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Liam Yon, SAMS

Hi everybody, it's my turn for the comment again this week as we edge toward Halloween, Guy Fawkes and then, of course, the much-loved Island Festive Season – I can't wait! By the way, how's your Carnival hangover? What a great event that was and all for an amazing cause, good job once again St Helena!

Today I want to give a quick heads-up to our loyal readers of The Sentinel.

Due to circumstances entirely out of our control, you will notice that our Sentinel issues will be considerably smaller over the next few weeks.

This is because our local printing provider is currently running critically low on standard paper stocks, with a fresh shipment ordered but having not yet arrived on the island. While our printer has worked to source an alternative paper locally, they have requested that we keep our page count to an absolute minimum—aiming for around 24 pages, with a maximum cap of 28 pages (like this week) over the next few weeks. In all honesty, that isn't uncommon and there was point in time when that was our usual paper size, however we have grown since then and, for comparison, our recent editions have been running between 44 and 48 pages.

There is however a silver lining for our digital readers (whose paper this week is normal sized). That is because the page restriction applies only to the printed edition, meaning our digital subscribers will still be able to enjoy a fuller, uncompressed version of The Sentinel in their inbox over the coming weeks; with any content that has to be removed from the print layout remaining included in the digital edition. So, if you want to make sure you don't miss a single story while our print stocks catch up, now is a great time to set up your digital subscription (it's in full colour too).

Nevertheless, The Sentinel sincerely apologises to our printed copy customers and, as always, we are incredibly thankful to our loyal readers for your understanding and continued support.

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ST HELENA NEWS

Don't Get Caught in the Web



Local website owners and users are advised to update server software and personal devices following a critical global vulnerability discovery

Global cyber vulnerability prompts urgent security advisory for website owners

Liam Yon, SAMS

Local businesses, organisations and individuals running websites on St Helena are being urged to update their server software immediately following the discovery of a major international cybersecurity flaw.

The advisory, issued by the St Helena Resilience Forum on Friday, 23 October, follows global alerts concerning a critical vulnerability discovered in PHP (Hypertext Preprocessor)—a foundational open-source programming language that powers approximately 70 percent of all websites on the World Wide Web.

PHP runs on web servers behind the scenes to generate dynamic web content, process database requests, and manage backend application logic before delivering pages to a user's browser. Because the flaw sits within the core server technology, rather than individual website platforms or plugins, websites built on popular content management systems like WordPress, WooCommerce, and Drupal remain exposed if the underlying server software is outdated.

Explaining the severity of the discovery, St Helena Government Cyber Security Officer, Gareth Drabble, highlighted the rapid, global response required after the vulnerability came to light on Tuesday, 20 October.

"Basically, what happened is that a security hole or flaw was discovered last Tuesday," Gareth explained. "This security flaw was found in a foundational component of about seventy percent of all websites on the World Wide Web."

Left unpatched, the vulnerability allows unauthorised remote code execution, giving cybercriminals potential avenues to exploit systems without needing login credentials.

"If left unpatched, this security flaw could be exploited by hackers, who could then steal your data or take down your entire website," Gareth warned.

"This is why there was an almost global panic and rush by organisations, including government entities, to update their vulnerable websites, after a security patch or update was created and released. Many organisations had to make their websites temporarily offline in order to install the security patch."

The St Helena Resilience Forum advises all website administrators and local entities operating web infrastructure on the island to check their hosting environments immediately. Site owners should verify that their hosting providers or IT managers have applied the necessary vendor patches to update PHP to a secure, supported release.

Where immediate patching is not possible, cyber security guidelines recommend taking affected websites or web applications offline temporarily until the official update can be safely installed.

Beyond website infrastructure, Gareth reiterated that routine digital maintenance remains the single best defence against cyber threats across all personal and commercial systems. "This again highlights the importance of always keeping your systems up-to-date and installing security patches as soon as they are released," he stressed. "This also applies to your personal devices—download and install updates as often as possible."



