're creating an opportunity for women and girls to get involved, build their confidence and develop a sport that we hope will continue for years to come."

With January 2027 fast approaching, Thursday sessions at SHSS are set to play a pivotal role in shaping the island's squad for what promises to be a landmark occasion for local sport. The WSA also extended its sincere thanks to the St Helena Secondary School for supporting the development of women's netball by providing the venue for training.

Anyone interested in joining the weekly sessions or getting involved can reach out directly via the St Helena Women's Sports Association Facebook page for more details.



Intensive goal circle action as players battle for the rebound during Thursday training



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Camping on a Dream

Girlguiding St Helena appeals for public support to reach Phoenix 2027 camp



Donna Crowie, SAMS

Girlguiding St Helena has launched a £22,500 fundraising drive to send a local delegation to the upcoming international Phoenix 2027 camp in the United Kingdom. The initiative was officially announced during an Awards Tea at Plantation House in early August.

The international camp will offer local members the chance to join Girlguiding members from around the world for outdoor adventures, skill building, and international friendship. St Helena was last represented at an international Girlguiding gathering in Bermuda in 2019, which celebrated 100 years of guiding on the island.

Representing St Helena at the August 2027 event will be Team Leader, Deborah Knipe, Leader, Marcella Mittens, Young Leader, Jilneal George, Ranger, Qhi Green, Guide, Daisy Andrews, and Commissioner, Pamela Ward-Pearce.

The trip will also assist the girls in working toward their Queen's Guide Award—the highest qualification in Girlguiding, which records indicate has not been achieved on St Helena in over 40 years. Additionally, Team Leader, Deborah Knipe, will be working toward earning her International Going Away qualification.

To make the trip a reality, the St Helena Girl Guide Association is working to cover costs of £4,500 per person. With Commissioner, Pamela Ward-Pearce, self-funding her travel, the fundraising target for the remaining five delegates stands at £22,500.

The association kicked off its campaign at the end of August with a major Sweepstake fundraiser, featuring 1,500 tickets at £10 each and 28 cash prizes ranging from £50 up to £1,000. Approximately 700 tickets remain available via the Girlguiding St Helena Facebook page, with the live draw scheduled for early October on SAMS Radio 1.

"By purchasing a sweepstake ticket, you'll not only have the chance to win fantastic cash prizes, but you'll also be supporting our girls as they take part in an unforgettable international guiding adventure," the association said.

A full line-up of additional community events is planned through the rest of the year. This includes a Cake Stall in September; a Culture and Heritage Walk in October; a Fun-themed Quiz Night (teams of six) on 20 November; and a Charity Tea Dance in December.

Members of the public are encouraged to back the fundraising efforts and help provide these young islanders with a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



Players work on movement, positioning, and team coordination during full-court practice routines



Thursday sessions at SHSS are designed to develop skills and match fitness for players of all experience levels

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

Reclaiming Shared History

Inkosi Thandisizwe Siyabonga Mpungose on strengthening St Helena's Zulu connections during recent cultural visit



Inkosi Mpungose and Governor Nigel Phillips at Plantation House during an event celebrating the historic links between St Helena and the Zulu nation

Liam Yon, SAMS

A significant cultural milestone was marked on St Helena during August with the visit of Inkosi Thandisizwe Siyabonga Mpungose, Traditional Leader of the Mpungose Traditional Authority, alongside Ms Ngaire Blankenberg, Founding Director of the Institute for Creative Repair and Creator of A42. Invited to the island to help shape a new heritage interpretation initiative, the delegation engaged in extensive fact-finding and stakeholder engagement, culminating in a celebration of the historic bonds between St Helena and the Zulu nation at Plantation House.



Inkosi Thandisizwe Siyabonga Mpungose assisting with vegetation clearing at the Liberated African Lower Burial Ground in Rupert's Valley

Hailing from Eshowe in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, Inkosi Mpungose represents the traditional leadership structure of the Zulu kingdom and brings a personal dedication to preserving royal lineage. Ms Blankenberg, a prominent international museum and design consultant and former director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, joined him to provide curatorial expertise. Together, their mission focused on lending cultural guidance to a project spearheaded by St Helena Tourism to develop an interpretation centre and permanent memorial dedicated to the Zulu history on the island.

The historical relationship dates back to February 1890, when King Dinuzulu kaCetshwayo was exiled to St Helena by British authorities following the 1888 uprising in Zululand. King Dinuzulu arrived alongside a 13-member royal entourage, including his uncles, wives, attendants, and a traditional doctor. In a separate chapter of history in 1907, a second group of 25 Zulu prisoners was exiled to the island after rebelling against British rule during the Poll Tax (or Bambatha) Rebellion. Notably, seven Zulu chiefs died and



Ms Ngaire Blankenberg (left) and Inkosi Thandisizwe Siyabonga Mpungose (right) pictured with Ms Ivy Ellick, Chair of the St Helena Heritage Society

were buried on St Helena—a crucial piece of this shared history that remains lesser-known.

"As an Inkosi, I have a deeply vested interest in this history," explained Inkosi Mpungose. "The father of our incumbent King used to speak at length and with immense pride about the story of St Helena. This visit is about helping St Helena reclaim its history while allowing us as Zulu people to do the same. It is a shared history that belongs to both of our peoples."

During their time on the island, the team spent hours delving into the St Helena Archives and exploring local folklore. They examined documented records while listening to island accounts of potential local descendants and historic figures, as well as local ties to King Dinuzulu's household.

Inkosi Mpungose emphasised that while official colonial records exist, much of the Zulu perspective lives on through oral tradition. "It is in the poetry, the speeches, and the *amahubo*—our historical accounts recorded through praise songs," he noted. "When King Dinuzulu returned home in 1897, our elders kept those accounts alive. This project gives us a platform to bring those oral histories together with St Helena's own records so the world can appreciate the full story."

The visit also addressed permanent physical commemorations, building upon a request made during a 2009 visit by a South African delegation, honouring the 1907 prisoners. Ms Blankenberg and Inkosi Mpungose are currently reviewing earlier concepts proposed by Enterprise St Helena (ESH) to build on those past efforts. Working alongside key island stakeholders—including representatives from the St Helena Museum, the National Trust, the Heritage Society, the Arts and Crafts Association, St Helena Tourism, and local government officials—Ms Blankenberg is leading the concept development for the dedicated Zulu History Interpretation Centre.

"We are here to lend a voice and offer cultural sensitivity to the interpretation centre being planned," said Inkosi Mpungose. "Rather than just a traditional static monument, we want to create something experiential—something with presence, permanence, and cultural richness."

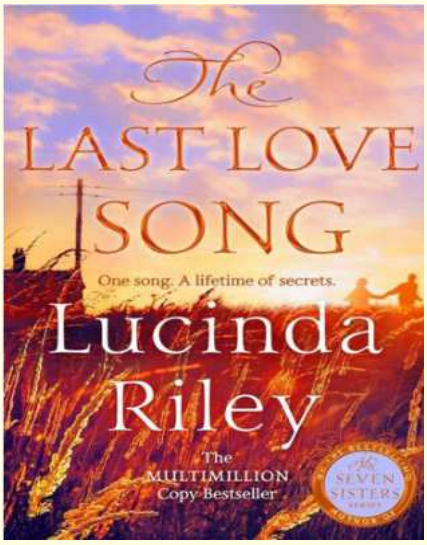
Beyond historical preservation, the delegation highlighted the broader economic and educational opportunities for St Helena. During their stay, Inkosi Mpungose participated in a ceremonial tree planting to mark lasting growth, hosted a comprehensive presentation outlining joint proposal ideas for island stakeholders, and attended a reception hosted by the Governor at Plantation House.

"We want to approach this sustainably," Inkosi Mpungose shared. "That means integrating education into the curriculum, building up community involvement, and creating cultural drawcards that encourage visitors to stay longer. Ultimately, it's about inspiring Saint Helenians to take pride in their extraordinarily diverse heritage and express it outwardly with confidence."

