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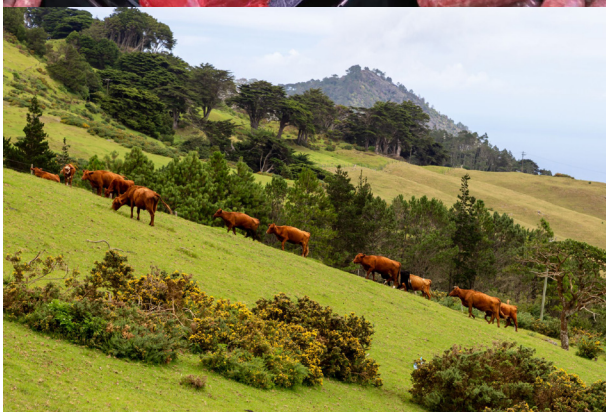




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OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Luke Bennett, SAMS

So October has come around quite quickish, leaving it just two months before Christmas. Always a nice time of the year as we look forward to building up for the Christmas period. October has always been a really busy month, besides all the birthdays that I see on Facebook, there is usually a lot going on. This month we participate in cancer support and awareness activities, an initiative that has been going on for years, showing support to those who are affected in anyway by the disease. I have saw first-hand what this fundraising does for the people who are struggling with the illness, we can sometimes fail to realise how much harm it causes to the everyday life of the patient and their families but with these initiatives this month, and all through the year, it can help.

Speaking of which, the Man Cave will be back up and running on Saturday, another initiative led by Councillor Denny Leo to help raise awareness for men's mental health. I personally think it's something that is much needed on the island.

A place to go as men to relax in a comfortable environment and enjoy the company of your brother from another mother lol! one of the ideas behind this was to have a space where men can be free to open up and talk about anything, problems, mental illness or just to have a laugh.

Men are very strange creatures but society and upbringing and just a way of life can hold a man back from expressing their feelings or concerns about a friend who is struggling and so on, so we need to take full advantage of these Man Cave nights and remember, their isn't any harm in looking out for each other when someone comes to you with a problem, be kind and help however you can.

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ST HELENA NEWS

Look who visited the SAMS Office last week on Monday, 28 September! We hope you all had a great time in the studio and getting 'behind the mic' – it was a pleasure having all you future reporters and SAMS radio presenters visit us. Thanks for stopping by!











Boosting Classroom Literacy



Educational specialists from the Hampshire Improvement and Advisory Service (HIAS) are on island conducting a two-week literacy training drive across local schools

Educational specialists from Hampshire arrive for two-week intensive training drive across all Island schools as part of "ongoing partnership" with SHG



Primary pupils engaged in classroom work. The HIAS programme is focusing on strengthening the writing curriculum and supporting diverse learning needs across all key stages

Liam Yon, SAMS

A delegation of educational advisers from the Hampshire Improvement and Advisory Service (HIAS) arrived on St Helena on Saturday, 3 October, launching a comprehensive two-week professional development programme aimed at enhancing literacy standards across the island's education system.

The visit marks the latest milestone in an ongoing technical partnership between Hampshire County Council and the St Helena Education Portfolio, bringing experienced UK specialists directly into local schools to work alongside teaching staff and education leaders.

Running through to mid-October, the fortnight-long initiative is focusing on establishing consistent, high-quality approaches to teaching reading and writing across all key stages—from Early Years and primary settings through to secondary education.

According to St Helena Government, the advisers are tailoring their support to meet the specific requirements of each stage of learning. "In Key Stage 1, the programme will focus on developing early reading and writing, including phonics, blending skills, writing development and the accuracy of reading and writing assessment," they state.

Moving into upper primary education, the focus shifts toward sentence structure and supporting diverse learning needs. "In Key Stage 2, the focus will include strengthening the writing curriculum, adapting teaching and resources to support lower-attaining pupils," as well as supporting secondary practitioners to ensure smooth reading and writing transitions as pupils progress through school.

Throughout this week and next, HIAS advisers are engaging in direct, practical support inside classrooms through interactive workshops, lesson observations, and modelling effective teaching strategies in real-time.

This visit builds on a series of successful engagements between HIAS and St Helena's schools over recent years. Advisers previously visited the island in November 2024 to assist with the Primary Education Review, providing foundational guidance for curriculum planning and school structure.

That was followed by a secondary visit in March 2025, which focused heavily on early reading, phonics development, English instruction, and strategies for involving parents in supporting their children's reading habits at home. Local educators have since been applying those techniques, with this current trip intended to solidify those practices and embed long-term literacy assessment frameworks across all schools.

Highlighting the strategic value of the ongoing collaboration, SHG emphasised the long-term benefits for the island's teaching workforce. "The ongoing partnership with HIAS provides an important opportunity to build capacity within St Helena's schools and support sustainable improvements in practice," they concluded.

The HIAS team will continue their school visits, workshops, and leadership sessions through next week before concluding their two-week deployment.

Hidden Failure Exonerates Airport Staff



Flights were grounded in February after fire suppressant capabilities fell below international regulatory levels

Independent GBB forensic report reveals undetectable component breakdown caused February's ten-day flight grounding at St Helena Airport, clearing local teams of any maintenance errors



Senior Forensic Investigator Dr Ross Beesley CEng of UK consultancy GBB UK Limited, author of the forensic report

Liam Yon, SAMS

An independent forensic investigation into the ten-day closure of St Helena Airport in February 2026 has fully exonerated airport staff and management, concluding that the simultaneous failure of the island's firefighting fleet was caused by hidden, internal component breakdowns that could not have been detected through routine maintenance or operational testing.

The final report, authored by lead investigator Dr Ross Beesley CEng of UK-based consultancy GBB UK Limited, and published by the St Helena Government on Wednesday, 30 September, confirms that local staff operated, serviced, and maintained the vehicles strictly in accordance with manufacturer guidelines.

The crisis unfolded on Friday, 6 February, when the St Helena Resilience Forum was forced to declare a Major Incident following severe mechanical failures across all three of the airport's Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) vehicles—designated R1, R2, and R3. With fire suppressant capabilities falling below mandatory international regulatory thresholds, commercial Airlink flights were suspended for ten days, grounding incoming travel and disrupting the island's primary link to the outside world.

In the immediate aftermath of the shutdown, intense public discussion and community concern sparked widespread calls for a full, transparent, and independent inquiry into how the entire firefighting fleet could fail simultaneously. Addressing these public concerns, the St Helena Government formally commissioned GBB UK Limited—a specialised British forensic engineering firm—to conduct an exhaustive root-cause failure analysis and determine whether maintenance oversights, operational errors, or mechanical defects were to blame.

To conduct the investigation, GBB assigned Senior Forensic Investigator, Dr Ross Beesley, a Chartered Mechanical Engineer specialising in structural integrity and failure assessment. Dr Beesley deployed to St



A preview of one of the new ARFF appliances procured for St Helena Airport. Upon arrival and commissioning, vehicles R1 and R2 will transition to secondary backup, while R3 will be decommissioned



The GBB inquiry confirmed local teams serviced and maintained the vehicles strictly in line with provided operating manuals

Helena, conducting an intensive on-island investigation from Monday, 27 July to Friday, 7 August.

During his time on island, Dr Beesley conducted physical tear-down examinations of the affected water pumps, undertook mechanical testing, analysed gearbox oil samples, reviewed years of service records, and interviewed airport operational personnel. His investigation focused specifically on the water pump gearboxes that drive the secondary "primer" pumps—components critical for purging air locks and ensuring uninterrupted water flow during firefighting operations.

The core finding of Dr Beesley's investigation centred on a specific subcomponent inside the water pump gearbox known as an "eccentric"—a component manufactured from a flexible elastomer (rubberised compound).

According to GBB's summary report, the eccentrics across the fleet failed due to severe structural breakdown. "The eccentrics each appeared to have failed as a result of disintegration of their structure, and the material properties had altered when compared to an unused exemplar eccentric," they report. "There were numerous cracks throughout the eccentrics, in a multitude of locations and across all planes of the structures."

The report identified chemical breakdown via water exposure—known as hydrolysis—as a primary contributing factor. While the elastomer material was designed to withstand oils and grease, it remained vulnerable to moisture that had penetrated the sealed gearboxes over extended use.

Crucially for local airport staff, the report stressed that the internal breakdown was entirely invisible during standard daily, weekly, or pre-flight operational checks. "At the point that the damage to the eccentrics was observed, they had not yet failed completely and catastrophically, and were still performing their function, despite their developing damage," reported GBB. "This meant that there was no means through the routine testing and use of the ARFF vehicles that any developing damage could have been detected."



An independent investigation confirmed that hidden internal component breakdowns—not local maintenance errors—caused the simultaneous fleet failure in February

Dr Beesley further highlighted that because "the eccentric components are housed within a sealed gearbox... there was no way in which the routine inspection and servicing as stipulated by the manufacturer could have detected the developing damage" prior to the total breakdown.

Addressing whether operational or servicing negligence played any role, GBB's findings were definitive, offering a complete vindication of the airport's mechanical and operational team. "There is no evidence to suggest that prior to the failure of the eccentrics, St Helena Airport have operated, maintained, serviced, or otherwise managed the ARFF vehicles in any way other than that stipulated by the manufacturer and as set out in the operating manual that had been provided to them," they made clear.

However, the investigation uncovered a significant external gap in technical documentation provided to the island. In 2021, the original equipment manufacturer issued an updated operating manual that changed the required gearbox oil from a thinner SAE 10 specification to a significantly thicker SAE 10W40 oil. However, the manufacturer failed to supply the 2021 manual to St Helena Airport until 2026, when engineers arrived to replace the damaged components. As a result, local staff had unknowingly been following the outdated 2014 manual for five years. GBB noted that this "raises questions as to why the specified oil was changed by the pump manufacturer, and why the updated manual was not provided to St Helena Airport by the service partner."

Furthermore, Dr Beesley confirmed that St Helena was not an isolated case, noting that the investigation "identified a number of other, independent cases where the same eccentrics have failed in seemingly identical manners, whereby the structure has disintegrated and crumbled."

To mitigate the risk of similar hidden failures in the future, GBB outlined several enhanced maintenance recommendations going beyond standard manufacturer manuals.

These include introducing six-monthly endoscopic inspections of the pump gearbox assembly alongside partial disassemblies every two to five years, as well as establishing semi-annual check-ins with equipment manufacturers to verify technical manual updates. Additionally, the report highlighted the need to identify and seal potential ingress points to prevent moisture contamination in Prosperous Bay Plain's harsh environment, while enforcing transparent, traceable reporting for all physical repairs and component replacements.

In its official release accompanying the publication, the St Helena Government confirmed that long-term resilience measures are already underway. Once two newly ordered ARFF appliances arrive and are fully commissioned on the island, existing vehicles, R1 and R2, will be transitioned to secondary backup roles, while R3 will be permanently decommissioned.

Expressing gratitude to all involved in bringing clarity to the event, SHG said that they "would like to thank everyone who assisted Dr Beesley in conducting this independent investigation."

"Education does not end at 16"

SHG to review Post-16 Education and Training to bridge skills gaps, improve employment pathways, and align learning options with local economic needs



Former secondary school Psychology students pictured on Results Day in 2023

Liam Yon, SAMS

The Education, Skills and Employment Portfolio (ESE) has officially launched a comprehensive review of post-16 education and training provision across St Helena. According to the St Helena Government (SHG), the initiative will examine "how effectively current arrangements support young people" and evaluate whether there are opportunities to "strengthen future pathways" for school leavers and adult learners. The review seeks to explore how the post-16 system can better assist students to "transition into further education, training and employment," ensuring that future provision closely aligns with the "needs and aspirations of students, employers and the wider community."

Following compulsory schooling, young people on the island currently have options across a range of "academic, vocational, blended and supported pathways." These existing opportunities encompass further qualifications, practical skills training, work experience, and preparation for employment or higher education.

To establish a thorough foundation for future strategy, the review will evaluate a broad scope of operational and educational areas. SHG confirmed that the review will closely examine the "experiences, aspirations and needs of young people currently engaged in post-16 education and training," as well as the full "range of academic and vocational pathways available" across the island. Particular emphasis will be placed on evaluating "progression to further and higher education, training and employment," alongside expanding "work experience and work placement opportunities" and improving the delivery of "careers information, advice and guidance" for students.