Cyber Security Officer, Gareth Drabble, highlighted the importance of applying software updates and patches immediately to safeguard local web infrastructure

Rebuilding Trust



Local youth get a firsthand look at police operations, supporting long-term trust and community integration

Royal St Helena Police outline Action Plan following Community Survey aimed at learning, growing and becoming "a service St Helena can be proud of"

Liam Yon, SAMS

Relations between the community and the Royal St Helena Police Service (RSHPS) have long experienced friction, particularly in recent times, with public trust and confidence frequently tested.

However, following a community feedback survey conducted in May 2026, Police leadership have now released a structured action plan designed to address public concerns head-on.

The survey results indicate that while there is "continued respect for the police service, confidence is being weakened by concerns about visibility, approachability, fairness, accountability, communication and the understanding of overseas officers in relation to the policing context of St Helena's model of engagement".

The feedback highlights that the public is not looking for a reduction in law enforcement, but rather a shift in operational style. According to the RSHP, "the central message is not a call for less policing, but for a more visible, preventative and community-focused style of policing".

Residents have voiced a strong desire for "friendly face-to-face engagement and early intervention when issues crop up", urging officers to be "softer in their approach and utilise the engage, explain, encourage model of policing and only enforce as a last resort".

Operational criticisms also pointed away from "vehicle-based and reactive policing", calling out issues such as "inconsistent enforcement, poor officer road behaviour, rapid staff turnover or communication that appears to prioritise publicity over meaningful outcomes".

Furthermore, where overseas officers are deployed, the survey notes that the community wants "greater cultural-awareness training for those officers", alongside "timely communication back, with stronger confidentiality and more transparent complaint handling".

Acknowledging these friction points, the RSHPS emphasises that policing relies entirely on public cooperation, noting that "the police service can only police when they achieve legitimacy and when the community has trust and confidence in its service to do what's right".

The service adds that "both the community and the service want visible, engaging officers," adding that "we are both aligned on politeness, timeliness and conduct matters".

At the same time, the leadership notes the inherent difficulties of op-



A police officer takes time for friendly, face-to-face engagement—a key focus of the Royal St Helena Police Service's new action plan to rebuild trust and visibility



Officers conducting visible foot patrols in Jamestown, aligning with community calls for a more preventative and approachable policing model across the island's districts



A police presence overlooking the coastline as the service focuses on building a more accessible and community-centered approach

erational timing, stating that "there will always be a balance to be struck about when it is the right time to move to enforcement" before adding that "there are strict legal checks and balances in place to ensure that the police enforce proportionately and when necessity conditions are met".

Shaped by this feedback and an evidence-based assessment of demand, the RSHPS has established a comprehensive seven-part action plan. The strategy focuses on increasing visibility and engagement across all districts, strengthening officer communication and de-escalation standards through internal conduct reviews, and targeting traffic and antisocial-behaviour hotspots using intelligence management processes.

Additional pillars include improving complaint investigations and confidentiality through local inspectors, bolstering workforce stability via a revised recruitment strategy, refining public communication through RSHP's community engagement plan and dedicated social media policy, and strengthening accountability and governance through RSHPS's performance framework and by reporting progress directly to the Police and Crime Panel.

To ensure accountability, the service has laid out strict milestones over an initial 90-day window, noting that "to deliver this action plan, named ownership of action points, clear timescales and measurable outcomes will be essential to demonstrate that feedback has resulted in sustained change."

As such, the RSHP informed that within 30 days, there will be more visible district-based patrols alongside the issuing of new standards for respectful communication and de-escalation. Beyond that, within 60 days, reviews of complaints, conflicts of interest, confidentiality, and victim-privacy processes are set to be completed, alongside updated inductions for overseas officers and the activation of hotspot plans. Furthermore, by 90 days, the RSHP community engagement plan will be fully enacted and the first internal community-confidence dashboard will be produced for the Police and Crime Panel.

With RSHP set to tracking success of their action plan through metrics such as patrol hours, complaint-handling speeds, and workforce retention, they concluded with a firm commitment to institutional growth and rebuilding trust with the community.

"RSHPS fully commits to learning, growing and becoming the best service it can be," they state. "As a service, we will work hard to restore trust and confidence to the highest ebb and be a service St Helena can be proud of".