While the pair have since left the island, Inkosi Mpungose made a commitment to returning to St Helena. "Without a doubt, I'll be back for sure," he said.

Book of the Week

Public Library Service



The Last Love Song by Lucinda Riley

When Sorcha O'Donovan encounters struggling musician Con Daly – the strikingly handsome outcast in their small village on West Cork's windswept coastline – her days will never be the same.

Con strikes gold with rock band The Fishermen in London, but their lives change beyond recognition as the dark side of fame rears its head and secrets from the past threaten to destroy everything he has worked for.

Twenty years later, The Fishermen agree to re-form for the Music for Life charity concert at Wembley Stadium. But Con has been missing for more than a decade. There's only one person who can find out what happened; only one person who knows how vital it is to uncover the truth.

Because should Con Daly reappear before the facts emerge, then history could repeat itself with even more tragic consequences.

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Land for Homes and Enterprise

SHG publishes 5-year Property Disposal Plan to drive housing and growth



A residential plot at New Ground featuring coast views, scheduled for release to encourage local homeownership

Liam Yon, SAMS

The St Helena Government (SHG) has officially published its Property Disposal Plan 2026 to 2030, which it states will establish a strategic and transparent framework for releasing surplus Crown land and buildings over the next five years.

According to SHG, the plan operates as a rolling five-year programme to manage real estate identified on the island's Property Disposal Register, adding that the initiative is designed to actively market opportunities that support economic growth, facilitate homeownership, and stimulate commercial development across St Helena.

Detailing the goals of the roll-out, SHG highlighted that the release of residential land is intended to encourage homeownership, backed by targeted incentives. Crucially, first-time buyers intending to make St Helena their primary residence will be eligible for a 60% discount on the tendered freehold value. Simultaneously, commercial land and buildings are being brought to market to create opportunities for "investment, business expansion, and tourism and leisure activities".

Under the tendering process, advertised Reserve Values represent the estimated market value and serve as the starting basis for open-market bids. For properties marketed under a lease with an option to purchase, annual lease rates will be calculated directly from the submitted freehold value; 5% per annum for residential property and 10% per annum for commercial property.

The first two years of the plan provide detailed profiles for each individual property scheduled for release, outlining estimated guide reserve values, disposal methods, expected timelines, and any special conditions attached to individual parcels or structures. SHG explained that disposals scheduled for years three through five—as well as Reserve Values from Year 2 onwards—will undergo continuous annual assessment to reflect changing market conditions.

They note that this ongoing review ensures all releases remain directly aligned with the Ministerial Vision, SHG's strategic objectives, the Sustainable Economic Development Strategy 2023–2033, and disposal guidelines set out in the Property Disposal and Purchase Policy 2024 (PDPP 2024). SHG also added that they reserve the right to adjust disposal timelines, substitute properties, or withdraw listed sites should unforeseen circumstances arise.

Government was also keen to emphasise that a primary aim of publishing the schedule is to promote complete public transparency by providing clear information on when properties will be released and how they can be acquired, ensuring fair and open access to Crown assets. However, they did note that buyers remain responsible for conducting their own inquiries regarding property condition, with all Crown property sold on an "as seen" basis, unless otherwise specified.

The identification and disposal process is being led by the Property Service, part of SHG's Economic Development Portfolio, in accordance with the PDPP 2024. As such, political oversight is provided by the Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning, and Economic Development, Karl Thrower, to ensure every transaction aligns with SHG's broader socio-economic goals.

The complete Property Disposal Plan 2026 to 2030, along with annual breakdowns for Years 1 through 5, is available on the SHG website via: https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/st-helena/government/portfolios/economic-development-portfolio/property/.



Bertrand's Cottage in Longwood is listed under Year 1 of the disposal plan for preferred commercial and tourism use



Earmarked for preferred residential use, the former clinic site in Sandy Bay offers potential for home conversion



The former Richard James International Depot at The Wharf is scheduled for commercial tender in Year 1

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Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc invites Expressions of Interest from experienced agricultural operators, investors and agribusiness professionals interested in leasing/partnering and developing established coffee plantations in the Sandy Bay area.

This is a unique opportunity to take advantage of an existing coffee-growing operation with infrastructure and equipment already in place. The plantation offers scope for continued production, expansion, value-adding activities and market development, locally and internationally.

St Helena Coffee is recognised for its Quality and Heritage. Be Part of its Future.

EXISTING ASSETS INCLUDE:

- Established Coffee Plantations
- Commercial Coffee Pulper
- Coffee Bean Sorting Machine
- Coffee Sorting & Roasting Room
- Drying Shed Facilities

COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc is open to discussing a range of commercial arrangements, which may include:

- Long-term lease agreements
- Crop-share arrangement
- Resale or export partnerships
- Alternative proposals that demonstrate commercial viability

INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST OUTLINING:

- Relevant experience and background
- Proposed lease and/or partnership arrangement
- Business objectives and development strategy
- Financial and operational capability
- Contact details

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, TO REQUEST AN INFORMATION PACK OR ARRANGE A SITE VISIT, PLEASE CONTACT:

Paul Gasteen, Chief Executive Officer

22380 paul.gasteen@solomons.co.sh

CLOSING DATE FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

16 OCTOBER 2026

All enquiries and submissions will be treated confidentially.
Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc welcomes discussions with parties committed to maximising the potential of this established coffee plantation and its processing facilities.

SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

SAMS Radio 1

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

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FRI. Sep 11
- 7am - 10am: Sunrise Show with Luke Bennett
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam
- 7:30pm: Country Classics (Repeat)

SAT. Sep 12
- 9am-11: Indie Waves with Sue (Repeat)
- 1:00pm: American Connection
- 3pm: Country Chart Show (Repeat)
- 5pm: In the know
- 6pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 8:30pm: OUT! OUT! with Liam (Repeat)

SUN. Sep 13
- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Liam Yon
- 1pm:Interveiw hour
- 3:30-5pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 5pm: Island Pulse
- 7pm: Anglican Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations with Anita

MON. Sep 14
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 11am: Let's Talk Health
- 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 15
- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Donna
- 10am: Ministers Question Time
- 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 16
- 7am: Morning show with Deon
- 11am: Northward Sounds with Tony Leo
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett

THU. Sep 17
- 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





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Every week a church service is brought to you either from the Baptist Church, Anglican church, Salvation Army or the Seventh Day Adventist.

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

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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Medium'

See solution to last week's Sudoku Puzzle:

7	6	3	2	4	9	1	8	5
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Throwback Thursday



10th September 2008: MV Portzic, a former fishing vessel, is scuttled, off Lemon Valley.

(sainthelenaisland.info)

Pumpkin, at the moment, is plentiful; maybe you have some in your fridge or maybe growing in your garden and you are unsure what to do? Well, let us help you out by giving you this pumpkin bread recipe - let us know how it tastes!

Pumpkin Bread



Ingredients

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup unsalted butter (melted)
- 3 large eggs
- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin puree (just shy of two cups)
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon salt

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Lightly oil two 9×5-inch, three 8×4-inch, or 4 6×4-inch loaf pans.
2. In a large bowl, combine the sugar, butter, eggs, and pumpkin, and stir until well blended. In another medium bowl, blend together the flour, baking soda, baking powder, cloves, cinnamon, and salt. Add the dry ingredients to the pumpkin mixture in two batches, stirring just until the dry ingredients are incorporated. Divide the mixture evenly between the loaf pans.
3. Bake the larger (9×5-inch) pans for 55 to 65 minutes, the medium (8×4-inch) pans for 40 to 50 minutes, and the smaller (6×4-inch) pans for 35 to 45 minutes. Test any loaf for doneness by inserting a wooden skewer in the centre and seeing if it comes out clean.
4. Cool the loaves in the pans on a wire rack for 15 minutes, then turn the loaves out of the pans and finish cooling on the racks.