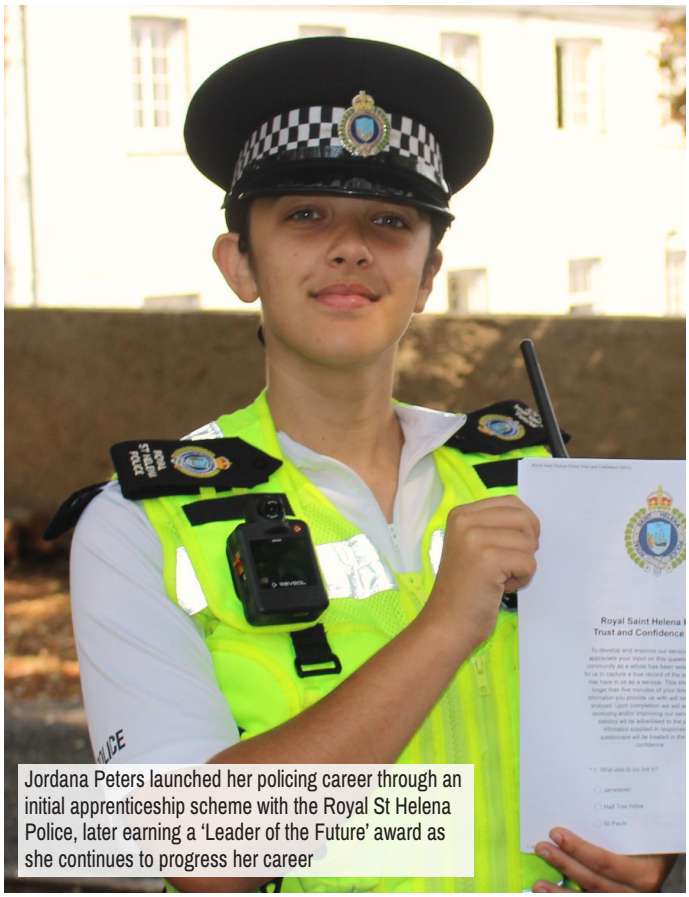
Additionally, the assessment will scrutinise the overall level of "support available to students" and look into "how organisations work together to deliver post-16 education and training." By identifying clear "opportunities to strengthen links between education, training and employers," government aims to ensure that post-16 education actively helps young people "develop the skills



A student receives her certificate at the St Helena Community College awards ceremony in 2021. The Post-16 review will evaluate training and qualification pathways for adult learners



Work experience students Ryan and Maddison pictured on placement at the St Helena Fire and Rescue Service. The review will assess opportunities to better connect education with local employers



Jordana Peters launched her policing career through an initial apprenticeship scheme with the Royal St Helena Police, later earning a 'Leader of the Future' award as she continues to progress her career

needed for St Helena's current and future workforce."

Emphasising the fundamental role that post-16 education plays in island development, Minister of Education, Skills and Employment, Andrew Turner, highlighted the administration's broader ambitions.

"Education does not end at 16," he said. "It is the foundation upon which careers are built, businesses grow and communities thrive. Whether a learner's goal is university, technical training, skilled employment or entrepreneurship, our ambition is to provide pathways that are accessible, relevant and of the highest possible quality."

"Through this review, we want to ensure that our post-16 offer reflects the aspirations of our young people and the future needs of St Helena," the Minister added. "This is an important opportunity to help shape a post-16 education system that supports both individual success and the long-term prosperity of our island."

Addressing potential concerns among learners and parents, SHG clarified that the review is strictly intended to "provide an evidence base for future decision-making" and emphasised that "changes to current post-16 provision have not already been decided." The government explicitly confirmed that students currently undertaking Sixth Form programmes should "continue with their existing arrangements unless they are advised otherwise."

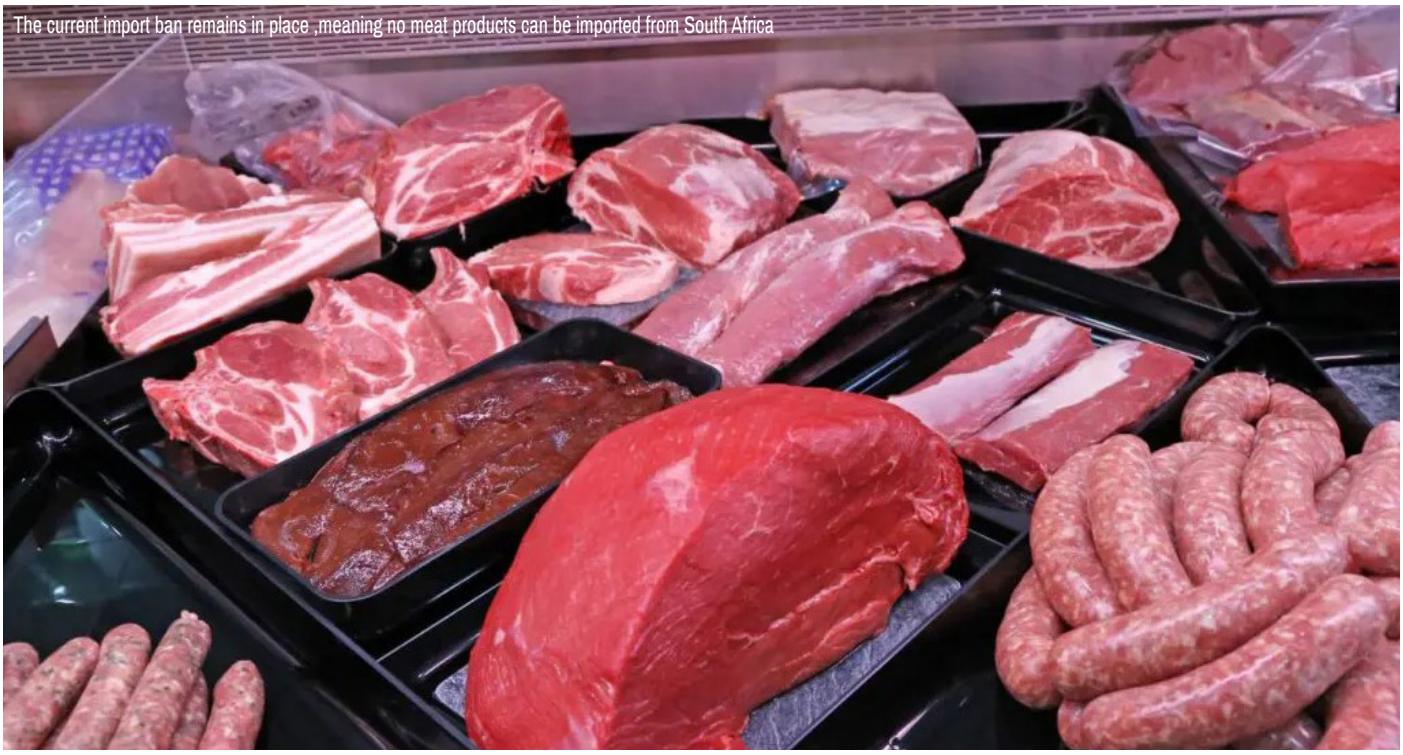
Moving forward, the review will explore how academic courses, vocational training, apprenticeships, and other post-16 initiatives can best work together to provide young people with "appropriate future pathways based on their individual interests, abilities and aspirations."

SHG reiterated its commitment to ensuring young people access opportunities that "support their ambitions while helping to develop the skills and talent needed for St Helena's future." To achieve this, "students, parents and carers, education and training providers, employers and other relevant stakeholders" will soon be invited to share their experiences and perspectives.



Recent graduate Ronaldo Johnson pictured at his university graduation. The review will examine how effectively local post-16 pathways prepare students for degree-level study.

Meat Import Ban Stays as Options for Future Safe Trade is Explored


The current import ban remains in place ,meaning no meat products can be imported from South Africa

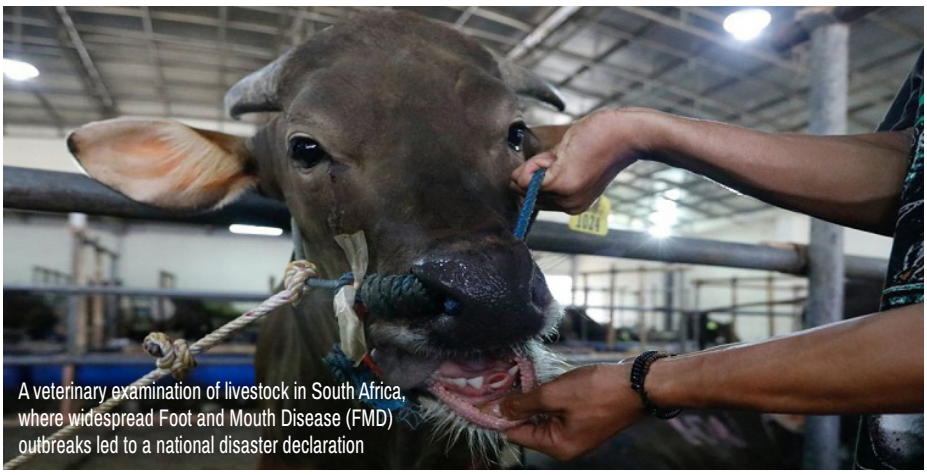
SHG confirms South African Foot and Mouth Disease remains a "significant concern" and therefore import ban will remain in place, though they announce plans for a new certification system that could allow for safe future trade

Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena's strict ban on importing fresh and frozen meat products from South Africa will remain in place following a recent review of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) import controls by the St Helena Government (SHG). However, in an update offering a potential long-term pathway for local merchants and consumers, government officials revealed that work is underway to explore a comprehensive international import licensing framework "that could allow the safe importation of meat and dairy products while maintaining the island's high biosecurity standards."

The import prohibition was originally enacted in March 2026 as a precautionary emergency measure after South African authorities declared a national disaster due to escalating FMD outbreaks across all nine of its provinces. The legislation prohibits "the importation of meat, meat products, milk and dairy products derived from cloven-hoofed animals originating from, produced in, or repacked in South Africa".

The restrictions cut off traditional, affordable supply lines heavily relied upon by island merchants and households—most notably popular choices like Bill Riley Meats—forcing local businesses to potentially seek significantly costlier UK alternatives or, alongside residents, rely on limited local supply. While Executive Council approved amendments in May allowing UHT dairy, ice cream, and processed items back onto island shelves, fresh and frozen meats from cloven-hoofed animals have


A veterinary examination of livestock in South Africa, where widespread Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreaks led to a national disaster declaration



A pick-up truck loaded with Bill Riley Meats orders for island residents prior to the import ban. Fresh and frozen cloven-hoofed meat from South Africa are now strictly prohibited

remained completely prohibited.

According to recent data from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), active outbreaks in South Africa saw a minor decrease after peaking in June 2026. However, SHG emphasised that the virus remains widespread across all nine provinces, with South African authorities cautioning that bringing the disease under full control "will most likely take many years." Consequently, SHG confirmed that "the overall risk of FMD entering St Helena through imported meat and dairy products therefore remains a significant concern."

In its official statement, SHG outlined the devastating impact an outbreak would have if the virus reached St Helena, warning that "if FMD were introduced to St Helena, the consequences for the livestock sector could be severe."

Because FMD is an exceptionally contagious viral disease affecting cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs, officials noted that, due to local livestock management practices, the virus could spread rapidly "through animal movement as well as through human and vehicle activity."

SHG continued to highlight the gravity of the threat to the island's farming community and food security. "An outbreak would have wide-ranging impacts, including animal welfare concerns, significant stress for livestock owners, disruption to everyday life and community activities, the possible culling of infected and at-risk animals, disruption to local agricultural markets, and wider economic impacts," they said.

Addressing the future of food imports, SHG acknowledged that "St Helena currently has no dedicated licensing system for the importation of meat and dairy products that could be used to manage and verify biosecurity requirements before products enter the island".

To address this structural gap, government revealed it is actively exploring the development of an import licensing framework based on international standards set by WOAH, explaining that "any future relaxation of current restrictions would therefore need to be supported by robust import controls and certification procedures".

Under such a system, SHG explained that "imported products would need to be accompanied by official veterinary certification demonstrating that strict animal health and processing requirements have been met," adding that "this approach would help ensure that any imported meat or dairy products originate from approved facilities and comply with internationally recognised disease-control measures."

Outlining the immediate bilateral steps and internal assessments taking place, government confirmed that "work is now underway to engage with South African veterinary authorities to determine the practicality of implementing export certification arrangements and to identify approved export facilities capable of meeting the required standards." SHG say they "will also assess the administrative and inspection resources needed to operate an effective import licensing system."

To conclude, SHG noted that establishing these certification procedures would not only offer a regulated mechanism for resuming safe trade from South Africa when conditions permit, but could also be applied to imports from other global markets, creating a "more comprehensive and resilient biosecurity system for St Helena".

SHG were however clear that "no changes to current import restrictions have been agreed at this stage" and that "any future amendments will be subject to careful risk assessment and the implementation of appropriate biosecurity safeguards."

Government committed to "keeping the community informed" as this work progresses.



Local cattle grazing on St Helena pasture. Strict biosecurity controls remain in place to safeguard the island's farming sector and local food supply

No One Fights Alone



Donna Crowie, SAMS

Back in 2017, an initiative was born to raise funds for Cancer Support and Awareness on St Helena when the Education Portfolio decided to dress up in superhero costumes and walk across the island. Nine years later, St Helena Government (SHG) employee, Kurt Thomas, spoke with Head of Public Service, Ian Todd, about bringing the event back—this time expanding it to involve staff across all SHG portfolios.

The primary aim of the event was to raise funds and awareness for the St Helena Cancer Support and Awareness Charity, while promoting staff well-being and inter-portfolio teamwork.

On Friday morning, 2 October, a large group of government staff gathered at the General Hospital to kick off the 'Pass the Baton' relay. Chief Secretary, Ian Todd, delivered a short speech while holding the baton before handing it over to the Health Portfolio, who officially started the run from the hospital grounds.

Participants made their way down to the Grand Parade, tackled Jacob's Ladder, and progressed through Half Tree Hollow, White Gate, cross-country to The Dungeon, and on to Hutt's Gate, Alarm Forest, The Briars, back past the hospital, and finally onto the Grand Parade, passing the baton between various portfolio teams along the way.

An estimated 200 participants took part in the event, with a few taking







on the entire route. Among them, Portfolio Director of Economic Development, Damien Burns, challenged himself to run the full distance, completing the 16.5km course in 1 hour and 39 minutes.

As runners progressed along the route, different coloured cancer awareness ribbons were added to the baton at each checkpoint. A public collection was also held along the course, with all proceeds going directly to the charity.