Officers visiting businesses as part of the service's renewed commitment to approachability, accessibility, and active community outreach



Building rapport on the ground as the RSHPS works toward early intervention and stronger community relations

All is 'Wells' on Tristan da Cunha



Outgoing Administrator Philip Kendall (left) and newly sworn-in Administrator Andrew Wells (right)

Andrew Wells officially sworn in as Island Administrator following handover from Philip Kendall

Liam Yon, SAMS

Tristan da Cunha has officially welcomed its new resident Administrator, with career diplomat Andrew Wells sworn into office during a traditional ceremony held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 15 October.

Mr Wells took the official oath of office and swore allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III, marking the formal transition of leadership from outgoing Administrator Philip Kendall.

The new Administrator arrived on Tristan da Cunha aboard the SA Agulhas II on 30 September, which allowed for an extended, smooth three-week handover period with Mr Kendall. Following the successful transition, outgoing Administrator, Philip Kendall, and his wife, Louise, departed the island aboard the SA Agulhas II on 18 October, concluding their three-year term which began in September 2023.

Mr Wells brings over three decades of diplomatic experience to the role. A career officer with the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), his extensive background includes postings across Europe, the Middle East, and multilateral desks in London. Most recently, he served as Deputy Head of Mission at the British Embassy in Bratislava from 2020 to 2025.

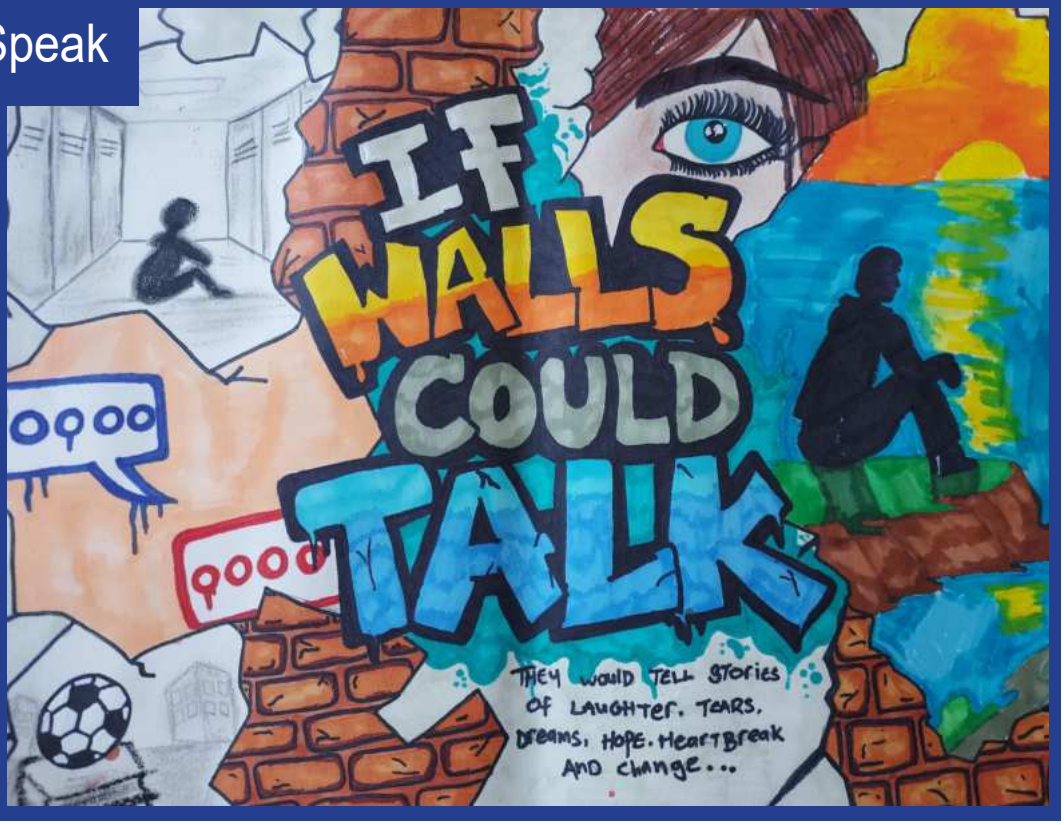
Joining the island unaccompanied, Mr Wells steps into the role ready to work closely with the Island Council and the local community to guide the world's most remote inhabited island through the coming years.