The Island Pulse

New Horizons success, Tax Reform and Fuel Pressures dominate discussion



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

This week's edition of *The Island Pulse* brought together Councillors Robert Midwinter, Ronald Coleman, Derek Thomas, Clint Beard and Dr Corinda Essex, alongside presenter Councillor Julie Thomas, for a wide-ranging discussion covering youth provision, international parliamentary engagement, taxation and customs duties, and the growing concern over fuel prices.

The programme opened on a particularly positive note, with New Horizons Youth Leader, Scott Crowie invited into the studio to discuss the development of the organisation since he took over as manager in April 2023.

New Horizons: turning limited resources into opportunity

Mr Crowie explained that Government currently provides New Horizons with just over £56,000 annually, which in essence covers salaries and basic operational costs. However, the organisation generated a turnover of approximately £135,000 in the last financial year through a range of fundraising and commercial initiatives.

Rather than relying solely on Government support, New Horizons has developed several income-generating activities, including operating the Jamestown swimming pool, a kayak business, airport transfer services, a carwash, education transport and a kitchen which was funded by New Horizons itself.

The kitchen provides food for sale to the public while also giving young people opportunities to participate in activities such as baking and making pizzas.

The organisation has also invested approximately £6,500 to £7,000 in PS5 games and screens, providing additional recreational opportunities for young people during school holidays and evening openings.

Mr Crowie said the organisation's fundraising was largely undertaken by its staff, helpers and volunteers, with the additional income enabling New Horizons to keep costs affordable for families. Its youth bus service, for example, costs just 50p.

New Horizons currently caters for children from 5 to 17, having deliberately lowered its starting age from 11. Mr Crowie explained that the aim was to introduce children to the organisation earlier so that, as they grow older, New Horizons becomes an established and trusted place for them to socialise, have fun and develop.

Looking ahead, the organisation is also considering extending provision to 16 to 21-year-olds. Mr Crowie identified a gap for older teenagers and young adults who may not want to participate alongside younger children.

He explained that New Horizons already has facilities including football, basketball, table tennis, pool and gaming, and that the intention is potentially to make these available to older young people during periods when the younger age group is not using the complex.

The organisation has also placed considerable emphasis on activities outside its premises, with recent programmes including fishing days, trips to Lemon Valley and Rupert's, cycling, visits to Half-Tree-Hollow Playground and activities at Woodlands. Collaboration with organisations including Island Minds Foundation, the Church Lads' Brigade and the National Trust has also helped broaden the opportunities available to young people.

Councillor Derek Thomas described the progress as "very pleasing", highlighting that New Horizons was benefiting not only young people but the wider community. He also praised the organisation for lowering its age range and for its fundraising efforts.

Councillor Robert Midwinter recalled how much his own children had enjoyed attending New Horizons and welcomed the range of activities being offered.

Dr Corinda Essex said Mr Crowie was "living proof" that organisations could find ways of generating their own income rather than relying entirely on Government subsidies. She cited New Horizons, the Scouts and Guides and SHAPE as examples of organisations which undertake substantial fundraising themselves.

Councillor Clint Beard described New Horizons' approach as "inspirational", saying that small actions could be highly meaningful to the community. He also suggested that communication between Councillors and organisations could be improved.

Councillor Ronald Coleman similarly praised Mr Crowie and his team, including their work at the swimming pool, and expressed the hope that New Horizons would be successful in securing the contract noting that the service is currently being re-tendered.

For Councillor Julie Thomas, the organisation provided an important example of positive achievement at a time when financial pressures are increasing.

"It's positive and we don't do enough to celebrate those positive moments," she said, congratulating Mr Crowie and his team.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference

The programme then turned to preparations for the 69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC), due to take place in Cape Town from 13 to 19 September.

Councillor Julie Thomas confirmed that her attendance had been approved, while Councillor Clint Beard was awaiting confirmation as an observer. Speaker Maureen Thompson is also hoped to attend in a similar capacity.

The conference theme is "Strengthening International Law and Parliamentary Democracy in a Changing World Order: Commonwealth Leadership."

Councillor Thomas explained that St

Helena had proactively submitted potential topics for discussion, including connectivity and strategic transport links; tourism as an economic engine for remote islands; food and energy security; youth retention and population sustainability; governance challenges in small jurisdictions; blue economy opportunities; and strengthening regional partnerships.

She said youth retention was particularly important given St Helena's ageing demographic, while strategic transport links were also highly relevant because of the island's dependence on Cape Town for shipping and Johannesburg for air connectivity.

Councillor Beard said the conference presented an opportunity for St Helena to engage with Commonwealth partners at a comparatively accessible destination.

"We are in a critical situation right now, we have a stalemate right now and we need to progress," he said, adding that the delegation would seek to learn from other jurisdictions and bring useful ideas back to St Helena.

He also noted that discussions on the CPA Constitution were expected to form part of the programme.

Taxation: calls for earlier and more regular scrutiny

Councillor Beard then outlined forthcoming work by the Tax and Revenue Working Group (TRWG), with a meeting scheduled for 9 September.

He argued that the group needs to meet more consistently and much earlier in the financial year. In his view, waiting until close to the implementation of new tax measures leaves too little time for meaningful scrutiny, consultation and public engagement.

"The tax system that we want to use must be fair and equitable," he said.

Issues expected to be considered include the income tax threshold and proposed changes to customs duties.

Councillor Beard emphasised that the TRWG should operate not only as a mechanism for receiving information but also for communicating decisions and options back to the public.

Dr Essex explained that she had previously proposed an alternative approach to the income tax threshold, involving different thresholds for lower and middle-income earners compared with those on higher incomes.

Councillor Derek Thomas, meanwhile, outlined work being undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce on possible customs tariff changes. He said consideration was being given to reducing duties on essential goods, including food, building materials and disability-related equipment.

He cited the current 20% duty on food goods and suggested that reducing it to 10% could help ease pressure on households. He also argued that reducing duties on building materials could support the construction sector, particularly as opportunities for new housing development emerge.

For disability and mobility aids, he suggested that reducing the duty from 20% to 5% could encourage greater access to equipment which helps people remain independent in their homes.

Councillor Thomas stressed that reductions in one area would need to be balanced elsewhere to protect Government revenue. The Chamber's proposals are expected to be presented to the TRWG for consideration.

Councillor Robert Midwinter also outlined an alternative taxation concept involving a greater spread between tax rates. He suggested that a lower rate for lower earners could provide an incentive to increase working hours, with higher rates applying progressively to greater levels of income.

He argued that taxation policy could either support or undermine economic development and said any system should be based on ability to pay.

Fuel prices: calls for an action plan

The most pressing discussion of the programme concerned fuel prices and the potential impact of further increases on households, businesses and Government services.

Dr Essex said that while St Helena had benefited from fuel being purchased at comparatively favourable prices for the most recent shipment, prices at the pump had nevertheless increased.

She acknowledged that Government had increased its subsidy to Connect St Helena to help reduce the impact on electricity costs, but said Councillors were seeking greater clarity on what further measures could be introduced if fuel prices rise substantially.

She said the issue was being raised regularly with Ministers and warned that the private sector could face severe consequences if the impact of increased fuel costs was not mitigated.

Among the measures she suggested for consideration were temporarily reducing the current 39p-per-litre fuel duty, reviewing the fuel pricing model, considering cross-subsidisation between petrol and diesel, and introducing targeted assistance for key sectors such as farmers and contractors.

Dr Essex stressed that she was not necessarily advocating any particular measure but believed all options should be properly examined in advance.

Councillor Ronald Coleman described rising fuel prices as a global issue and said St Helena should consider what action could be taken before the opportunity to provide relief becomes more limited.

Councillor Clint Beard similarly called for greater public information, pointing to the uncertainty surrounding future global fuel prices and the potential consequences for St Helena.

"The impact on the community is what we are very concerned about," he said, adding that Councillors were repeatedly raising the issue with Ministers and wanted timely information so the public could be kept informed.