By Tuesday, a total of £1,215.40 had been raised for the St Helena Cancer Support and Awareness Charity, with additional donations still coming in.

Speaking to The Sentinel following the event, Kurt Thomas expressed his gratitude. "I could not have asked for anything better—the day was a huge success," he commented. "A big thank you to all our colleagues within SHG for taking part, and to the public for your incredibly kind donations toward such a worthy cause."

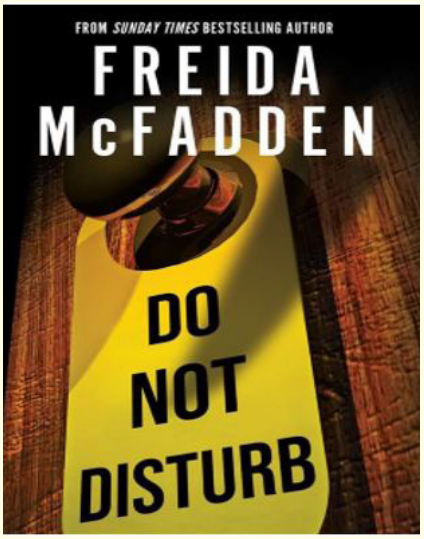






Book of the Week

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Quinn Alexander has committed an unthinkable crime.

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But when an unexpected snowstorm forces her off the road, Quinn must take refuge at the broken-down, isolated Baxter Motel. The handsome and kindly owner, Nick Baxter, is only too happy to offer her a cheap room for the night.

Unfortunately, the Baxter Motel isn't the quiet, safe haven it seemed to be. The motel has a dark and disturbing past. And in the dilapidated house across the way, the silhouette of Nick's ailing wife is always at the window. Always watching.

In the morning, Quinn must leave the motel. She'll pack up her belongings and get back on the road to freedom.

But first, she must survive the night.

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A Wealth of Praise for Commonwealth Team

Glasgow Commonwealth Games Team celebrated by Governor Lewis at a reception for athletes and their families at Plantation House



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

On Tuesday evening, 29 September, the St Helena Glasgow Commonwealth Games Team, their families, and officials from the National Sports Association of St Helena, were invited to Plantation House by Governor Belinda Lewis to acknowledge their achievements at the Games in July.

The five St Helena-based athletes attended the event sporting their St Helena colours, accompanied by family members, while families of the remaining two athletes, based in the UK, were also in attendance on the evening.

William Caswell, Lukas Robbertse and Nolan George competed in swimming, while Tyler Anthony, Blaze Baldwin, Tye Leo-Stroud and Sean Crowie took part in athletics, including the historic first 4x100m relay for St Helena to ever compete in.

The newly appointed Governor met and welcomed the guests before giving her speech, during which she expressed her and her husband Tony's delight to be welcoming the young athletes to Plantation House to celebrate their amazing achievements, which included several personal and season best performances.

Governor Lewis said when travelling to St Helena with some team members from Johannesburg, she noticed the team kit with St Helena featured on it and wondered whether "this is my St Helena?" only to find that it was indeed team members of the island's Commonwealth Team. She also expressed her delight at the opportunity the team had to explore parts of Scotland as she confided it is "a place I am personally attached to."

Governor Lewis congratulated the team and thanked all involved for their support while giving credit for all the hard work that went into making participation in this international event a possibility. "So much work goes into getting you there at the Commonwealth Games to be able to represent St Helena and do your country proud," she said. "So a huge congratulations to all of you and a huge thank you to everybody who has worked so hard and given up their time and made all sorts of sacrifices to be able to support you in achieving those season bests, personal bests, and all of the wins in that experience."

Anne Dillon, Chairperson of NSASH, then thanked the Governor and Major Galvin for hosting the reception to celebrate the team. She gave credit to all who attended the games in Glasgow for working together, being flexible and displaying a positive at-









titude throughout, all contributing to ensuring a rewarding experience for the team. "These athletes competed alongside world-class athletes, including experienced Olympians, gaining valuable experience on the international stage," she noted. "They represented St Helena with pride, confidence and professionalism, serving as outstanding ambassadors for our island."

Anne went on to recognise the officials who "worked tirelessly to support" the athletes, ensuring their needs were met from arranging training facilities, transport and other logistics, while also providing guidance, advice and encouragement throughout. She continued to thank the families and coaches for their dedication, commitment and perseverance to support and train the island's athletes, sometimes in "less than ideal conditions."

Lastly, Anne thanked sponsors, St Helena Tourism, Bank of St Helena and Connect St Helena for their "generous support" stating that their contribution helped make it possible for the athletes to participate in this international event, while also "demonstrating their commitment to the development of sport and raising awareness of our island."

Governor Lewis was then presented with an official St Helena Pin, which proved very popular among athletes from other countries and territories during the Games. These pins, a St Helena island flag printed on a little tortoise, representing the island's oldest living inhabitant, Jonathan, were kindly sponsored by St Helena Tourism. Anne said, "as custodian of this remarkable Guinness World Record icon, it gives me great pleasure to present these pins to Her Excellency and Major Galvin and their family as a small token of our appreciation and gratitude."

The Sentinel wishes to again congratulate our Island athletes on their achievements and for representing the island with pride at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Cheers to Team St Helena!







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FRI. Oct 09
- 7am - 10am: Sunrise Show with Luke Bennett
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam
- 7:30pm: Country Classics (Repeat)

SAT. Oct 10
- 9am-11: Indie Waves with Sue (Repeat)
- 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. Oct 11
- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Donna
- 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. Oct 12
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 11am: Let's talk health
- 3-5pm: DNA with Deon & Anita
- 5:30pm: Country Classics with Donna
- 7:30pm In The Know

TUE. Oct 13
- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Donna
- 11am: Vibes with Anita
- 2pm: Island Pulse
- 3:30pm: American Connections with Brian Clough
- 5:30-7pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7:30pm: Classical Compilations with Anita

WED. Oct 14
- 7am: Morning show with Deon
- 11am: Indie Wave with Sue
- 1pm: 1548 with Ferdie
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett
- 7:30pm: Let's talk Health

THU. Oct 15
- 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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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'EXPERT'

See solution to last week's Sudoku Puzzle:

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Throwback Thursday



8th October 1707:

The population is reminded that collecting birds eggs from Egg Island is only permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

(sainthelenaisland.info)

Get ready for a month of monster-sized fun! As we countdown to Halloween at the end of October, we will be sharing lots of spooky tasty treat recipes that your little "monsters" will love to make and eat.

Candy Bar Blondies



Ingredients

- 2 cups (250g) all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 196g unsalted butter, melted + slightly cooled
- 1 and 1/4 cups (250g) packed light or dark brown sugar
- 1 large egg + 1 egg yolk, at room temperature
- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 and 1/2 cups (about 225g) chopped chocolate candy bars

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (177°C). Line a 9-inch square baking pan with parchment paper, leaving an overhang on the sides to easily lift the bars out of the pan. Set aside.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, and salt.
3. In a medium bowl, whisk together the melted butter and brown sugar until combined. Whisk in the egg, egg yolk, and vanilla and mix until combined. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and whisk to combine. The batter should be thick. Using a spatula, fold in the chopped candy bars. Spread the batter evenly into the prepared pan. Sprinkle the top with flaky sea salt, if using.
4. Bake until golden brown, about 30–34 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out mostly clean with only a few moist crumbs. Avoid over-baking.
5. Cool completely in the pan set on a cooling rack, about 1 hour. Once cool, lift the blondies out of the pan using the parchment overhang on the sides, transfer to a cutting board, and cut into squares.
6. Cover and store leftover bars at room temperature for up to 1 week.

The Island Pulse

Listening to St Helena's Young Voices in a Digital World



Cllr Julie Thomas,Communication Champion, Contributed

What happens when we stop talking about young people and instead give them the opportunity to speak for themselves?

That was the central theme of this week's edition of The Island Pulse, when SAMS Radio 1 welcomed nine students from St Helena Secondary School into the studio, together with their tutor, Ms Samantha Leo.

The students are members of the school's newly established Student Council and, although the Council is still finding its feet, they demonstrated that they already have plenty to say about the issues affecting their school, their lives and their generation.

Our discussion focused primarily on digital literacy, online safety and boundaries, linking directly to the findings of St Helena's first comprehensive survey into children and young people's internet and social media use.

The survey captured the experiences of 225 young people aged between eight and 18 across St Helena's primary and secondary schools. Its findings confirm something most of us already recognise: **digital technology is now an integral part of growing up on our island.**

But statistics can only tell us so much.

The real value of this discussion came from hearing what those statistics look and feel like from the perspective of young people themselves.

A new Student Council finding its voice

Before turning to the digital world, we began by hearing about the newly formed Student Council.

President Nate Joshua explained that although the Council had not yet held its first meeting following the recent elections, its purpose was clear: to improve the school environment and give the student body a collective voice.

Vice President Luca Yarrow added that the students were still getting to know one another and establishing how they would work together.

Yet they had already identified practical issues they would like the Council to consider.

One of the strongest themes was the school environment following changes associated with the introduction of Council of British International Schools (COBIS) standards.

Students spoke about the need for more suitable outdoor areas where they could eat lunch, socialise and enjoy their breaks, together with covered spaces for wet weather.

Changes to access around the school were another concern.

These may appear to be relatively small matters, but they demonstrate precisely why student voice matters. Young people experience their school environment every day and notice how changes affect their routines, where they can go and where they can socialise.

Ms Samantha Leo, the school's School Culture Senior Teacher, explained that part of her role is to work with the Student Council, parents and staff to strengthen engagement, inclusion and the creation of a happy and positive school environment.

As Children's Champion, Councillor Julie Thomas also sees an opportunity for young people to understand that having a voice is not simply about being listened to - it is about understanding how ideas can be developed, considered, challenged and potentially translated into action.

The internet: part of everyday life

We then turned our attention to the digital world.

Most students said they primarily access the internet through home Wi-Fi, although mobile data becomes important when they are away from home. Their devices include smartphones, computers, televisions and gaming consoles.

The platforms mentioned most frequently were YouTube, WhatsApp, Snapchat, Instagram, Roblox and, among the older students, Discord.

Their reasons for using them were familiar: communication, entertainment, education and maintaining relationships with people who live elsewhere.

For students with family overseas, WhatsApp provides an important connection to relatives thousands of miles away. YouTube can support schoolwork and provide tutorials, while online games allow young people to play and socialise with friends.

Discord was perhaps less familiar to some adult listeners. The students described it as a communication platform particularly associated with gaming but also explained that its "servers" can connect users with much wider communities.

And therein lies one of the central challenges of the digital age.

The internet provides extraordinary opportunities to connect with people - but not everyone we encounter online is necessarily who they claim to be.

"You just lose track of time"

One of the most revealing parts of our conversation concerned the amount of time young people spend online.

Estimates ranged from under ten hours a week to around 15 hours of social media use. But the number itself was perhaps less significant than the students' descriptions of what happens once they start scrolling.

Luca admitted that his social-media use was probably slightly higher than it should be because it is "very time-consuming". He described going online intending only to speak to somebody, then discovering that another 15 minutes - or more - had passed almost unnoticed.

Leo described scrolling through platforms such as YouTube and TikTok as becoming addictive.

Daniella gave perhaps the most vivid description, explaining how the desire to watch "just one more video" can keep a person scrolling because of the immediate reward or "dopamine rush".

These were not adults lecturing young people about excessive screen time. These were young people recognising the pull of the technology themselves.

They also recognised the importance of balance, speaking about homework, household chores, walking the dog, getting outside and spending time with friends away from screens.

That ability to recognise the need for balance may be one of the most important digital skills young people can develop.

Social media can help - but it can also hurt

The students were remarkably nuanced when discussing the effect of social media on mental health and wellbeing.

They did not simply label it "good" or "bad".

One student explained that having a personal phone had positively affected his ability to communicate with family members overseas. Others highlighted the educational benefits of searching for homework assistance, tutorials and information.

But they also spoke openly about the negative consequences of excessive use, including sleep deprivation, tiredness, mood changes and difficulty concentrating in lessons.
The concept of "doomscrolling" also featured prominently - the tendency to continue consuming an endless stream of content, even when it may be upsetting or unhelpful.
The students also raised concerns about the pressure associated with social media.
Snapchat "streaks", for example, were described as a form of digital trophy created through consecutive daily interactions.
When asked what the actual benefit was, the response from the students was strikingly unanimous: "None."
Yet despite recognising that, they acknowledged that some young people become highly invested in maintaining their streaks, sometimes prioritising them oversleep, meals or other activities.
That contradiction is worth considering. Something can be recognised as having little intrinsic value while still exerting a powerful influence over behaviour.

The risks young people already understand

Perhaps the most powerful part of the programme came when we moved into online safety.
The students demonstrated a sophisticated understanding of risks including cyberbullying, hacking, data privacy, stranger contact, grooming, inappropriate content and online harassment.
Kuda offered an important distinction between traditional bullying and cyberbullying: while physical bullying may stop when a person leaves a particular environment, online bullying can follow someone wherever they take their device.
The students also understood that simply blocking someone does not necessarily end the problem. New accounts can sometimes be created, allowing unwanted contact to continue.
They spoke about strangers pretending to be someone they are not, including adults attempting to gain the trust of children, and understood the potential dangers of sharing personal information or inappropriate images.
These are not abstract concepts for young people growing up in today's digital environment. They are part of the online landscape they are learning to navigate.