In a statement from the Governor's Office for St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, heartfelt thanks were extended to outgoing Administrator Philip Kendall for his hard work and commitment over the past three years, alongside a warm welcome to Mr Wells as he takes up the post.

News from St Helena Secondary School

If Walls Could Speak

St Helena Secondary School is excited to announce that Karlal Constantine, Year 9 student, has submitted an entry to the global COBIS Art Competition! This year's theme, "If Walls Could Speak," challenged students across the worldwide COBIS network to capture the hidden stories of the spaces around them through art. We are immensely proud of Karlal's initiative and creativity, and we wish him the very best of luck when judging begins! A big thank you to Mrs Adele Plato for leading this project and inspiring such amazing creativity across our school community.



To Be or Not to Be

Social Care charge increases paused amid legislative and pension clarity



Donna Crowie and Liam Yon, SAMS

Residents across St Helena's residential care facilities—including the Community Care Centre (CCC) and Cape Villa—alongside community day visitors, faced sudden uncertainty this month after receiving letters detailing fee increases for board, lodging, and meals.

However, following enquiries by The Sentinel, the Health and Social Care Portfolio has confirmed that these planned increases have now been paused.

The correspondence, issued to residents and their families and signed by Head of Social Care, Rosalie Brown, on 11 October, informed clients that charges across Health and Social Care would increase, effective from 19 October.

For residents at the Community Care Centre, the letter stated that board and lodging costs would rise by £1.50 per week to £76.50. Because residents drawing the Basic Island Pension (BIP) receive a standard rate of £85.00 per week, this adjustment would have squeezed the remaining personal allowance—intended for personal items such as toiletries—down from £10.00 to just £8.50 per week.

Similarly, a letter sent to a resident at Cape Villa outlined that weekly accommodation costs would increase by 30p to a total of £14.30 per week, while meal charges provided by the services would jump from £3.00 to £4.10 per meal—representing an increase of over 30%.

The proposed deductions immediately drew scrutiny regarding how they aligned with the Social Security Ordinance, 2010. Regulation 4(3) of the Social Security Regulations explicitly dictates that when an individual entitled to a Basic Island Pension is admitted to residential care where all living costs are met by the provider, their pension payment after that 42-day period would be "£10 per week" for as long as they remain in residential care.

The exact wording reads: "(3) If an individual who is entitled to a Basic Island Pension is, at any time, for a period of more than 42 days admitted to and remains in residential care, where all living costs are met by the care provider, payment to the individual under paragraph (2) will, after that 42 day period, be reduced to £10 per week for so long as that individual remains in residential care, and the balance of their entitlement under paragraph (2) will be payable to the care provider."

Additionally, the adjustments to social care service charges were not limited to long-term residential clients only. Elderly community members who rely on facilities like the CCC for occasional short stays or day visits

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also faced severe cost escalations. For one elderly resident—who regularly uses the service and who particularly looks forward to cooked meals which is not always an option at home due to rising living costs—the cost per day, meal included, spiked from £3.00 to £8.00; a significant increase for elderly members of the community who struggle already with living costs.

Approached by The Sentinel for clarification, particularly on how increased deductions to BIP could supersede statutory pension provisions, Health and Social Care Portfolio Director, Tracy Poole-Nandy, explained the underlying financial pressures driving the reviews; noting that the adjustments had been agreed earlier in the year with the support of the Financial Secretary.

"As you are aware, social care demands outweigh the financial recurrent budget and, as such, all services have to be constantly reviewed to try and meet the needs of the most vulnerable members of the community," she explained on the recent adjustments and increases to service charges.

While the letters were sent out in line with these agreed adjustments, Tracy confirmed that implementation has since been halted due to the legislative cross-overs.

"The letters were sent in line with this increase; however, it has become apparent that there is specific legislation in regard to how this could be implemented taking into account the impact that this will also have in regard to implementation from the benefits agency," she noted, adding that, as such, "there will be further letters sent to all who are affected," confirming that "there will be no change to social care charges at this stage."