Councillor Robert Midwinter pointed to measures introduced by the previous Government, including refurbishment of interim fuel tanks at Rupert's and hedging arrangements, which he said had helped soften the impact of the latest increase.

However, he cautioned that further external shocks could not be ruled out and said he supported targeted measures to protect lower-income households.

Councillor Derek Thomas said the additional £172,000 allocated to Connect St Helena was welcome but argued that further action was required.

"We need to have an action plan in place," he said, describing fuel prices as a priority and calling for Ministers to "put measures in place now rather than waiting for further increases."

Councillor Julie Thomas recalled raising concerns during the Legislative Council's Budget debate that there was little capacity within the budget to absorb further fuel increases. She highlighted the 16p-per-litre increase in diesel and questioned how Government would manage the additional costs of delivering public services without potentially passing those costs on through higher fees and charges.

Her central concern was the need to anticipate rather than react to external pressures.

"I'd rather be prepared for an increase, than the increase hit and then we're running around trying to work out what we're going to do next," she said.

The programme closed with a call for continued public engagement and feedback, reinforcing the role of The *Island Pulse* as a forum for discussing the issues affecting St Helena and providing listeners with insight into the work being undertaken by Councillors.

From the achievements of a youth organisation turning £56,000 of Government support into a £135,000 annual turnover, to the need for earlier scrutiny of taxation and preparations for potentially significant fuel price increases, the programme highlighted both the resilience being demonstrated within the community and the importance of planning ahead in an increasingly uncertain economic environment.

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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 combined findings from St Helena's first comprehensive survey into children and young people's internet and social media use, bringing together responses from 225 young people aged 8–18 across primary and secondary schools.

Over the past two weeks, findings from the primary and secondary school surveys have been published separately. Bringing the results together provides a broader picture of children's digital lives across the 8–18 age range.

The survey shows that digital technology is now a routine part of childhood. Almost every child has access to the internet at home, while smartphones are an increasingly important way of accessing the online world. YouTube is the most popular platform, followed by TikTok, Snapchat and WhatsApp, with Instagram also featuring among older young people.

The results also show that many young people are already aware that excessive social media use can affect their wellbeing. Across the survey, children and young people identified tiredness, lack of sleep, reduced concentration, lower school performance and changes in mood among the impacts they associate with excessive social media use.

At the same time, the findings highlight areas where continued awareness, guidance and support are needed.

Across the combined 8–18 age group:

- **14%** reported experiencing cyberbullying.
- **40%** had been contacted, or may have been contacted, by strangers online.
- **37%** spend 16 or more hours each week on social media.
- Nearly half use mobile data outside the home, meaning parental controls based only on home Wi-Fi may not provide complete protection.

Online gaming is also significant, with some young people spending considerable amounts of time gaming and interacting with strangers through games.

Children and young people are telling us what they need

The findings show that many young people recognise the challenges of spending excessive amounts of time online and identify parents, carers, friends, siblings and other trusted adults as people they would turn

to if something online worried or made them uncomfortable. This provides an important foundation for continued work.

The survey is not intended to tell parents how to raise their children, nor does it suggest that technology or smartphones are inherently harmful. Instead, it provides St Helena with a shared understanding of how young people are using technology and the issues families, schools and the wider community may need to consider.

The Digital Literacy and Boundaries Group was established in response to these concerns and brings together representatives from education, safeguarding, health, policing, Youth Parliament and other community partners. The Group's aim is to understand children's digital lives, consider the evidence and identify ways to support children and families to use technology positively and safely.

Children's Champion and member of the Safeguarding Board, Cllr Julie Thomas, said:

"The findings from this survey provide us with an invaluable, clear picture of our children's digital lives, but they must also serve as an urgent call to action. As Children's Champion and a member of the Safeguarding Board, my absolute priority is ensuring that our young people are kept safe online at all costs. We are not looking to strip technology away from our youth, but rather to empower our community with the awareness and education needed to establish healthy boundaries.

By equipping parents, guardians, and the children themselves with the right knowledge, we can collectively make informed, cautious choices about device usage and connectivity. Protecting our children in this fast-evolving digital space requires a shared commitment, and we must ensure every decision we take is guided by a proactive dedication to their safety, well-being, and protection."

Continuing the conversation

The findings come at a time when communities internationally are considering how best to help children navigate an increasingly digital world.

The focus is not on removing young people from technology, but on helping them develop the knowledge, confidence and boundaries they need to benefit from it safely and positively.

Parents and carers, young people, schools, health professionals, police and safeguarding partners, politicians and policymakers all have a role to play in supporting digital safety.

The survey also provides an opportunity for families to keep asking simple but important questions about what children use their devices for, how much time they spend online and who they are interacting with.

The survey has given St Helena something many communities do not have: a clearer picture of how our children and young people are experiencing the digital world.

The opportunity now is to use that information to shape what comes next.

To view the results of the survey, please click the link at https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/app/uploads/2026/09/Children-Young-Peoples-Social-Media-Use-Findings-All-Schools-Final.pdf

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Part 1

225 respondents

Ages 8 - 18

14% have experienced cyberbullying

40% contacted or possibly approached by a stranger

37% spend 16+ hours per week on social media

INTERNET ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY

HOW DO YOU CONNECT?

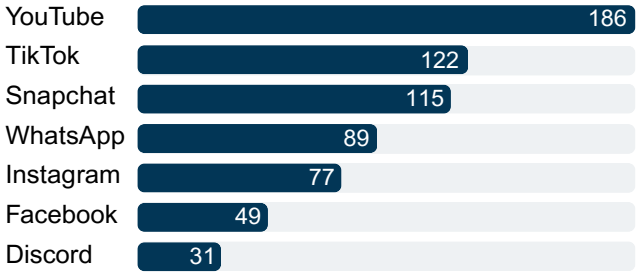
- **96%** internet at home
- **95%** connect via WiFi at home
- **24%** use mobile data at home
- **49%** use mobile outside home

TOP DEVICES USED TO CONNECT TO THE INTERNET

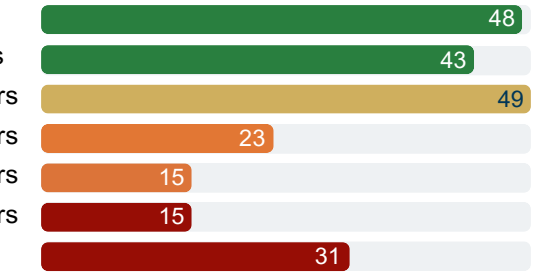
- **85%** smartphone (193)
- **32%** laptop/netbook (72)
- **27%** tablet (61)
- **24%** playstation (53)

SOCIAL MEDIA

TOP PLATFORMS AND APPS USED



HOURS ON SOCIAL MEDIA PER WEEK



⚠ 37% spend 16+ hours per week on social media

ONLINE SAFETY & WELLBEING

CYBERBULLYING

- **14%** Have been cyberbullied
- **4%** Cyberbullied someone

⚠ 32 reported being a victim of cyberbullying. 10 admitted to cyberbullying others

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS ONLINE

- No - 136 (60%)
- Yes - 56 (25%)
- Not sure - 33 (15%)

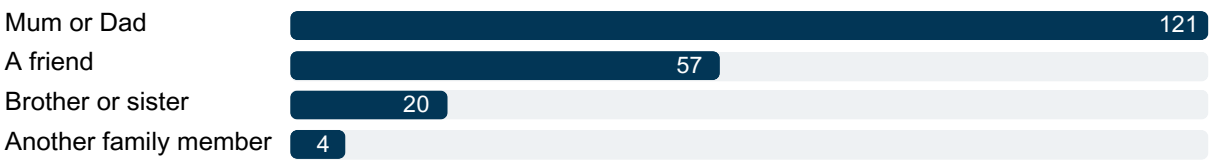
⚠ 40% have been or may have been approached by a stranger