When St Helena's smallness becomes both strength and vulnerability

One particularly interesting observation concerned St Helena itself.
Kuda suggested that because widespread internet access is relatively new to the island, some people may be less familiar with digital risks than people elsewhere in the world.
At the same time, he suggested that St Helena's small and relatively secure community could offer some protection.
But another student highlighted the other side of that equation.
If an online conflict involves someone who is also a student at St Helena Secondary School, blocking that person online does not necessarily make the problem disappear. The individuals may still encounter one another at school or elsewhere within the community.
That is why digital citizenship cannot be separated from respect, kindness and responsible behaviour offline.

Gaming: entertainment, socialising - and another doorway online

Gaming was another important part of the conversation.
Students described playing Roblox, Minecraft, Among Us, Fortnite, Pokémon Champions and other games.
Gaming was not presented simply as a negative activity. For some, it is a way of connecting with friends, having fun and making use of their free time.
But online gaming can also introduce players to strangers and expose them to messaging from people they do not know.
The students demonstrated awareness of reporting, blocking and moderation functions available on some platforms. They also discussed age-verification measures and other safeguards.
But they made an important point: technology designed to protect children is not infallible.
Age-verification systems can make mistakes. Artificial intelligence can misinterpret information. Moderation systems do not necessarily identify everything.
That reinforces the importance of education and parental involvement rather than relying entirely on technology to keep children safe.

Education must involve young people - and adults

One of the strongest messages to emerge was that young people themselves believe there is a need for greater digital education.
They also recognised that responsibility cannot sit solely with children.
Students spoke about parental controls, age-appropriate accounts, screen-time limits and the importance of parents understanding what their children are accessing.
That is particularly relevant given the island-wide survey findings.
Nearly one in seven children surveyed had experienced cyberbullying.
49% reported accessing the internet outside the home using mobile data.
40% had either been approached by strangers online or suspected that they had been.
While 54% said they would speak to a parent if worried about something online, only 32% had actually spoken out after seeing upsetting content.
Perhaps most concerning of all, 19% of respondents - more than 40 young people -remained unaware of online risks.
These figures should not frighten us into rejecting technology.
They should encourage us to become better equipped to use it.

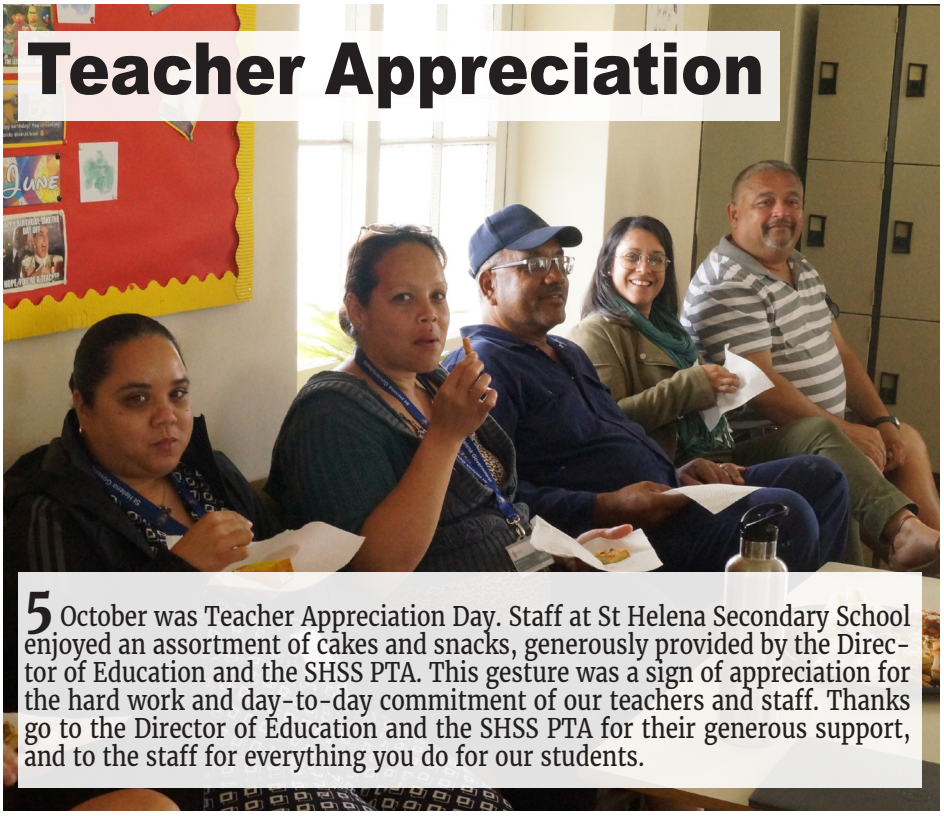
Listening is the first step

As I reflected on the programme, I was struck by how much we can learn when we create the space for young people to speak honestly.
They understand that the internet is neither entirely good nor entirely bad.
They see its benefits. They recognise its dangers. They use it for education, communication, entertainment, gaming and maintaining family connections.
They also recognise the addictive nature of some platforms, the pressures created by social media, the risks associated with strangers and the importance of knowing when to step away.
Most importantly, they understand that adults have a role to play.
The Digital Literacy and Boundaries Working Group provides an opportunity for St Helena to have a much wider conversation about these issues - not simply with young people, but with parents, carers, educators and the wider community.
This is not about blaming parents, restricting children or portraying technology as the enemy.
It is about developing a shared understanding of the digital environment in which our children are growing up.
And perhaps the greatest lesson from this edition of The Island Pulse was that young people should not simply be the recipients of that education.
They should be part of the conversation.
They should be listened to.
They should be asked what they experience, what concerns them and what they believe would help.
Because if we want to build a safer, healthier and more digitally responsible St Helena, there is no better place to start than by listening to the people who are already navigating that world every single day.
And judging by the voices heard on this week's programme, our young people have plenty to teach us.

SCHOOL PAGE

News from St Helena Secondary School

Teacher Appreciation









5 October was Teacher Appreciation Day. Staff at St Helena Secondary School enjoyed an assortment of cakes and snacks, generously provided by the Director of Education and the SHSS PTA. This gesture was a sign of appreciation for the hard work and day-to-day commitment of our teachers and staff. Thanks go to the Director of Education and the SHSS PTA for their generous support, and to the staff for everything you do for our students.

House Leaders and Captains

The House Leaders and Captains for this academic year are



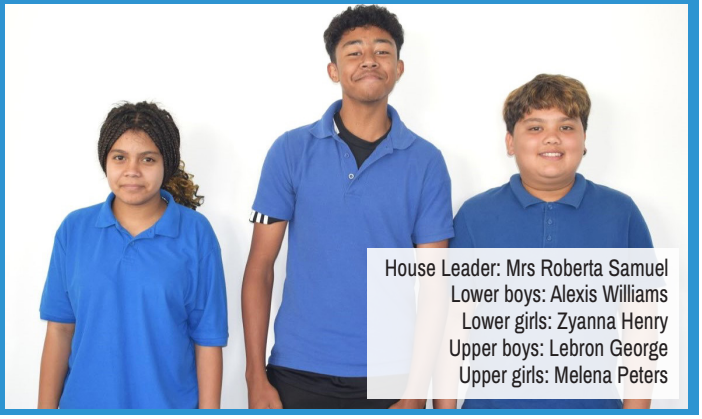
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Lower boys: Brydon Plato-McDaniel
Lower girls: Hollie Benjamin
Upper girls: Aimee Joshua
Upper boys Asa Bushuru



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Upper girls: Bethany Bennett
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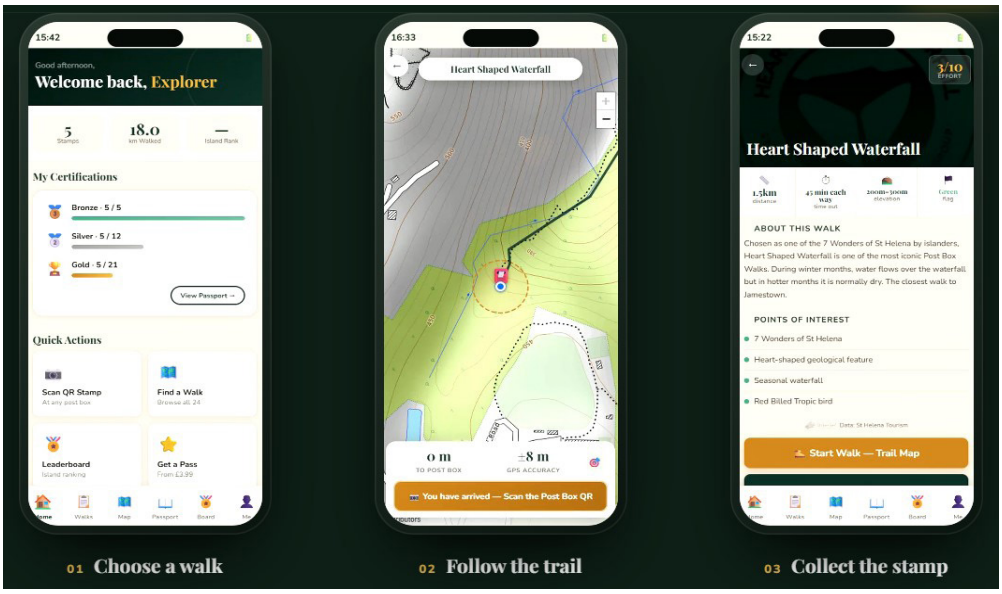


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House Leader: Ms Abby Kirk
Lower boys: Cruz Williams
Lower girls: Shae-Lyn Leo
Upper girls: Qhi Green
Upper boys: Zach Francis



House Leader: Mrs Roberta Samuel
Lower boys: Alexis Williams
Lower girls: Zyanna Henry
Upper boys: Lebron George
Upper girls: Melena Peters

Saint Stamp brings Post Box Walks into the Digital Age



Last week we asked you to watch this space. This week, we explain how the island's own post box walk app works, and why it had to be built here

NexTech St Helena Ltd, Contributed

Every hiker on the island knows the ritual. You set off from the trailhead, climb, scramble and sometimes slide your way to the box, then open the lid, find the book and press the stamp into your own little record of the walk. It is one of the great traditions of this island, and generations of us have grown up with it.

But anyone who has done the walks knows the problems too. Ink pads dry out. Stamps go missing. Books get damp, torn or lost, and with them goes the proof of a hard-earned climb. Last week's teaser promised "a memory that cannot be erased or washed away". Here is how Saint Stamp delivers it.

How it works

Saint Stamp is a digital companion to the post box walks, built by NexTech St Helena here on the island. Getting started is simple: buy a Saint Stamp voucher, download and install the App from www.saintstamp.sh on your desktop, and redeem the voucher code to activate your account. We will soon have QR codes in various strategic places for ease of downloading.

From then on, the app goes with you on the walk itself. It tracks your route by GPS from the trailhead to the summit, so your stamp is earned by walking the route, not just by arriving at the box. When you reach the post box, you scan its QR code and the app presses your digital ink stamp into your very own Postbox Passport, dated and kept safe.

Walk by walk, your passport fills up across all 24 post box walks, earning Bronze, Silver and Gold certification as you go. Your stamps cannot smudge, fade or fall into a stream. And should your phone ever be lost, there is no need to worry; simply log in on your new device with your email address, and your Postbox Passport is right there, every stamp intact.

Why it had to be made here

There are plenty of off-the-shelf walking and mapping apps on the market, and some are already in use on St Helena. They are capable products, but they are built for trails anywhere in the world, not for ours. They do not understand St Helena's terrain: the steep, often unmarked descents, the routes that change with the weather, the gaps in signal in the valleys and on the ridges. Above all, they do not understand the post box walk itself. Other platforms might get you there. Saint Stamp gives you the reward.

The Saint hiker does not need another generic map. The Saint hiker needs the post box book, made better. That is the problem Saint Stamp was designed to solve, because it was designed by people who have walked these routes and stamped these books. It is made on St Helena, for St Helena, and it grows from a tradition we already love rather than asking walkers to abandon it.

With thanks to St Helena Tourism

We are grateful to St Helena Tourism for their partnership, which has made it possible for us to place a Saint Stamp QR code on every post box. This is exactly the kind of local collaboration that lets island talent build island solutions.

A note for eager walkers: the QR codes have been produced for all the boxes but are still to be distributed to the sites and installed. As soon as the codes are in place, our users will be able to use the app to its full potential. We will announce when each walk goes live.

Where to get your voucher

Our soft launch begins in mid-October, ahead of the peak season. Vouchers will be available from our pioneer stockists: the Rose and Crown at Ladder Hill, The Hive, and Longwood Shop. We thank them for backing a home-grown product from the very start.

Full details of the app, including how to redeem your voucher, are available at www.saintstamp.sh.

Collect stamps. Earn certification. Conquer the island. We look forward to seeing you on the trail.

Saint Stamp is a bespoke solution by NexTech St Helena Ltd. www.saintstamp.sh

On the Right Route

Three-month trial of additional journeys, cheaper casual fares, and improved accessibility come into effect following feedback from Public Transport Survey



Expanded routes and dedicated stops at facilities like the CCC aim to better connect outer districts with key island services

Liam Yon, SAMS

A comprehensive overhaul of St Helena's public transport system came into effect on 1 October 2026, introducing trialled route extensions, cheaper single fares, updated timetable formatting, and physical accessibility upgrades across the island's bus fleet.