Tracy did however reiterate that the Portfolio does "have to try and ensure that the service can be sustainable," asserting that, "at this stage, it is not, due to the continuing rising needs."

Looking ahead, the Portfolio Director confirmed that "the increase in charges for social care is under review due to the linkage with the financial ordinance and benefits structures," adding that "once the review is complete, we will be able to advise in regard to the implementation of the charge increases for services."

The Sentinel will continue to monitor developments as authorities review the legislative links between care charges, the ordinance, and benefits structures.



"The Karoline has fallen back"

Port delays at Walvis Bay push MV Karoline back by ten days for November



The MV Karoline is currently running roughly ten days behind schedule for its upcoming November call to St Helena due to regional port congestion

Donna Crowie, SAMS

Freight users on the Island should be aware of a schedule update to the MV Karoline, with the vessel running behind for her upcoming November call to St Helena.

The vessel arrived at Duncan Dock in Cape Town on Thursday morning of last week following a schedule change announced earlier in the week on Monday. While originally the vessel was due to arrive during the first week of November, the Karoline is now expected to reach the island on 13 November—putting her roughly ten days behind schedule.

Explaining the setback, freight provider MACS Shipping told The Sentinel that the delays stem from factors further up the line, as has happened previously. "The Karoline has fallen back by about 10 days to the previous schedule, as the vessel coming from the UK is delayed," they said. "This is due to heavy, ongoing berthing congestion at the port of Walvis Bay on the way south."

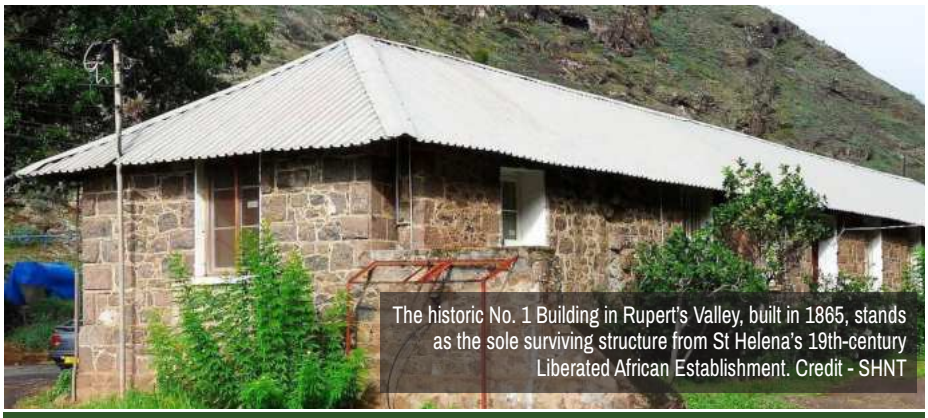
MACS noted that such berthing issues are difficult to predict in advance, adding that they are currently dealing with a seven-to-ten-day lag with southbound vessel, Green Mountain, that was, at the time, already at anchor in Walvis Bay and awaiting a berth.

Looking ahead to the festive season, however, MACS has reassured customers that they believe the Karoline will be able to make up time to ensure the crucial Christmas voyage in December is not disrupted.



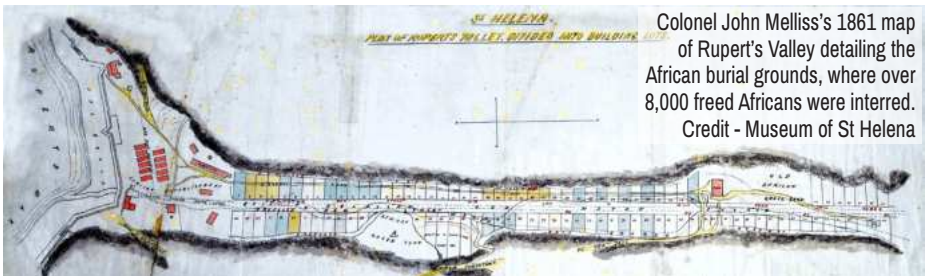
Southbound vessel, Green Mountain, faced a significant lag while awaiting a berth at Walvis Bay