UNCOMFORTABLE CONTENT ONLINE

- No - 145 (64%)
- Yes - 40 (18%)
- Maybe - 40 (18%)

⚠ Only 32% who saw upsetting content told someone

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



54% would speak to a parent

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Part 2

225 respondents

Ages 8 - 18

ONLINE SAFETY & WELLBEING

HOURS ON SOCIAL MEDIA PER WEEK



⚠ 18% game 16+ hours per week

MOST POPULAR GAMING DAYS

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
105	85	89	83	116	160	136

TOP GAMES PLAYED

Minecraft (100) | Roblox (98) | Fortnite (64) | Among Us (58) | Call of Duty (46) | GTA (33)

42% play with strangers

18% chat with strangers via games

AWARENESS OF NEGATIVE EFFECTS & TOP CONCERNS IDENTIFIED

57% aware of negative effects

19% not aware of risks

TOP NEGATIVE EFFECTS IDENTIFIED BY RESPONDENTS

Tiredness	Sleeplessness	Lower Attention Span	Lower Grades at School	Depression	Moodiness
122	**115**	**101**	**102**	**76**	**91**

Key Takeaways

- Nearly 1 in 7 children surveyed have experienced cyberbullying
- 49% access the internet outside home using mobile data
- 54% would speak to a parent if worried about something online
- 40% have been or may have been approached by strangers online
- Only 32% spoke to someone after seeing upsetting content
- 19% of all respondents are unaware of online risks

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

St Helena's heritage for all, forever



Join us for our AGM and be part of the conservation about protecting and celebrating the unique natural, cultural and built heritage of St Helena.

Date: Saturday, 19 September 2026

Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00PM

Venue: St Michael's Church, Rupert's Valley



Programme

PART 1: FORMAL AGM — **3:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous AGM
3. Presentation of the Financial Statements 2025/26
4. Appointment of Auditor
5. Trust Council Membership (No changes proposed)

PART 2: GARDEN OF REFLECTION PROJECT & SHOWCASE — **From 4:00 pm**

6. Garden of Reflection Project
   Presentation & Q&A
7. St Helena National Trust Project Showcase
   Show and tell stalls of our projects
8. Strategy 2026-2031 Consultation Stall
   Share your ideas and help share our future direction
9. Membership Information & Sign-Up Stall
   Learn more and become a member

Refreshments provided



If you cannot make it for the Formal Agenda (Part 1), please do come along for the Presentation (Part 2)!

Together, we can protect and celebrate St Helena's heritage for current and future generations

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The role includes:

- Overseeing the Insurance team and provide customer support on a daily basis.
- Ensure the section is operational, efficient and compliant at all times.
- Deliver first-class service to customers, whilst adhering to processes and procedures.

Working closely with the Deputy Managing Director and in collaboration with Caribbean Alliance, the successful candidate will also:

- Develop and implement risk management strategies.
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- Train and manage the Insurance team.
- Ensure adherence to Regulations in collaboration with Caribbean Alliance.

About You

The ideal candidate must be:

- Highly motivated, self-reliant, and able to work to their own initiative.
- Flexible and adaptable to meet work demands.
- Accurate and detail-orientated, with both a practical and strategic approach to tasks.
- A strong communicator with excellent interpersonal and influencing skills.

Essential Requirements

- A background in financial and/or business management.
- Proven organisational skills with the ability to build effective working relationships at all levels.
- Must have good interpersonal skills and deal with people in a professional manner, with strong sales and negotiation skills.
- Some knowledge of the delivery of insurance products is desirable.

Training and Development

- Training for the position will be provided, which will include international training resources.
- Candidates will be expected to study towards a relevant professional qualification if one is not already held.

How to Apply

- For more information, please contact the Deputy Managing Director on + 290 22390 ext 222 or email deputy.managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com 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, 25 September 2026.

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HOW TO APPLY

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

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

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

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Staff Nurse – (£13,569 per annum)
Healthcare Assistant – (£10,088 per annum)

The Hospital Nursing team currently have opportunities for motivated individuals to join their team of nurses. You will be responsible for delivering high quality evidence based nursing care within the hospital setting under the direction of the Chief Nursing Officer and Senior Nursing team. You will be required to provide an efficient and effective nursing service to our community, through assessments, implementation and evaluation of care. As a Nurse you will be required to provide deep empathy, strong communication, and sharp critical thinking to deliver safe, patient-centred care. If you are passionate about making a positive difference in someone's care then we would like to hear from you. For more information about these roles or to arrange an informal discussion about the roles, please contact us.

Enquiries:	**Erika Bowers on Tel No. 22500 or Email: erika.bowers@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date:	**15 September 2026**
Shortlisting date:	**18 September 2026**
Interview date:	**28 September 2026**

Forest Worker – (£9,573 per annum)

The Forestry Section is looking to recruit a Forest Worker to provide support for field work within the silviculture team. The role involves performing manual forestry tasks, which encompass land clearing, control of invasive and alien plant species, ground preparation, planting, thinning, pruning, fencing, cleaning, and the harvesting of sawlogs, firewood, and fence posts, as specified by the relevant line manager. The role also includes the collection of tree seeds and seedlings when necessary and also nursery related activities. Contact us for information and a discussion.

Enquiries:	**Myra Young on Tel No. 24724 or Email: myra.young@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date:	**23 September 2026**
Shortlisting date:	**28 September 2026**
Interview date:	**08 October 2026**

Casual Domiciliary Support Worker
(£6.65 per hourly rate)

Social Care is seeking dedicated and motivated Casual Domiciliary Support Workers to join their team within the Health & Social Care portfolio. In this rewarding role, you will provide high-quality support to vulnerable adults in their own homes and within the wider community. The individual's vulnerability could be due to mental or physical disability, frailty or illness. Support will include assessment of needs and provision of personal-care tasks, such as bathing, toileting and dressing and domestic tasks such as meal preparation, cleaning and laundry. To provide respite sessions including time in the community and supporting access to day services. You will also be required to hold a valid driving licence. 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:	**25 September 2026**
Shortlisting date:	**30 September 2026**
Interview date:	**12 October 2026**

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

HAVE YOUR SAY ON ST HELENA'S HERITAGE

ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST



The St Helena National Trust is setting its priorities for the next 5 years, and we want to hear from you.

This is your opportunity to influence the future of St Helena's built, cultural and natural heritage.

If you care about our island, please take a few minutes to complete our survey and make your voice heard.

Every response counts!

Click on the link below:

https://forms.gle/xUdkBeTbfamcstHj7

Or

Scan me

St Helena's heritage for all, forever

If you prefer a form, please contact us below, and we will email you:

Email: info@trust.org.sh | Telephone: (+290) 22190

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

Human Resources Assistant (Employee Relations)

Total package value up to £26,983

(comprising salary of £15,137.00 per annum plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits)

About the role

This is a varied, hands-on opportunity to support the day-to-day work of the Ascension Island Government's HR team. Alongside providing essential HR administration, you'll play an important part in employee relations matters, supporting managers and colleagues through workplace issues fairly, professionally and with sensitivity. You'll also have opportunities to lead investigations and contribute to clear, well-informed outcomes.

What you'll do

You'll support a broad range of HR activities, from recruitment, onboarding and probation reviews to appraisals, safeguarding compliance and employee records. A key part of the role will be supporting grievance, disciplinary and capability cases. This will include arranging meetings and hearings, taking accurate notes and, where appropriate, acting as an Investigating Officer by gathering evidence, interviewing those involved and preparing clear, balanced reports. You'll be a first point of contact for HR enquiries, offering practical guidance to employees and managers and knowing when to involve the HR Manager. You'll also prepare correspondence, reports, starter and leaver documents and payroll information, while helping the team continually improve its systems and ways of working.