The changes stem directly from a public transport survey conducted earlier in the year, which gathered 176 responses from regular commuters, occasional passengers, and non-bus users across all districts. While respondents broadly praised the existing service as vital for work, shopping, medical appointments, and social activities—describing buses as clean and comfortable and highlighting drivers as "helpful and courteous"—the feedback identified clear areas where service delivery needed refinement.

Key public requests included additional mid-morning, lunchtime, and after-work journeys, improved district connections, clearer timetable layouts, lower individual ticket costs, and easier physical boarding for passengers with limited mobility.

Addressing these demands, St Helena Government (SHG) have launched a selection of new timetabled services on a three-month trial basis to measure actual passenger uptake before committing to long-term schedules.

Under the trial timetable, Route 1 (Longwood) gains new Tuesday and Thursday morning trips departing Jamestown at 11.30am to Bottom Woods, alongside a 5.15pm Friday evening run. A seasonal 10.30am service to Longwood Green will also operate on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from November through March.

Route 2 (Levelwood) sees its everyday service extended directly to the Community Care Centre (CCC), alongside shifted departure times for Bellstone journeys and dedicated monthly connections to Rupert's Valley on the last Saturday of each month. Additional timetable adjustments and seasonal connections have also been integrated across Route 3 (St Pauls and Half Tree Hollow) and Route 4 (Sandy Bay and Blue Hill).

Alongside route revisions, SHG has restructured its ticket pricing. To address concerns that individual fare prices were discouraging casual passengers, "Hop On, Hop Off" single rates have been reduced across all distance brackets. Under the revised pricing structure, single fares for passengers under the age of 70 are set at £2.25 for short journeys, £2.50 for medium journeys, and £3.00 for long journeys. For passengers aged 70 and over, reduced rates apply across all distance tiers, priced at £1.30 for short trips, £1.65 for medium trips, and £1.80 for long-distance journeys.

Children under 10 years of age continue to travel at half the standard adult fare. To access the dedicated senior rates, passengers aged 70 and over are required to show a photo identification card to the bus driver upon boarding. Application forms for this are available from the Customer Services Centre, the Public Library, and Sara-Kay Yon and Lisa Bailey at the Castle, who can assist with completing the form.

The price reduction for elderly passengers follows persistent advocacy from Councillor Derek Thomas, who has been a driving force pushing in Legislative Council meetings and public forums for cheaper transport



Councillor Derek Thomas campaigned for reduced public transport rates for residents aged 70 and over to help ease the cost of living

rates for senior residents on the island.

Welcoming the lower rates for pensioners, Councillor Thomas highlighted the direct impact the cost of transport has had on elderly residents.

"Leading up to the Election in 2025, many elderly people who reside in the outer districts expressed deep concern to me about the high bus fees and what a struggle it was in having to take £7–£8 from their £85 a week to travel on the public transport," Councillor Thomas said. "Since being elected, I have been fighting hard at every opportunity for a reduction in the price of bus fees for persons over the age of 70 years."

"I am so pleased to finally get this over the line where such persons now pay a lower cost," he continued. "Many elderly citizens have said how much they really appreciate the lower rates—they now have a few extra pounds to spend on essential items. Small things matter to people who are really struggling."

To help fund the broader route enhancements and cover rising fuel and vehicle maintenance costs, monthly bus pass prices have seen a modest increase, averaging approximately £5 per month. SHG noted that steady growth in monthly pass adoption helped make the single-fare reductions achievable, while the slight pass adjustment makes a "limited contribution towards higher fuel and operating costs while allowing the service improvements to proceed."

Physical and informational accessibility are also being actively addressed. Fleet maintenance teams are installing additional handrails near bus entry doors to make boarding safer for passengers with reduced mobility. Meanwhile, bus timetables have been completely redesigned into a clearer, larger format to eliminate previous complaints surrounding small print and complex layouts. Updated schedules are now displayed at bus shelters, the Customer Services Centre, the Public Library, and on the SHG website.

SHG expressed appreciation for the community's input, reiterating their commitment to working alongside islanders "to provide a more efficient and sustainable public transport system for St Helena."



St Helena's Public Transport Service has rolled out revised trial timetables, lower single fares, and accessibility upgrades

Constituency Meetings

The round of district Meetings at which Ministers will be present will start next week.

All residents are invited to attend to share your views on local issues, raise concerns and highlight your priorities.

We are looking forward to engaging with you.

All meetings will start at 7.30pm as follows:

Date	Venue	Chairperson
Monday 12 Oct 2026	Kingshurst Community Centre	Cllr Rob Midwinter
Thursday 15 Oct 2026	Blue Hill Community Centre	Cllr Clint Beard
Monday 19 Oct 2026	Jamestown Community Centre - for Jamestown, Ruperts and Alarm Forest Residents	Cllr Dr Corinda Essex Cllr Julie Thomas
Wednesday 21 Oct 2026	Harford Community Centre	Cllr Denis Leo
Thursday 22 Oct 2026	Silver Hill Bar	Cllr Ronald Coleman
Monday 26 Oct 2026	HTH Community Centre	Cllr Derek Thomas
Wednesday 28 Oct 2026	Sandy Bay Community Centre	Cllr Clint Beard

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See You at The Man Cave!

'Man Cave' returns for World Mental Health Day at Blue Hill this weekend



Liam Yon, SAMS

Men aged 16 and over are invited to the Blue Hill Community Centre this Saturday for an evening of games, good company, and real conversations.

Following the success of its inaugural gathering earlier this year, the 'Man Cave' men's mental health initiative is returning for its second edition this Saturday, 10 October, at the Blue Hill Community Centre.

Organised by Councillor Dennis Leo in his role as Sports & Culture Champion, the event is intentionally timed to mark World Mental Health Day, offering local men a relaxed and informal environment to connect and unwind.

The Man Cave concept was first launched during Mental Health Awareness Month in May. The inaugural gathering at the Jamestown Community Centre on 22 May attracted a strong turnout, demonstrating a clear demand for spaces dedicated to men's social connection and well-being.

"The idea for Man Cave first came about during Mental Health Awareness Month in May this year," Councillor Leo explained. "I had been thinking about the need to put more focus on men's mental health and, more importantly, creating opportunities for men to come together in a way that felt relaxed and natural."

"At its heart, Man Cave is simply about creating a space where men can come together, connect and have a bit of a laugh without any pressure," Cllr Leo added. "Sometimes sitting down and having a serious conversation about how you're feeling isn't easy, but having something to do alongside that conversation can make it feel a lot more natural."

Building on the foundation of the first event, Saturday's session at Blue Hill will retain popular games like skittles, euchre, darts, and dominoes, while introducing new additions including foosball and a competitive FIFA gaming tournament. An open bar will also be available on site.

Attendees are encouraged to come along individually, bring friends, or form teams with work colleagues. However, Councillor Leo emphasised that the night is designed with zero pressure, requiring no formal participation or heavy expectations.

"There are no expectations and no obligations," he said. "You don't have to talk about your mental health, you don't have to take part in every activity and you don't have to be the most sociable person in the room. You can just come along, spend some time around other men and see where the evening takes you. Equally, if someone wants to come along, grab a drink and just sit and chill, that's absolutely fine too."

To ensure the venue is accessible to residents across the island, organisers are actively gauging interest to coordinate group transport to the event. Anyone who could benefit from a lift is asked to send a direct message online or get in touch with organisers to indicate their starting location so pickup routes and times can be explored.

"For me, that's really what Man Cave is about — creating a space where men can come together, connect with each other and know that they don't have to go through things on their own," Cllr Leo concluded. "Sometimes simply having somewhere to go, people around you and an opportunity to have a laugh can make more of a difference than we realise."

See you all at the Man Cave on Saturday night!



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- CCAB qualification or recent equivalent level of experience
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Senior Marine and Fisheries Conservation Assistant
(£13,569 per annum)

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Enquiries: Adam Riggs on Tel No. 25966 or Email: adam.riggs@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 14 October 2026
Shortlisting date: 21 October 2026
Interview date: 28 October 2026

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Enquiries: Paul Duncan on Tel No. 25995 or Email: paul.duncan@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 14 October 2026
Shortlisting date: 22 October 2026
Interview date: 03 November 2026

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

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Myra Young on Tel No.22470 or Email: myra.young@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 21 October 2026
Shortlisting date: 26October 2026
Interview date: 05 November2026

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BENEFITS

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Research Coordinator
(£16,248 per annum)

Are you passionate about education, research, and creating opportunities that make a lasting impact? If so, St Helena Community College is looking for a dedicated Research Co-ordinator to join its team. In this varied and rewarding role, you will oversee the management of research applications, including organising and facilitating meetings where required. You will be responsible for maintaining and developing the Research Database, ensuring that all research activity is accurately recorded, securely managed, and readily accessible. You will also provide regular reports to the Research Council and Steering Group, highlighting the effectiveness of the St Helena Research Institute, including achievements, areas for development, research secured, and income generated. Working closely with both internal and external partners, you will play a key role in strengthening relationships and supporting the continued development and successful delivery of the St Helena Research Institute. This is an exciting opportunity for an organised, proactive individual who is committed to supporting research, education, and innovation on St Helena.
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Enquiries: Angela Benjamin on Tel No. 22607 or Email: angela.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 16 October 2026
Shortlisting date: 21 October 2026
Interview date: 29 October 2026

Customs & Immigration Administration Assistant
(£10,088 per annum) (Fixed term until March 2027)

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Customs & Immigration team? If so, we are looking to recruit a Customs & Immigration Administration Assistant. The Customs & Immigration Administration Assistant is responsible for completing straightforward administrative processes that support the smooth running of Customs and Immigration services and delivering a high quality, customer focused service. We are seeking a highly motivated individual who works methodically and has a keen eye for detail that can provide administrative support to the organisation. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Juliette O'Dean on Tel No. 22287 or Email: juliette.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 15 October 2026
Shortlisting date: 21 October 2026
Interview date: 30 October 2026

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Head of Economic Development Policy
(£30,560 per annum)

St Helena's Economic Development Portfolio are modernising financial services, growing tourism, opening the island to new investment, and looking to support new economic sectors to create economic growth. We need a senior policy leader to turn strategy into results that people and businesses can feel.

As Head of Economic Development Policy, you will deliver the vision of the SEDS, to create an enabling environment where people and businesses thrive, preserve what makes St Helena unique, and help improve how government delivers.

What you will do

- Own the Economic Development Delivery Plan, including budgeting, strategic planning and Monitoring & Evaluation.
- Advise the Director, Chief Secretary and Minister for Economic Development on all aspects of economic development policy.
- Engage with Executive Council, Legislative Council, businesses and partners to build support for change.
- Remove barriers that hold back local businesses and population growth, working across government.
- Turn policy into legislation where needed, working with the Attorney General's Chambers.
- Develop strategies for new and existing economic sectors.
- Promote St Helena internationally, keeping the investment prospectus, website, and promotional materials current.
- Identify funding sources beyond UKG Assistance and lead bids where appropriate.

What you will bring

- A degree in economics, international development, public policy or a related field, or equivalent experience.
- Significant experience in economic development, including delivering a work plan.
- A track record of writing and implementing policy and strategy.
- Senior leadership experience, building and developing high-performing teams.
- Experience of managing budgets, resources and funding.
- Strong analytical skills and the confidence to present difficult messages clearly.
- Excellent written and verbal communication.

A project or programme management qualification, such as PRINCE2 or MSP, would be an advantage.

Why join us

This is a rare chance to influence a whole economy at a scale where your work is visible. You will work closely with ministers, shape legislation, and see your decisions make a direct difference to the community.

Enquiries:	**Damian Burns on Tel No. 22470 or Email: damian.burns@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date:	**23 October 2026**
Shortlisting date:	**30 October 2026**
Interview date:	**Week commencing 9 November 2026**

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Community Care Centre Residential Manager
(£21,476 per annum)

Are you compassionate, creative and committed to making a positive difference in the lives of others? If so, Social Care has an opportunity for you to join their team as the Community Care Centre Residential Manager. As a key member of the Social Care team, you will work closely with the Adult Services Team Manager to provide strong leadership and promote high-quality, person-centred care for vulnerable adults living in residential care, while ensuring services meet relevant UK standards for regulated activities. As the Community Care Centre, you will be required to lead the development and implementation of operational systems, procedures, care protocols and social care practices across residential, day and respite services and contribute to safeguarding practices and help maintain a safe, welcoming and supportive environment at the Community Care Centre. As Manager, you will ensure the service has the appropriate accommodation, equipment, staffing, training, nutrition, activities and resources to promote residents' wellbeing and will support effective assessment, care planning and review processes. The role includes participation in an on-call rota and may require shifts, evenings, weekends and occasional public holidays. If you have the leadership experience, creativity and commitment to drive excellence in adult social care, we would be delighted to hear from you. For further 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: 23 October 2026
Shortlisting date: 28 October 2026
Interview date: 10 November 2026

St Helena Research Institute Support Officer
(£11,604 per annum)

The St Helena Research Institute are looking to recruit a Support Officer to join their team. In this rewarding role, you will be responsible for managing a comprehensive database for local and offshore research applications that are relevant to the research processes, and manage the administration process and administrative duties for researchers and SHRI which includes: responding to enquires within three days of receipt of emails, maintain an enquiry log for the Research Institute and give practical advice and guidance to researchers enquiring about and delivering approved research on St Helena and/or direct them to others who can help. The post holder will also be responsible for advising potential researchers of potential/suitable dates for visiting the island and refer them to the relevant specialised personal. For more information or to arrange an informal discussion about the role, please contact us.