Milestone Funding Boosts



The historic No. 1 Building in Rupert's Valley, built in 1865, stands as the sole surviving structure from St Helena's 19th-century Liberated African Establishment. Credit - SHNT

£40k Garfield Weston grant brings Rupert's No. 1 Building memorial closer to reality, following £165k funding from Commonwealth Heritage Forum



Colonel John Melliss's 1861 map of Rupert's Valley detailing the African burial grounds, where over 8,000 freed Africans were interred. Credit - Museum of St Helena

Liam Yon, SAMS

Plans to establish a permanent memorial and interpretation centre at the historic No. 1 Building in Rupert's Valley have received a landmark financial boost with the announcement of a £40,000 grant from the Garfield Weston Foundation, based in London, UK.

Spearheaded locally by the St Helena National Trust and the Liberated African Advisory Committee, in partnership with the UK-St Helena Heritage Trust (UKSHHT), the project aims to honour the thousands of trafficked Africans who arrived on the island during the mid-19th century.

This latest award directly supplements a £165,000 funding agreement secured earlier this year from the Commonwealth Heritage Forum, also based in London. Together, the two grants bring total funding for the vital heritage and educational project to £205,000.

The No. 1 Building in Rupert's Valley holds profound historical significance as the sole surviving structure from St Helena's 19th-century Liberated African Establishment. Built in 1865, it originally served as an accommodation and reception block for individuals freed by the Royal Navy.

Between 1840 and 1867, the Royal Navy disembarked approximately 27,000 Africans rescued from intercepted slaving vessels on St Helena. Tragically, over 8,000 men, women, and children succumbed to disease and trauma shortly after arrival. They were interred in Rupert's Valley burial grounds, which are recognised internationally as one of the world's most significant physical traces of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and the Middle Passage.

While many survivors were subsequently transported onward to the Caribbean or South Africa as indentured labourers—enduring decades of continued servitude—others remained on St Helena to build new lives. The restored No. 1 Building will serve as a poignant space for learning, remembrance, and research, recognising both the profound human tragedy and the resilience of the diaspora.

Welcoming the generous contribution from the Garfield Weston Foundation, UKSHHT Chairman, Michael Binyon OBE, highlighted the unique challenges faced by British Overseas Territories in securing heritage funding.

"UKOTs are the custodians of hugely important parts of British history and yet they are excluded from support by many funders of UK heritage," Mr Binyon observed. "The Weston family's willingness to help preserve the built and cultural heritage of St Helena is greatly encouraging to all of us who understand and value the historic significance of our Overseas Territories."

The combined funding package addresses both the structural preservation of the historic site and its future operational readiness.

As such, the Commonwealth Heritage Forum's £165,000 will finance the vital conservation and repair of the building's historic fabric. Crucially, this funding also supports a flagship heritage skills training programme for local construction workers on the Island.

In addition, the Garfield Weston Foundation's £40,000 will cover core modernisation expenses, including the installation of essential utilities, mechanical and electrical fit-outs, and the construction of an accessible entrance.