What you'll bring

You'll hold, or be working towards, at least a CIPD Level 3 qualification or an equivalent recognised HR qualification. You'll have experience supporting employee relations cases, such as grievance, disciplinary or capability matters, together with a good understanding of ACAS guidance, CIPD best practice and employment relations principles. You'll be approachable, organised and confident communicating with people at all levels. Strong writing and IT skills are important, as you'll need to produce professional correspondence and clear, well-structured reports. Above all, you'll bring sound judgement, fairness and discretion, with the ability to handle sensitive and confidential information appropriately.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £15,137 per annum (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a single status contract and these benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth up to £2,400 pa (taxable benefit)
- A single status food allowance of £3,900 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance worth up to £3,625 per year
- A single status water allowance worth £1,921 pa
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care & annual travel insurance

This appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory Employment References.
- Basic Criminal Records Check.
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance.

Closing date: **05 October 2026** Interviews: **week commencing 12 October 2026** Start date: **as soon as possible**

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

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St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

Crown Estates Ground's Maintenance

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

ED8-2026/27 – Crown Estates Ground's Maintenance

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

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Friday, 18 September 2026, clearly marked **"Tender ED8-2026/27"**.

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

SHG, 28 August 2026



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CUSTOMER NOTICE

Temporary Access Arrangements - Lending Appointments

The Bank of St Helena will be carrying out improvement works in our main branch reception area, the main stairway will be closed to all visitors from 9 September to 14 September 2026.

Lending Appointments: All scheduled lending appointments will take place nearby in a Bank of St Helena office . Please visit the Customer Service team who will direct you when you arrive for your appointment. Please note that appointments are essential, lending will not be able to accommodate walk in customers without a scheduled appointment during this period.

General Enquiries: Our general enquiries telephone number and customer support email services will continue to operate as normal throughout this period.

We apologise for any inconvenience these temporary arrangements may cause and thank you for your patience and understanding.

Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Established and regulated in St Helena under the Financial Services Ordinance, 2008 and 2017, the Financial Services Regulations, 2017, the Company Ordinance, 2004 and the Company Regulations, 2004

info@sainthelenabank.com
www.sainthelenabank.com
@sainthelenabank
+290 22390
Market Street, Jamestown
Bank of St Helena Ltd

Vacancy

Ad-Hoc Office Cleaner

Since 1790

Rate of pay will be £6.48 per hour.

We are seeking an Ad-Hoc Cleaner for the Company's Main Office building to support the cleaning operations as and when required.

As the Cleaner you will be required to maintain a high standard of cleanliness and also ensure that cleaning routines are completed in the required timeframe.

Interested Persons Should:

- Be reliable, trustworthy and punctual with a flexible approach to work
- Demonstrate excellent attention to detail, and take pride in their work
- Be physically fit with the ability to undertake regular manual handling duties
- Have knowledge of Health & Safety and Hygiene
- Be responsible, able to work independently and manage time effectively, with minimum supervision
- Maintain total confidentiality within the Company

For further information contact the Human Resources Department via email hradmin@solomons.co.sh or by calling 22380.

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **Thursday, 24 September 2026.**

St Helena Government

APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2026/94:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Three Bedroom, Split Level Dwelling,** Never Grove, Levelwood on Parcel SH0549. **Applicant:** Delroy Leo.
2. **Application 2026/95:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Installation of Replacement Perimeter Fence at Signal House,** Ladder Hill, on Parcel HTH0720. **Applicant:** Property Services, St Helena Government.
3. **Application 2026/96:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Siting of Container for Storage Purposes**, Lower Cow Path on Parcel HTH070. **Applicant:** Nicholas Bargo.

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

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

Public Representation Closing Date: 4pm – 24 September 2026

Patricia Coyle, Head of Planning & Building Control

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

Upgrade of Sewage and Greywater Works at Cape Villa

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contract: **SSHA3-2026/27 – Upgrade of Sewage and Greywater Works at Cape Villa**

A site visit to view the works will take place on Wednesday, 16 September 2026, at 10:00, meeting at Cape Villa, St Paul's.

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 Wednesday, 30 September 2026, clearly marked **"Tender SSHA3-2026/27"**.

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

SHG, 08 September 2026

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DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 13th September 2026 - 24th Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Martin
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
5.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Cathedral
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 13th September 2026 – 24th Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St John
	Thursday 17th September	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 13th September 2026 – 24th Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist/Church Parade	St Mark
	Tuesday 15th September	
7.00 p.m.	Bible School on Wheels	St Mark

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services - 13th September
Sandy Bay Chapel, 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel, 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel, 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday, 15th September: Baptist School Hall, 7.00 pm
Wednesday, 16th September: Blue Hill Community Centre, 7.00 pm
Thursday, 17th September: Sandy Bay Chapel, 5.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS
Adventure Kids – Age 6 – 10 yrs old
In recess until 26th September.

Ladies Meeting
Wednesday, 16th September: Baptist School Hall, 10.30 am

Gospel Outreach Service
Sunday, 20th September: Kingshurst Community Centre, 3.00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact: Tel No 24644



Church Notices

Prayer Meeting

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.
Saturday 12th September 2026 at 8.30am-Online
Contact Mercy for details-65880 or 24212

Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 13th September 11.00am
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Cell Meetings

Tuesday 15th September 2026
Jamestown @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Bramwell 62117)
Cape Villa @5.00pm, (Contact Priscilla 51919)
Wednesday 16th September 2026
Half Tree Hollow @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Mercy 53227)
The Rock Christian Fellowship, Longwood Avenue at 5.30pm
(Contact: Mercy for details-65880 or 24212.

Scout Jackpot Draw

The winners of the August Scout Jackpot were as follows:

1st Prize - £100 – Benji Lawrence
Ticket No. 189

2nd Prize - £50 – Sandi Francis
Ticket No. 493

3rd Prize - £25 – Ray Hudson
Ticket No. 297

4th Prize - £25 – T & J
Ticket No. 445

Winnings can be collected from Terry Richards, 24 Barracks Square

The August draw will take place on 2 September.

NOTICE BOARD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 21st September 2026, at 3pm
Jamestown Community Center.

Agenda

1. Chairperson's report
2. Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 2 October 2024
3. Treasurer's report
4. Election of new committee

We look forward to welcoming all.

Refreshments will be provided.

St Helena Government

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SHIP SURVEYING?

Would you like an introduction to ship surveying?

SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday 23rd September 2026

INTRODUCTION TO SHIP SURVEYING
will be delivered online by
Consultant Marine Surveyor, Derrick Thorington

18:00 – 18:30
Maritime Training Centre

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT
Wendy Benjamin
wendy.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh
or Tel Number 63351

FOR SALE BY TENDER

The Salvation Army has for sale by tender a **Ford Tourneo 9-seater Minibus** formerly registered as registration no. 10.

The vehicle is in good running order and is being sold on an "as is, where is" basis. Prospective buyers should satisfy themselves as to its condition before submitting a tender and interested persons can contact Raymond Yon on 23531 to arrange a viewing. The next MOT is July 2027.

Tenders must be submitted to Captain Antony Palmer at the Jamestown Salvation Army Quarters in a sealed envelope or by email to antony.palmer@saf.salvationarmy.org.

Tenders must be received by no later than **12 noon (GMT) on Friday, 2 October 2026.**

The reserve price is £8,500. The highest tender on or above the reserve price will normally be accepted by The Salvation Army. The Salvation Army reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

The successful tenderer will be notified following the closing date. The full purchase price must be paid and cleared before the vehicle will be released.

The Salvation Army accepts no responsibility for any costs incurred by persons submitting tenders.

St Helena Government

INVITATION TO TENDER

Wastewater Treatment Works – Mechanical and Electrical Works - Half Tree Hollow

Reference: CS-2072-SHG

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably qualified businesses to submit a Tender for the design, supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of the Mechanical and Electrical works, for the Half Tree Hollow Wastewater Treatment Works.

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the SHG e-procurement system which can be accessed via: https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena/aspx/ProjectManage/2072 following registration on the system. User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective contractors registering on the e-procurement system.