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Changes to the Public Transport Service

On Thursday 1 October 2026, the following additional Public Transport Service journeys commenced for a 3- month trial period.

Journey changes from 1 October 2026

The following route changes will be introduced for a trial period of three months:

ROUTE 1 - LONGWOOD	ROUTE 2 - LEVELWOOD	ROUTE 3 - ST PAULS & HALF TREE HOLLOW
Tuesdays and Thursdays - departing Jamestown at 11:30am to Bottom Woods, return journey to Jamestown departing Bottom Woods at midday	**Last Saturday of each month** – depart Jamestown at 10:10 travelling to Ruperts and back into Jamestown at 10:25. Return journey to Ruperts departing Jamestown at 12:30	**Tuesdays and Thursdays** – depart Jamestown at 11:30 to White Gate, return journey to Jamestown departing White Gate at 12 noon
Fridays – departing Jamestown at 17:15 to Bottom Woods, return journey departing Bottom Woods at 17:50		**Fridays** – depart Jamestown at 17:15 travelling to White Gate and New Ground via Sapper Way

In addition to the above additional journeys, the following changes have been made to the pre-October 2026 timetables:

ROUTE 1 - LONGWOOD	ROUTE 2 - LEVELWOOD	ROUTE 3 – ST PAULS & HALF TREE HOLLOW
For the months of November – March Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays – depart Jamestown at 10:30 to Longwood Green. Return journey to Jamestown departs Bottom Woods 13:30 at calling at Longwood Green at 13:33.	The **'Every Day'** journey to the CCC will travel as far as the Community Care Centre	**Monday – Friday** journey departing Jamestown at 07:44 to White Wall will cease to operate. Customers who currently use the journey from White Wall to Jamestown at 07:54 can use Route 4 departing White Wall at 08:05.
	The **Tuesday and Saturday** journeys from Jamestown to Bellstone will depart at 12:50 rather than 13:00.	
	For the months of November – March Thursdays – depart Jamestown at 10:10 to Plantation House, return journey departs Plantation House at 12:35.	

The new reduced Hop On Hop Off ticket costs will be:

JOURNEY	TICKET COSTS UNDER 70s	TICKET COSTS 70+ AGE GROUP
Short	£2.25	£1.30
Medium	£2.50	£1.65
Long	£3.00	£1.80

Children under 10 years of age will travel at half price.

Customers aged 70+ years will need to apply for a photo ID card to indicate they are eligible to pay lower ticket costs. For those customers who have not already applied for their ID card, please contact Sara-Kay Yon or Lisa Bailey at the Castle who will be available to assist you with your application.

Copies of all PTS timetables can be found on the SHG website via the following link: https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/public-services/publictransportservice/.

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6 October 2026

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2026/27 BUDGET
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

St Helena Government - Economic Development in collaboration with ENRP

ABOUT THE FUND — £50,000

A trial fund to support practical improvements across St Helena's agricultural sector. Five activities will help growers access equipment, plants, skills and funding, strengthen biosecurity, and explore new ways to address labour shortages. All activities with planned delivery during 2026/27 financial year.

FIVE ACTIVITIES

Coffee Equipment
Investing in replacement coffee processing equipment to support local growers and strengthen the St Helena coffee value chain.

International Labour Hire Study
An independent study into whether, and how, a locally based international labour hire service could help farms and other private sector businesses with labour shortages.

Grow St Helena: Agricultural Innovation Award
Funding to back innovative ideas from new and existing agricultural businesses, with applicants pitching to a panel. Can support costs such as equipment, land lease and training.

Nursery Facility
Expanding seedling production at the Millennium Forest nursery, in partnership with the St Helena National Trust, to provide a capped amount of free seedlings to farmers, beekeepers and other sector participants

Pest Risk Analysis
Expert assessment of priority new plant species for biosecurity risk before they are imported, protecting local agriculture and the environment.

PORTFOLIO PRIORITIES

The Fund aligns with the Sustainable Economic Development Strategy 2023-2033

- Open & accessible island
- Productive island
- Sustainable growth
- Shared prosperity
- Effective infrastructure
- Government as a business facilitator

Trade and Investment, Economic Development, St Helena Government - Invest@sainthelena.gov.sh

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Celebrating generosity, dignity and care for older members of our community

The Equality and Human Rights Commission extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who donated towards food parcels for older residents in recognition of **International Older Persons Day (1 October)** and **World Food Day (16 October)**.

Over 270 FOOD PACKAGES

Practical support for the older members of our community

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO

Zedcore Pty Ltd – South Africa

Sure Community Foundation Group

The Bank of St Helena

Connect St Helena Ltd

Solomon & Company, (St Helena) Plc

Ladies Fundraising Group

Joshie's

And the many, many kind and generous individuals who have donated food items, helped with deliveries and given us directions, along the way.

YOUR GENEROSITY MADE A DIFFERENCE

The response to our campaign was overwhelmingly positive.

Deliveries began on **30 September** and are expected to be completed by mid next week.

"You provided not only nourishment, but also a valuable sense of belonging, dignity and care."

Thank you once again for your kindness and generous support. Your partnership helps ensure that older members of our community feel **valued, cared for and remembered**.

WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE
FROM THE TEAM AT THE EQUALITY & HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE

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UNDERSTANDING YOUR MONTHLY BILL - UPDATE

Following the introduction of monthly billing, Connect Saint Helena Ltd (Connect) would like to provide a further update to help customers understand how the new billing system works and what it means for their accounts.

Actual Bills

During months when a meter reader does not visit your area, you can submit your own meter reading if you wish. Providing a reading helps us calculate your actual consumption for the billing period rather than estimating your usage. Please look out for our adverts in local media and on Connect's communication channels, namely our Facebook page and website www.connect.co.sh, for meter reading submission dates and instructions.

Estimated Bills

If actual meter readings are not available, your bill will be estimated based on your previous average monthly water and electricity usage.

How Monthly Billing Works

Our bills are prepared monthly and are based on the readings received at the beginning of the month. For example, if you submit a reading on **1 October**, this reading will be used to prepare your bill issued at the **end of October**. That bill will then be sent to you in the **first or second week of November**.

All standing charges are calculated daily and applied according to the number of days in the billing period.

To ensure your account is accurate, each month's bill is processed at the start of the following month. This allows us to include all payments received during the previous month before your bill is issued.

Receiving Your Bill

You can expect to receive your bill during the first or second week of the month following processing.

Your repayment period remains unchanged, you will still have **28 days from the end of the billing period** to make payment.

Benefits of Monthly Billing for Domestic Customers

1. **Fairer monthly charges** Instead of costs building up towards the end of a quarter, charges are spread more evenly across each month.
2. **More predictable bills** Monthly billing provides a clearer view of ongoing usage and account balances throughout the year.
3. **Additional water allowance in the medium tariff band** Domestic customers receive an extra 2 units within the medium tariff band over a quarter, providing greater value before higher tariff rates apply.

Current Domestic Monthly Tariff Rates

Electricity	Water
First 333 units - £0.47 per kWh	First 5 m^3 - £2.49 per m^3
Units above 333 - £0.58 per kWh	6-9m^3 - £3.35 per m^3
	Over 9m^3 - £6.40 per m^3

Note: These are monthly rates, prorated from the previous quarterly tariff structure.

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Direct Debit Customers

For customers who pay by Direct Debit, payments will be collected on the 29th of each month. If the 29th falls on a weekend, payment will be taken on the nearest working day before the 29th.

How Do I Know How Much to Pay?

The easiest way to check what you owe is to look at the balance outstanding shown on your most recent bill. If you are unsure how much you need to pay, please get in touch with our Billing Team, who will be happy to confirm your account balance.

Need Help?

If you have any questions about your bill, credit note, meter readings or account balance, our Billing Team is here to help.

Please call us on 22242 or 22341, or email enquiries@connectonline.co.sh. A member of our team will be happy to assist you.

We thank customers for their patience and cooperation as we continue to improve our billing services.

30 September 2026

St Helena Government

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR UK STATE (2027 BIRTHDAY HONOURS) AND ST HELENA NATIONAL AWARDS

Nominations are now being invited for the following awards:

- 2027 Birthday Honours

To find out more about the different types of Honours Awards please visit: www.gov.uk/honours.

- Certificate and Badge of Honour
- Acts of Bravery Award
- Badge of St Helena
- Freedom of the City of Jamestown.

Information on the above awards can be found on the SHG website at https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/app/uploads/2026/09/2027-Birthday-Honours-Nominations-Advert.pdf or alternatively, are available together with nomination forms, from Central Support Service at the Castle, Jamestown, or can be requested via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed forms should be returned to the Castle in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential' addressed to 'The Secretary, Honours and Awards Committee', by Friday, 6 November 2026.

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25 September 2026

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

EDUCATION, SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT PORTFOLIO

PRESS RELEASE

Temporary Changes to Lifelong Learning Services

Following the press release issued by St Helena Government (SHG) on 24 September 2026 regarding the Primary School Reorganisation Project, SHG has decided to pause the building and refurbishment element of the project while further work is undertaken to review the proposed model.

As a result, the Education, Skills, and Employment Portfolio (ESE) is advising the public of temporary changes to the delivery of Lifelong Learning Services (LLS). The changes will make additional space available for Key Stage 2 (KS2) school provision during this period.

Relocation of Services

During this period, St Helena Community College (SHCC), the NVQ Centre and Career Access St Helena (CAS) will relocate to Carnarvon Court, at the lower end of Connect St Helena.

The relocation and consequent limited access to the Education and Learning Centre (ELC) will affect the availability of some SHCC facilities and services.

SHCC Facilities and Bookings

All those who have made existing bookings for SHCC facilities will be contacted. While the temporary arrangements remain in place, new bookings for the following facilities will be available only during the primary school holidays:

- IT Suite
- Main Hall
- VC Room
- Conferencing facilities

To make a booking during the primary school holidays, please contact SHCC by email at shcc.bookings@sainthelena.edu.sh or by telephone on **+290 22607**.

Examinations

Examinations will continue to be held at the ELC. However, on-demand examinations will be available only during the primary school holidays.

The necessary facilities will remain available for ACCA session-based examinations under special arrangements.

Where required, affected learners will receive further information about examination arrangements directly.

Career Access St Helena

Career Access St Helena (CAS) will relocate to Carnarvon Court.

CAS service users should attend Carnarvon Court, rather than the ELC, to access services. CAS opening hours will remain unchanged. All Sixth Form time books should be delivered to CAS at Carnarvon Court.

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NVQ Services

All NVQ learners and service users should attend Carnarvon Court, rather than the ELC, for NVQ-related services and support.

St Helena Research Institute

The St Helena Research Institute (SHRI) will remain at Carnarvon Court and continue to operate from its current location.

To facilitate the relocations, SHCC, the NVQ Centre and CAS will be closed from Monday 19 October to Friday 23 October 2026. Services will reopen at Carnarvon Court on Monday 26 October 2026.

ESE recognises that these temporary arrangements may cause inconvenience to learners, service users and members of the public. However, the changes are necessary to support wider education provision during this period. The arrangements will remain under review while work continues to consider the future model for the Primary School Reorganisation Project.

Further updates will be issued as the arrangements develop.

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07 October 2026

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

MEMBER OF NATIONAL HONOURS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are being sought for the position of Member of the National Honours and Awards Committee.

Members of the National Honours and Awards Committee are appointed by the Governor in accordance with the National Honours and Awards Ordinance, 2021. Persons appointed must be persons of integrity and high public standing. The duties of the Committee are as follows:

(a) to receive and consider nominations for honours and awards;
(b) to make investigations as it thinks fit to determine persons upon whom may be conferred the honours and awards under the National Honours and Award Ordinance;
(c) to prepare a list of recommendations for the conferment of honours and awards; and to undertake any other duties in relation to the National Honours and Awards Ordinance as may be assigned by the Governor in Council.

As a member of the National Honours and Awards Committee remuneration of £45.50 per meeting will be paid, together with a mileage allowance of 77p per mile for use of personal vehicles or 34p for use of motor cycles in connection with attendance at the meetings.

For further information about the duties of a member and for the relevant form to register, please contact Linda Benjamin, Committee Secretary and Information & Research Support Officer via e-mail linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov sh or on Tel No: 22470.

Completed forms should be returned to the above email by **Monday 19 October 2026.**

Please contact Linda on 22470 if you would like to be considered for the role but are unable to complete a written EOI.

SHG, 01 October 2026

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CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH 2026

BEHIND THE SCREEN: YOUR SAFETY, YOUR WELL-BEING, YOUR DIGITAL LIFE

1. SCHEDULE SCREEN-FREE TIMES

Set specific times of the day to be completely offline, especially during meal times or before bed. This is sometimes known as a 'digital' detox'.



2. TURN OFF NOTIFICATIONS & GO BLACK & WHITE

This reduces the temptation to check your device. It's amazing how much less enticing apps and chats look when they're black & white!



3. SET DAILY SCREEN TIME LIMITS

Use your phone's 'Digital well-being' settings or use in-app settings, like Facebook's 'Time Management' settings to set a 'Daily limit'.



REDUCE YOUR SCREEN TIME.

Spending too much time on your devices, especially using social media apps like Facebook, has been linked with increased stress, depression, and anxiety. Too much screen time also disturbs sleep, reduces your attention span and your ability to focus. Reduce your screen time by doing the following:

4. USE PARENTAL MONITORING APPS

If you're a parent or guardian, use apps like Google Family Link to set daily screen time limits. Generally children should only have 2 hours of screen time per day.



5. REPLACE SCREEN TIME WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES

This could be reading, walking, playing sports or other hobbies. These activities could also be done as a family.



6. KEEP DEVICES OUT OF THE BEDROOM

This will ensure you and your children have a better night's sleep by reducing the temptation to check your phones



PAUSE, DISCONNECT & PROTECT

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IN GRATITUDE



The family of the late David Constantine, who passed away suddenly on 3 September 2026 and was laid to rest on 16 September 2026, would like to say a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to each and every one of you.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who made phone calls, sent messages and cards, paid tributes on the radio, and so generously gave flowers and made beautiful wreaths.

Our sincere thanks to Bishop Dale for conducting the funeral service, the organist, Mrs Theresa Oakes for reading the lesson, Mrs Coral Yon for reading the tribute, and also the funeral directors.

Losing David has been the hardest thing we have ever faced. Seeing so many of you attend his funeral made us realise just how much he was loved, thought of and cared about within the community. Knowing how much he meant to so many people has brought us great comfort during this incredibly difficult time. Your kindness, love and support mean more to us than words can express.

David's light will continue to shine in our hearts forever, and he will always be deeply loved and remembered.

God bless you all.

Walking Guide Training

St Helena Island
A breath of fresh air



Turn your love of St Helena's trails into a new skill and business opportunity!

St Helena's walking trails offer an excellent opportunity to experience the island's dramatic landscapes, lush interiors and spectacular coastal views.

As part of the Tourism Development Programme, St Helena Tourism is offering **FREE Walking Guide Training** delivered by a representative of Green Flag Trails, an internationally recognised accreditor for hiking trails.

Who is it for?

- Anyone who loves St Helena's hiking trails and looking to start their own business as a walking guide
- Walking enthusiasts who would like to offer guided walks for additional income
- Existing tourism businesses wanting to expand their offering by adding guided walks to their services

This training will provide participants with the knowledge and practical skills required to operate as a trained Walking Guide and deliver a safe and enjoyable visitor experience.

Dates & Times:
Wednesday, 28 October 09.00-15.00 (theory session)
Thursday, 29 October 09.00-15.00 (practical session)
(Attendees are required to complete both days training to gain certification)

Interested persons should register with the Tourist Office **by 4pm on Wednesday, 21 October 2026.**
T: 22158 E: *Sophia.Joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh*

sthelenatourism.com

NOTICE BOARD

Fixed Term Vacancies

Shop Floor Assistants

Rate of Pay is £4.85 per hour

Since 1790

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc are recruiting Shop Floor Assistants to work on a fixed term basis over the festive period being 16 to 24 December 2026 in The Star, Greenlands, and Warrens Wholesale.

Shop Floor Assistant duties will include:

- Providing a high standard of customer service at all times
- Assisting with the pricing of stores and stacking shelves
- To assist with the general cleaning of the shop
- Any other related duties as required by Management

Applicants must be:

- Responsible and trustworthy
- Have good customer service skills
- Able to work as part of a team in a fast-paced environment
- Able to undertake physically demanding and manual handling duties
- Flexible to work the required shifts

Applicants must be resident on St Helena and a minimum of 15 years old at the time of applying.

Successful applicants will be responsible for arranging their own home to duty transport.

For further information please contact:

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

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh. Completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **12 October 2026.**

Carnival - photographer

St Helena Island
A breath of fresh air



We are seeking a photographer to cover Carnival 2026.

If you are interested, please express an interest by emailing: communications@sainthelena.gov.sh along with a quote.

Applicants must be available for the duration of the event and have access to their own equipment, and able to supply high-quality images.

Skills & Experience:

- Proven experience in event photography and/or videography
- Ability to capture fast-paced outdoor events
- Confident shooting in varied lighting and weather conditions

Usage Rights

- Successful applicants must be willing to license submitted images for marketing use (including issuing to third party partners).

For more information, contact tyanne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh

To apply, please email communications@sainthelena.gov.sh by Friday 16 October 2026

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St Helena Marathon - Videographer



We are seeking a videographer to cover the St Helena Marathon

If you are interested, please express an interest by emailing: communications@sainthelena.gov.sh along with a quote by **Friday, 30 October 2026.**

Applicants must be available for the duration of the event and have access to their own equipment, and able to supply high-quality videos.

Skills & Experience:

- Proven experience in event photography and/or videography
- Ability to capture fast-paced outdoor events
- Confident shooting in varied lighting and weather conditions
- Drone use permitted only where local permissions and regulations are met.

Usage Rights

- Successful applicants must be willing to license submitted videos for marketing use (including issuing to third party partners).

For more information, contact tyanne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh

www.sthelenatourism.com/marathon

Adventure Week - Videographer



We are seeking a videographer to cover Adventure Week

If you are interested, please express an interest by emailing: communications@sainthelena.gov.sh along with a quote by **Friday, 30 October 2026.**

Applicants must be available for the duration of the event and have access to their own equipment, and able to supply high-quality videos.

Skills & Experience:

- Proven experience in event photography and/or videography
- Ability to capture fast-paced outdoor events
- Confident shooting in varied lighting and weather conditions
- Drone use permitted only where local permissions and regulations are met.

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www.sthelenatourism.com/adventure-week

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Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc

LEASE & PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

ESTABLISHED COFFEE PLANTATIONS SANDY BAY, ST HELENA



A RARE OPPORTUNITY to build on an established coffee enterprise

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.

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

International Labour Hire Feasibility & Scoping Study

St Helena Government's Trade and Investment team is seeking an experienced independent consultant or organisation to assess whether recruiting agricultural workers from overseas could help local businesses fill vacancies that have been difficult to fill with local workers. Whilst the study will initially look at agriculture, it will also consider labour needs across other areas of the private sector. It will look at:

- Demand for labour within the private sector, and whether employers would use a locally based international labour-hire service.
- St Helena's immigration and employment law, and any gaps in the way of a sponsored labour route;
- Housing, travel and logistics for incoming workers;
- Delivery models, costs and commercial viability;
- Ethical recruitment and safeguards against exploitation;
- Comparable schemes in small island and remote locations, and potential source markets;
- A business case with a clear recommendation: proceed, refine or do not proceed;

The study will provide St Helena Government with an evidence-based assessment of the feasibility of a locally based international labour-hire service and a clear recommendation on whether to proceed, refine the approach or not proceed. Applicants should have relevant experience in areas such as international recruitment, workforce mobility, ethical recruitment, migration or immigration policy and evidence based business case development. Experience of working in small island, remote or overseas territory environments, and experience undertaking similar work for government or public bodies, would be advantageous.

Applicants who are not based on St Helena must be able to travel to the island and engage appropriately with local businesses, stakeholders and the wider community.

The Expression of Interest will be closed on 30 October 2026, with the appointment expected to be made on 13 November 2026.

For further information or to request the full Expression of Interest document, please contact: Michael Ormrod, Head of Trade and Investment via telephone number, 22470 or email, invest@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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AUDIT ST HELENA
External Auditors

VACANCY FOR ASSISTANT AUDITOR

Salary range £11,091 to £12,929 per annum
(*Open to applicants residing locally*)

Audit St Helena is seeking to recruit an Assistant Auditor to join its Audit Team.

The person will assist with financial and performance audits across the public sector and will support other business processes. No prior experience in this field is required.

Prospective candidates are required to have good GCSE grades **or** Functional Skills Level 2 in English and Mathematics and be prepared to study for the ACCA Foundations in Accountancy programme.

On the job training will be provided and through training and practical experience, the successful candidate will develop the knowledge and skills required to confidently and efficiently carry out business processes within the workplace.

For further information, Job Profiles and Application Forms please contact Helene Williams by telephoning 22111 or emailing helene.v.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh. Completed application forms should be submitted to this email address or by hand to Audit St Helena, First Floor, New Porteous House, Jamestown, by no later than close of business on **Friday 30 October 2026.**

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

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DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 11th October 2026 - 28th Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist/Harvest Festival	St Martin
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
5.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Cathedral
	Tuesday 12th October	
7.00 p.m.	**Mission Praise and Worship**	**Sandy Bay Community Centre**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 11th October 2026 – 28th Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St John
	Thursday 14th October	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 11th October 2026 – 28th Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 12th October	
7.00 p.m.	Bible School on Wheels	St Mark

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services - 11th October
Sandy Bay Chapel, 8.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel, 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel, 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday, 13th October:
Baptist School Hall, 7.00 pm
Wednesday, 14th October:
Blue Hill Community Centre, 7.00 pm
Thursday, 15th October:
Sandy Bay Chapel, 5.30 pm

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

Gospel Outreach Service
Sunday, 18th October: Blue Hill Community Centre 3pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact: Tel No 24644

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Church Notices

Prayer Meeting

Saturday 10th October 2026 at 8:30am -Online
Contact Mercy for details-65880 or 24212

Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 11th October 11.00am-Pastors Appreciation Sunday
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.
Kids Zone at 11am.

Cell Meetings

Cell Meeting
The Rock Christian Fellowship, Longwood Avenue at 5.30pm,
Wednesday 14th October. (Contact: Tav 51727 for details)
Wednesday 14th October 2026
Half Tree Hollow @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Mercy 53227 or Pastor 51672)
Tuesday 13th October
Jamestown @ 7pm, (contact Bramwell 64352 or Pastor 51672)
Men's fellowship at the Rock Christian Fellowship, Saturday 10th October 4.30pm.
Contact Ed Oyewo for details

Christian Gift/bookshop & DVD rental

The Christian gift/bookshop & DVD rental (as well as second-hand goods shop) is available. For further information call 51672 or 64295

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Concept Design & Architectural Renders for St Helena Investment Sites

SHG is inviting Expressions of Interest from architects and designers to create concept visuals renders and artist's impressions for three exciting sites in the Investment Prospectus. We're looking for people who can help investors picture the possibilities.

Please note: this call is for illustrative concept visuals only, to help investors picture future possibilities. It is not a decision to redevelop any site. Any future development proposal would follow a separate process.

BRADLEYS	SUNDALE	HIGH HILL
Well-connected sites near Longwood - envision a modern warehousing or light-industrial hub	180° ocean views - picture a landmark hospitality, commercial or lifestyle destination	Forest retreat setting - imagine eco-retreat linked to the island's post box walks

What we're looking for:

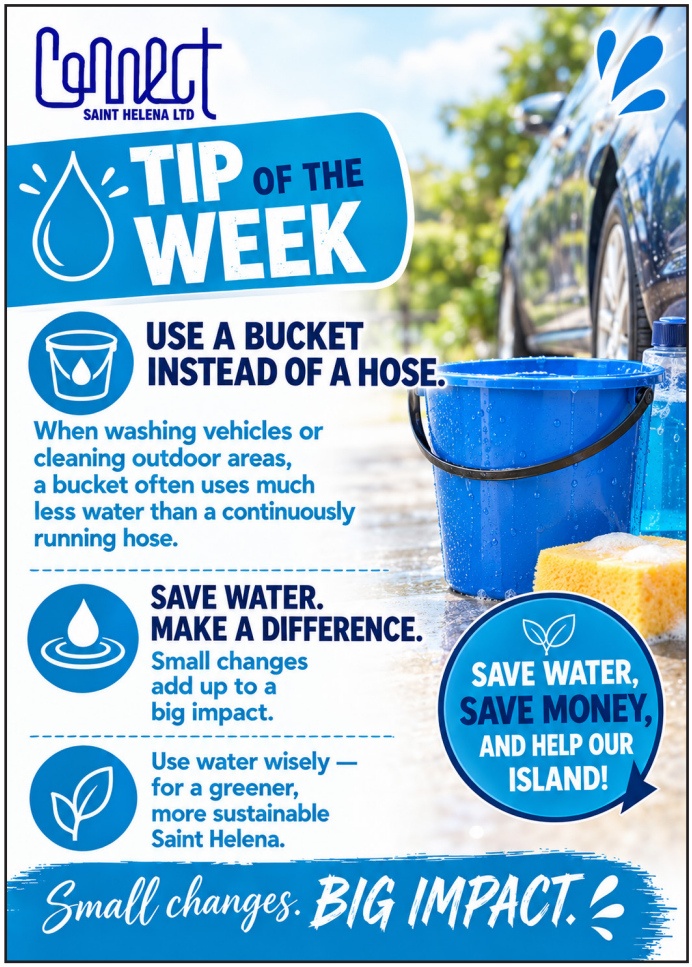
- A concept visual and short design note for one, two, or all three sites
- Examples of your previous design, illustration, or visualisation work
- Your proposed fee per property

Fee: Fixed fee per concept, agreed with SHG before work begins.
Timeframe: Concepts to be delivered within approximately 2-3 months of appointment.
Deadline to apply: 23 October 2026

Send your expression of interest to the Trade and Investment team
invest@sainthelena.gov.sh

Full brief with property details available on request.

These sites reflect priorities in SHG's Sustainable Economic Development Strategy 2023-2033 (www.sainthelena.gov.sh) - including hospitality and ecotourism development, and strategic trade and industrial infrastructure.



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INVITATION TO TENDER Sure SA Ltd - Generators for sale by tender

The public are advised that Sure SA Ltd has the following for sale by tender; on a 'sold as seen' basis.

- 1 Generator (Deutz) Set 81 kW
  - With spares
- 1 Generator (Deutz) Set 68kW
  - With spares

Both generators are in running order.