If businesses would like a hard copy of the tender documentation, they should contact SHG procurement on email: Lois.Moss@sainthelena.gov.sh or, on tel. no: 25931/25932.

Tender submissions should be made via the e-procurement system.

Expressions of interest must be received no later than 12:00 GMT (Midday) on Tuesday 29 September 2026.
Tenders must be received no later than 12:00 GMT (Midday) on Wednesday 26 October 2026.

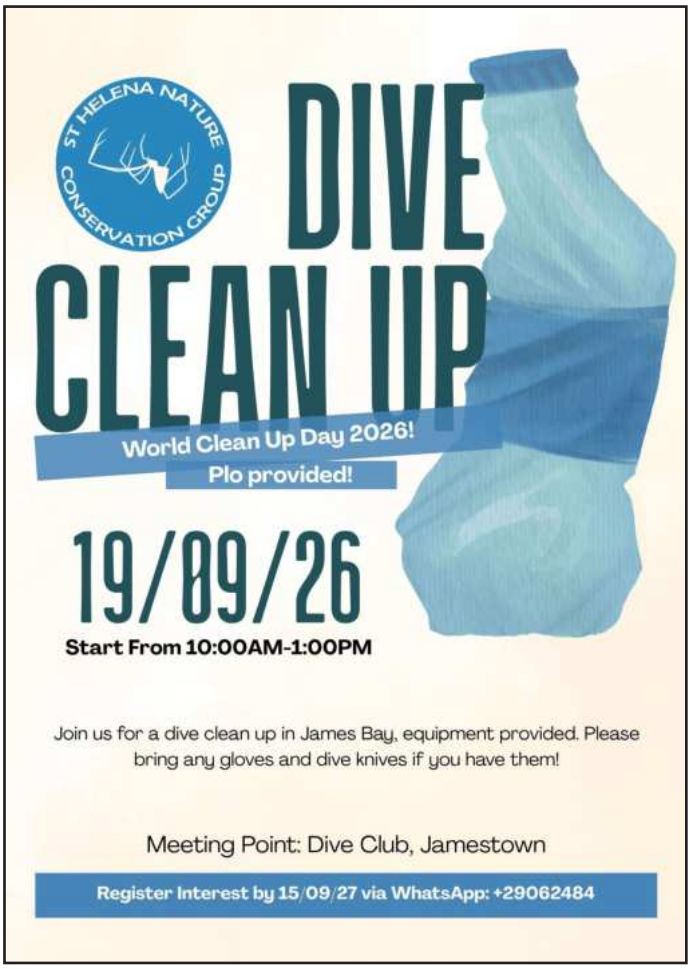
Businesses should note that this tender is being advertised both locally and overseas.

NOTE TO EDITOR:

This project has been approved for funding under the UK funded Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), in partnership with the FCDO.

SHG
08 September 2026

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Expressions of Interest

St Helena Island

Event Co-ordinators Required

St Helena Tourism is seeking expressions of interest from Event Co-ordinators to register their details for upcoming tourism-related events on St Helena.

Experience in co-ordinating events is essential, with the ability to:

- Be creative within a variety of venues
- Liaise with and manage service providers
- Co-ordinate and deliver events to a high standard
- Ensure events run smoothly from planning through to delivery

If you are interested in providing this service, please submit your Expressions of Interest by **12pm on Wednesday, 16 September 2026**.

For further information, please contact Sophia Joshua, Tourism Officer on T: 22158 or E: sophia.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh

sthelenatourism.com





How it works

the post will go live on Facebook on Friday 11th September at 7pm on the St Helena Medical support Sweepstake page.

Request how many numbers you would like, and a number/s will be allocated to you. DO NOT ask for specific numbers.

If you do not have Facebook then ask a friend or family member to request a number for you.

Connie Johnson will be taking calls on 23840 from 7pm only on Friday evening, once the sweepstake goes live, if you don't have someone else to request a number for you. She will request a number for you on the Facebook page, and she will call you back with your allocated number. We politely ask not to call before this time.

All numbers must be paid for at the bank - BOSH Account - St Helena Medical Support Fund 02146002

Payments to be made by 26th September. Draw will be done on the 30th September.

Please include your name and sweepstake number/s in the reference on the transfer slip or in the credit narrative if doing online banking.

Vacancy

Part-Time Cargo Processing Agent

Since 1790

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

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

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

Interested Persons Should:

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

For further information contact:

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

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

WE NEED YOU TO *join our team*

A&D's Mini Mart
Saving You Time Saving You Money
(EST: 2007)

Are you friendly, customer-focused, and passionate about retail?
We are looking for a Shop Assistant to join our team!

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- GREET AND ASSIST CUSTOMERS, PROVIDING EXCELLENT SERVICE
- HANDLE CASH AND CARD TRANSACTIONS ACCURATELY
- MAINTAIN STOCK LEVELS AND ENSURE SHELVES ARE WELL-STOCKED AND TIDY
- ASSIST WITH DELIVERIES AND STOCK MANAGEMENT
- KEEP THE SHOP CLEAN, ORGANIZED, AND WELCOMING
- PROVIDE PRODUCT KNOWLEDGE AND ADVICE TO CUSTOMERS

REQUIREMENTS:

- PREVIOUS RETAIL OR CUSTOMER SERVICE EXPERIENCE (PREFERRED BUT NOT ESSENTIAL)
- FRIENDLY, APPROACHABLE, AND PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDE
- STRONG COMMUNICATION AND TEAMWORK SKILLS
- ABILITY TO WORK FLEXIBLE HOURS, INCLUDING WEEKENDS
- RELIABLE, PUNCTUAL, AND WELL-PRESENTED

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY OR CONTACT DIANA /SHAWNA
290 23330
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO OUR TEAM!

SPORTS ARENA

Golf Report

Historic Cross-Country Texas Scramble Attracts Good Numbers



SHGC, Contributed

This Sunday saw history in the making as the St Helena Golf Club hosted their first ever Cross-Country Texas Scramble Strokeplay competition, generously sponsored by club member, Dr. Annette Delacourt.

As always, this format of the game drew a good number of players with fourteen teams entering, including three junior players. With fair weather experienced for most of the day, some excellent scores were recorded in this highly contested competition.

With most of the field recording net scores below par for the course, it was Jason Hopkins and Ashton Benjamin who prevailed as the winners with an unbeatable net score of 54. They also recorded an outstanding gross score of 62, the lowest for the game.

Second place was determined by an epic play-off between the teams of Laura Buckley & Neil Joshua and Chadwin & young Kirk Lawrence. Both of these teams ended with a net score of 55, leading to them heading back to the course to play another hole. This again ended in a tie leading to the teams playing the final hole of the course once again. After battling it out, Laura and Neil took the laurels for second place with Chadwin and Kirk taking third place.

The two-ball pool competition produced no less than five winners, with Jason & Ashton scoring two birdies on the 5th and 10th, Peter Bagley & Keith Joshua on the 14th, Bramwell & Asa Bushuru on the 18th while Laura & Neil birdied the 12th.

Cash prizes sponsored by Annette were awarded for first, second and third place, congratulations go to Jason and Ashton on their excellent winning score, to Laura and Neil for their runner-up finish as well as to Chadwin and Kirk for their well-deserved third place finish.

All players and guests could then enjoy a lovely hot meal prepared by KJ and again sponsored by Annette. Captain Bramwell read a message sent to him by Annette who was unable to attend as she had to unexpectedly leave the island due to an injury. "St Helena Golf Club has been a very friendly and welcoming club, especially as I had never played before. I fear I will forever be disappointed if I try playing in other golf clubs," said Annette. "Hopefully in the future I will be able to come back and am planning to visit the club and see how you all are doing," she ended off her message.

The meal was followed by the club's Half-Yearly General Meeting. During the meeting, the club's audited financial statements for 2025 were presented to club members as well as the proposal of two new policies - the Handicaps policy and the Dress Code Policy. Both these policies are aimed at formalising club procedures and setting standards for the club going forward. It was agreed that the policies would go into effect on the first of October.