The above generators may be viewed at Sure premises, Ascension Island on Wednesday 14 October from 9 a.m. to Noon. Further information regarding these generators may be obtained by email asc-customer.service@sure.com

Tender submission forms are available from the Sure Office, Georgetown, by collection on the day of viewing or by email asc-customer.service@sure.com

Tenders should be placed in a sealed envelope in the Sure mail box located at the AIG Main Office, Georgetown by 4 p.m. or via email asc-customer.service@sure.com on Friday 16 October 2026.

Sure reserves the right to award the tender at its discretion; and is not committed to accepting the highest tender or any offer.

NOTICE BOARD

Scout Jackpot Draw

The winners of the September Scout Jackpot were as follows:

1st Prize - £100 – Zara Benjamin
Ticket No. 387

2nd Prize - £50 – June Henry
Ticket No. 105

3rd Prize - £25 – Marlon J Stroud
Ticket No. 456

4th Prize - £25 – Hazel Leo
Ticket No. 102

Winnings can be collected from Terry Richards, 24 Barracks Square

The October draw will take place on 30 October.



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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

CENTRAL SUPPORT SERVICE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Supply of Fresh Flower Wreaths for Remembrance Sunday 2026

Central Support Service invites expressions of interest for the supply of 11 fresh flower wreaths for the Remembrance Sunday Service on Sunday, 8 November 2026.

For futher information, please contact Crystal Maggot at the Castle on 22470 or via email: crystal.maggot@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Expressions of interest must be submitted by Friday, 16 October 2026.

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ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

FOR SALE BY TENDER

The St Helena National Trust has for "sale by tender" a Landrover Defender 110, formerly registered as 3393. This vehicle is currently off the road and requires some work and will be sold on an 'as is where is basis'.

Viewing for this vehicle has been set for Wednesday, 21 October, 2026 at 10am and persons interested in viewing should, in the first instance, contact Amanda Constantine, Office Manager on telephone number 22190 or email amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh

Offers should be made in writing to the Director SHNT and handed to the Office Manager at Broadway House in a sealed envelope marked 'Tender - Vehicle 3393' by no later than 4pm on Monday, 26 October 2026.

Broadway House, Jamestown, St Helena Island, South Atlantic Ocean

Telephone: +290 22190 Email: info@trust.org.sh www.trust.org.sh

NOTICE BOARD

Raffle in aid of St Mary Church the Briars

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The Total amount raised was £420.00. Raffle Prize Winners are as follows:

	PRIZES	SHEET	TICKET	NAME OF WINNERS
1st	Food Hamper	5	11	Barbara Greentree, Cleughs Plain
2nd	Iced Cake	8	18	Cindy Yon, Market Street
3rd	Set of 3 Stainless Steel Bowls	8	16	Vilma Cranfield, Briars
4th	£15 Gift Voucher	10	11	Sylvia Green, Levelwood
5th	Double Duvet Cover Set	13	2	Kelton Lawrence, Kunjie Field
6th	White Rose Bush	16	5	May Augustus, Sapperway
7th	Ladies Watch	19	1	David Clifford, Sandy Bay
8th	Tea/Coffee/Sugar Canisters	21	16	Telly Yon, East Lodge
9th	Bottle of Wine	17	19	Letrice Williams, St Pauls
10th	£15 Gift Voucher	15	12	Annaleen Young, HTH
11th	Set of Mugs	14	6	Nigel Benjamin, Cow Path
12th	Soft Toy	6	13	Kelsey Henry, Plantation Drive
13th	Citrus Juicer	4	15	Trent Moyce, Bradleys
14th	Ladies Bag	13	17	Lisa Joshua, Gordons Post
15th	Single Duvet Cover Set.	10	13	Barbara Greentree, Cleughs Plain
16th	Bottle of Chamdor	21	2	Patricia Francis, Nr Hutts Gate
17th	Shopping Bag	20	20	Gus Williams, Nr Princes Lodge
18th	Bottle of Chamdor	7	6	Peter Thomas, Cleughs Plain
19th	Bottle of Wine	3	19	Inez Richards, Nr Rock Club
20th	Water Filter Jug	8	18	Cindy Yon, Market Street
21st	Digital Kitchen Scale	8	8	Patsy Cox, Nr Princes Lodge
22nd	£10 Gift Voucher	4	8	Aalayah Young, Youngs Villa

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

Housing Grounds Maintenance

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

ED17-2026/27 – Housing Grounds 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 Wednesday, 21 October 2026, clearly marked **"Tender ED17-2026/27"**.

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

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ST HELENA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE PUPILS OF ST HELENA

NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND MEMBERS

Annual General Meeting

All parents and guardians are members, and all are welcome

DATE	TIME	VENUE
THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2026	7:00 PM	ST HELENA SECONDARY SCHOOL

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Parent Teacher Association will be held on the date above. There will be a **progress report on the House Naming engagement**, and a submission point on the night for anyone wishing to hand in a name.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Alteration to Constitution
5. Office Bearers Reports
6. Dissolution of the existing Executive Committee, and election of the new Executive Committee
7. Any Other Business

Proposing a change to the Constitution? All proposed alterations to the Constitution must reach the Secretary in writing **no later than Thursday 8 October 2026**, seven days before the meeting, so that they can be circulated to members beforehand. Nominations for the Executive Committee are welcome in advance or from the floor.

THE SECRETARY CAN BE CONTACTED BY EMAIL AT
sandra.george@sainthelena.edu.sh
OR VIA THE SCHOOL

Issued by the Secretary
St Helena Secondary School PTA
On behalf of the Chairperson and Committee



SPORTS ARENA

WSA Rounders Report



Rounders League Final Round-Up

WSA, Contributed

The St Helena Women's Sports Association Rounders League has come to an end, with the Incredibles crowned league champions after a fantastic season. The Incredibles finished top of the table with 21 points from their 8 games, recording 6 wins, 1 loss and 1 draw. They also finished with an impressive 257.5 rounders, the highest total in the league.

It was a very close finish at the top, with the Ballzy Ladies also ending the season on 21 points. With the same record of 6 wins, 1 loss and 1 draw, they secured second place with 191 rounders. Their strong performances kept the pressure on the Incredibles right until the end.

Battitude completed the top three with 18 points, having recorded 5 wins and 3 losses. They finished the season with 118.5 rounders and secured a well-deserved third place.

Thunderbats finished fourth with 10 points, recording 1 win and 7 losses, while Catchdashians also finished on 10 points in fifth place, with 1 win and 7 losses. Thunderbats finished ahead on rounders, with 52 compared with Catchdashians' 46.5.

Congratulations to the Incredibles on being crowned league champions, and well done to all five teams for their commitment and effort throughout the season. With just three points separating the top three teams, it was a competitive and exciting league right through to the finish.

Districts Rounders

With the league now complete, we are excited to move on to the next stage of the season, **Districts**.

This year marks the first Districts Rounders competition since WSA was revived in 2021, making it a special milestone for the sport. We have four teams coming together: **Jamestown, Half Tree Hollow, St Paul's and Longwood.** This is an exciting opportunity to see players from across the league join forces, form new teams and compete alongside players they may not usually play with.

It will also be great to see some familiar faces on the opposite side, as players who have competed together throughout the league could now find themselves playing against each other. Districts gives everyone the chance to experience a different style of play, work with new teammates and proudly represent their district.

We are looking forward to seeing the four districts take to the court, bringing plenty of friendly competition, teamwork and excitement as we continue the rounders season. It will be fascinating to see how the teams come together and who can make their mark in the first Districts competition since the return of rounders in 2021.

ST HELENA WOMEN'S SPORTS ASSOCIATION

ROUNDERS
MATCH RESULTS

Week 5 — Sun, 04 Oct 2026

Thunderbats		VS	Battitude	
Selena Leo	1		Whitney Young	8
Shania Benjamin	1 ½		Jaymie Lawrence	3
Alena Scott	½		Alfreda Yon	6 ½
Anna Samuel	3		Julie Thomas	1 ½
Keeley Yon	2		Justine Green	1 ½
			Georgia Bennett	3 ½
			Bethany Bennett	2 ½
			Qhi Green	1
			Tara Thomas	½
Penalty Score	½		Penalty Score	2 ½
	8.5			30.5

ROUNDERS
LEAGUE RESULTS

Sunday, 04 October 2026

Catchdashians 4½ VS 25 Ballzy Ladies

YLOM: Jordyn Scipio-Richards — LOM: Danni Thomas

Battitude 30 ½ VS 8 ½ Thunderbats

LOM: Alfreda Yon
YLOM: Whitney Young

ST HELENA WOMEN'S SPORTS ASSOCIATION

ROUNDERS
LEAGUE TABLE

POSITION	TEAM	GP	W	L	D	PTS	ROUNDERS
1	INCREDIBLES	8	6	1	1	21	257.5
2	BALLZY LADIES	8	6	1	1	21	191
3	BATTITUDE	8	5	3	0	18	118.5
4	THUNDERBATS	8	1	7	0	10	52
5	CATCHDASHIANS	8	1	7	0	10	46.5

ROUNDERS

MATCH RESULTS

Week 5 Sun, 04 Oct 2026

Catchdashians		VS	Ballzy Ladies	
April Peters	1 ½		Charlotte Williams	4
Rachel Braaf	1 ½		Kati-Rose Thomas	5
Jordyn Scipio-Richards	½		Hailyn Osborne	½
Ellie Yon	1		Katelyn Benjamin	3 ½
			Danni Thomas	6
			Renae Coleman	2 ½
			Alayah Pidgley	1
			Nicola Constantine	1 ½
			Penalty Score	1
	4.5			25

ROUNDERS

DISTRICT FIXTURES

Sunday, 11 October 2026

13:30 HTH VS St Pauls

UMPIRE: JT/LW

15:00 Jamestown VS Longwood

UMPIRE: HTH/SP



SHGC, Contributed

The St Helena Golf Club's scheduled 18-hole Stableford competition on Sunday, 4 October, was unfortunately cancelled due to low player turnout.

The Club is now looking ahead to its next competition on Sunday, 11 October, which will be an Over 60s and Under 60s Match Play Competition.

Players are encouraged to support the competition by registering early and helping to ensure a good turnout. The planned tee-off time is 12noon. However, should registration numbers be strong, the Club may consider an earlier tee-off or a shotgun start to accommodate all players.

Registration will close at 3pm on Saturday, 10 October. Members are urged to get their names in early and support what promises to be an enjoyable and competitive afternoon of match play golf.

To register, please leave a message on 24421.

We look forward to seeing you on the course!

Jamestown sit tied on four points each. St Paul's hold second place on goal difference (+3 compared to Jamestown's -5). St Paul's opened their campaign with a resounding 7–3 win over Longwood before playing out a 4–4 draw with Jamestown, showcasing plenty of attacking firepower through Korben Minto, Blaze Baldwin, and skipper Brett Isaac.

Jamestown's Round 1 journey has been defined by resilience and late-game drama. After a heavy 9–3 defeat to HTH in Gameweek 1, Jamestown mounted an incredible stoppage-time comeback against St Paul's in Gameweek 2—helped by a second-half Lebron George hat-trick—before clinching their first victory against Longwood on Sunday.

Despite sitting bottom without a point, Longwood have proven to be a tough opponent. Led by captain Ronan Legg, with key playesr like striker Sean-Lee Thomas, and goalkeeper Clayton Leo, Longwood have found the net eight times across three competitive performances, proving they are capable of pushing every district side to the limit as Round 2 approaches.



SPORTS ARENA

Unstoppable HTH Complete Round 1 Sweep

Lebron George bicycle kick lights up seven-goal thriller as reigning champions hold off St Paul's to maintain perfect record after Round 1



Liam Yon, SAMS

The first round of the 2026 SHFA District League wrapped up in dramatic fashion at Francis Plain on Sunday, 4 October, delivering seven-goal entertainment, a sensational bicycle kick, and a tight top-of-the-table clash that saw defending champions Half Tree Hollow preserve their flawless record.

Sunday's opening 1.30pm fixture produced an end-to-end thriller as Jamestown narrowly edged out a spirited Longwood side 4–3.

Longwood remained a threat throughout, with captain Ronan Legg finding the net in the first half and striker Sean-Lee Thomas netting in each half. However, Jamestown secured all three points courtesy of a first-half own goal from Alistair Buckley, a second-half strike from Riley Yon, and a brilliant brace from young forward Lebron George.

Continuing his outstanding debut season in the local senior league, George provided the highlight of the weekend with a breath-taking bicycle kick goal. Jamestown's veteran, Mark Williams, led the team from the back to earn Man of the Match, while Lebron George was named Young Player of the Match.





The 3.30pm feature match saw reigning champions Half Tree Hollow square off against St Paul's in a battle for top spot. HTH established early control in the first half, taking a 2–0 lead into the break thanks to clinical finishes from Joey Thomas and Ryan Benjamin.

St Paul's rallied in the second half, cutting the deficit through a Clayton Benjamin strike, but the HTH defence held firm under late pressure to secure the victory. Half Tree Hollow's Tyler-John Brady claimed Man of the Match honours, while St Paul's youngster Josh Johnson took home Young Player of the Match.

With the opening three game weeks now complete, defending champions Half Tree Hollow remain the team to beat, sitting clear at the top of the table with a maximum nine points. Dating back to their title-winning campaign last year, HTH's unbeaten run in district football remains intact. Boasting an explosive attack featuring Joey Thomas, Rico Benjamin, Tyler-John Brady, Tyler Benjamin, Scott Henry, and Ryan Benjamin, the holders have racked up 17 goals across three matches while conceding just six.

Behind the leaders, St Paul's and