One of the items on the agenda was also the filling of vacant positions on the club's committee as Captain Bramwell reiterated how these shortages places a lot of pressure on other committee members who then has to fulfil additional duties. In a successful run of events a new President was elected as Jeff Ellick, while Ashton Benjamin agreed to take on the role of Games Manager. Damian Burns gave a commitment to consider taking on the role of Club Treasurer.

The club's next competition is the first Turkey and Ham competition for 2026 in Strokeplay format taking place on Sunday, 13 September, with tee-off at 12noon. Registration closes on Saturday, 12 September, at 3pm.

Members are encouraged to get their names in to stand a chance to win as well as coming out for another enjoyable Sunday of golf at St Helena Golf Club.

Happy golfing!



WSA Rounders Report

Round 2 Kicks Off with a Bang!

WSA, Contributed

Round 2 got off to an exciting start this week, with Battitude taking on Incredibles in a closely fought opening game. Battitude came away with the win by 2½ rounders, showing that despite finishing third on the table last round, they are still very much in the fight.

Incredibles were first up to bat and got off to a slow start, managing just 1½ rounders in their opening innings. Their score came solely from Barbara Osborne, who showed great composure at the crease and would later be named Lady of the Match for her all-round performance.

Battitude came out swinging in their first innings, putting up an impressive 5½ rounders. It was a strong team performance, with almost every player contributing to the scoreboard and giving Battitude a sizeable lead early in the game.

Incredibles returned to bat for their second innings determined to close the gap. They showed a marked improvement, finishing with 3½ rounders, with almost every player stepping up and contributing to the team's score. Their batting showed plenty of determination as they worked hard to put pressure back on Battitude.

Battitude then went back to bat for their second innings, but Incredibles came out firing in the field. Battitude were getting out quickly, with Incredibles locking in and taking advantage of their opportunities to dismiss almost every player. Battitude managed just 1½ rounders, keeping their final total within reach.

Despite Battitude getting out quickly, they continued to show determination throughout their innings and made every opportunity count. Incredibles, playing a player down, showed tremendous grit and refused to let the game slip away, putting in a strong defensive effort to keep Battitude's score down and make them work for every rounder.

With the final score giving Battitude a 2½-rounder victory, they walk away with an important win as Round 2 gets underway. Incredibles may not have taken the win, but their fight, particularly while playing a player down, showed that they are certainly not out of the competition.

The second game of Round 2 saw Catchdashians take on Thunderbats. It was an important fixture for Catchdashians, who recorded their first win of the season with a solid all-round performance.

Thunderbats batted first and made steady progress. Latoya and Selena both added runs, while Shantai contributed ½ rounder, giving them 3 rounders in their opening innings.

Catchdashians responded strongly in their first innings, scoring 9 rounders. Rebecca led with 2½ rounders, Taylor added 2, and Hannah chipped in with Shona, Jordana, and April each scoring ½ rounders, showing good contributions across the team.

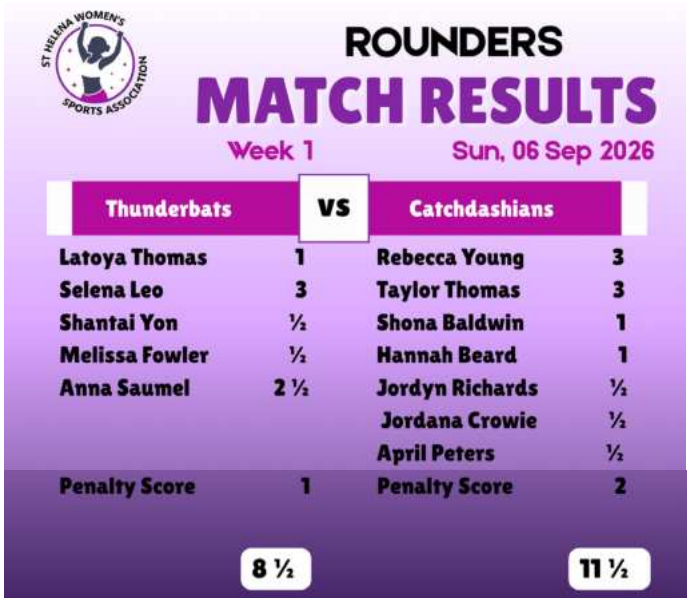
In the second innings, Thunderbats worked hard to close the gap. Anna scored 2½ rounders and Selena added 2, helping them reach 5 rounders. Their batting showed determination and kept the game competitive.

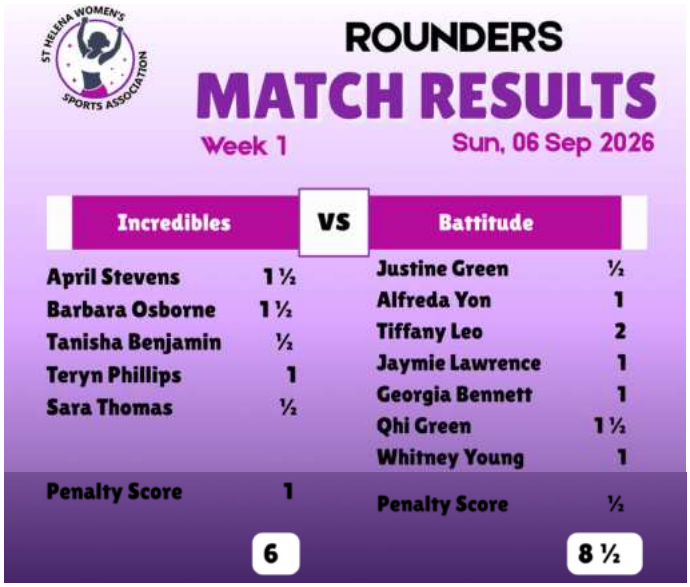
Catchdashians then returned to bat with a lead to protect. Thunderbats fielded well, limiting scoring opportunities, but Catchdashians managed 2½ rounders to maintain control.

The match finished with Catchdashians on 11½ rounders and Thunderbats on 8, giving Catchdashians a 3½-rounder win and their first success of the season.

Both sides can take positives; Catchdashians for their strong first innings and teamwork, and Thunderbats for their persistence in the second innings.

Lady of the Match, Anna Samuel, was recognised for her excellent contribution, particularly her 2½ rounders in the second innings. Her performance reflected Thunderbats' determination and effort throughout the game.







SPORTS ARENA

FRANCIS PLAIN GRAND FINALE













— **Liam Yon,** SAMS —

Local football fans are set for a thrilling finale this weekend as the 2026 St Helena Football Association League reaches its dramatic conclusion at Francis Plain following last week's weather postponement.

Action gets underway on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 PM when third-placed Harts face STH Young Boys. Harts will look to wrap up a strong season on a high and add to striker Lebron George's 20-goal debut campaign, while Young Boys make one final push to secure their first points of the league.

The season then concludes on Sunday afternoon with two high-stakes encounters.

At 1.30pm, La Verde and Fugees go head-to-head in a direct showdown for fourth place. Fugees sit just three points behind La Verde with a superior goal difference, meaning a victory for Fugees would see them leapfrog La Verde to snatch fourth spot at the final whistle.

Then at 3.30pm, all eyes turn to the grand finale as league leaders Rovers collide with holders Bellboys in a blockbuster title decider. Unbeaten Rovers enter the final match holding a narrow one-point lead at the top of the table on 23 points and need only a draw to secure the championship. However, nothing short of a win will do for Bellboys on 22 points if they are to retain their crown.

Adding even more drama to Sunday's climax is the personal duel for individual honors, with Bellboys forward Joey Thomas leading the Golden Boot race on 33 goals and Rovers' Rico Benjamin remaining within striking distance on 30 goals.

Head over to Francis Plain this Saturday and Sunday to catch all the action live—it promises to be an unmissable weekend of football!