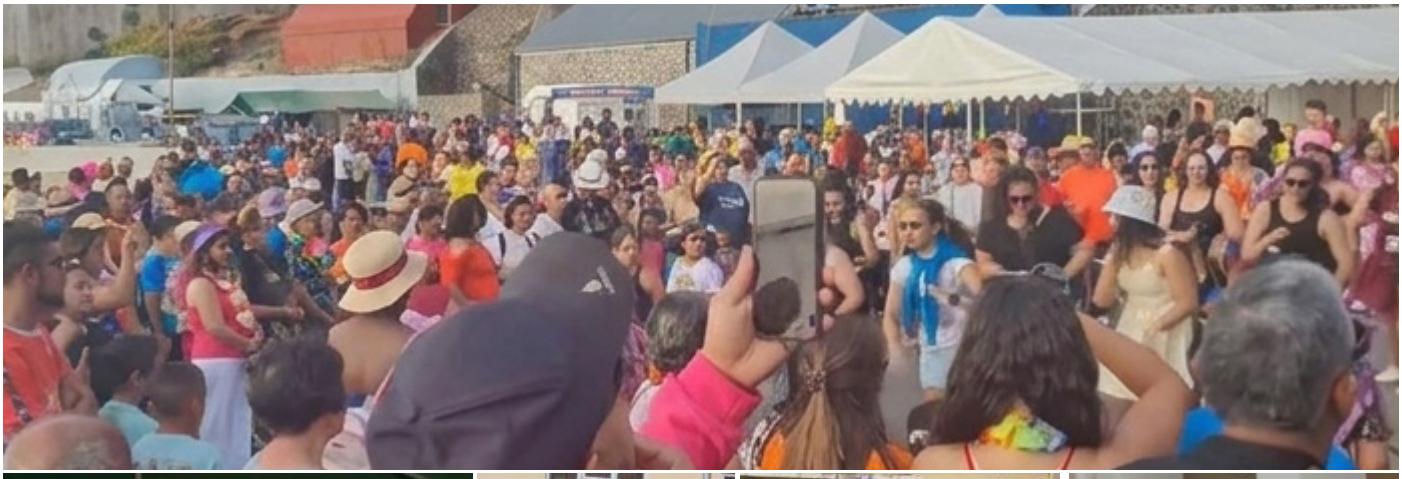
With core restoration and modernisation now backed by these major awards, project organisers are continuing efforts to raise final funds for internal furnishing, display equipment, and exhibition materials.

As years of dedicated planning by the St Helena National Trust and the Liberated African Advisory Committee near fruition, the project stands as a monumental step forward in preserving St Helena's shared history for future generations.



Conservation architect Peregrine Bryant discussing structural preservation and fit-out plans inside the No. 1 Building alongside members of the Liberated African Advisory Committee. Credit - SHNT

CARNIVAL 2026 PHOTO SPECIAL



























IN SCOPE: RECAPPED

The Island Pulse

Constituents Raise Concerns Over Social Care Costs, Workforce Opportunities and Government Accountability



Cllr Julie Thomas,Communication Champion, Contributed

The latest edition of **The Island Pulse**, broadcast on SAMS Radio 1, brought together five elected representatives to discuss community concerns, Government developments, the recent visit of the World Odyssey, and changes to Social Care charges.

Hosted by Councillor Julie Thomas in her capacity as Communications Champion, the programme featured Councillors Clint Beard, Dr Corinda Essex, Robert Midwinter and Ronald Coleman. Discussions included feedback from constituency meetings in Blue Hill on 15 October and Jamestown, Ruperts and Alarm Forest on 19 October, both attended by members of the ministerial team.

Among the key issues were employment opportunities for local people, delays in legislation and planning, public finances, and the affordability of services for elderly residents.

Constituency meetings highlight the need for action

Councillor Clint Beard reported that 11 residents attended the Blue Hill meeting, alongside four ministers. Discussions revisited concerns about community policing, roads, the cost of living, sand extraction, energy, Connect St Helena's billing system, infrastructure developments and the airport investigation.

Health and Social Care Minister Martin Henry outlined work on Adult Safeguarding legislation, mental health, staffing, telemedicine and palliative care. Councillor Beard noted a 22% increase in the Health budget line compared with the previous financial year, stressing the importance of ensuring public expenditure delivers the best possible outcomes.

Difficulties obtaining medicines from South Africa were also raised, with Councillor Beard calling for stronger engagement to resolve the problem. Ministers also discussed the proposed increase in the number of patients eligible for treatment in the UK.

Education updates included the 12-week pause in the primary school refurbishment programme and delays to the post-16 education review.

Other portfolio discussions covered immigration reform, infrastructure, tourism, renewable energy, telecommunications, agriculture and housing. A £50,000 Agricultural Development Fund and £40,000 for agricultural land clearance, including private land, were highlighted as positive developments.

Workforce opportunities emerged as a particular concern. Councillor Beard questioned the island's dependence on Technical Cooperation (TC) personnel, weak succession planning and recruitment requirements that could disadvantage experienced local applicants.

"We should not be chasing people away," he said, emphasising the need to retain local talent and create opportunities for St Helenians to progress into skilled and senior positions. He also called for improved communication between elected representatives and ministers, stressing that recurring concerns must translate into practical action.

Planning delays, policing and insurance concerns

The joint Jamestown, Ruperts and Alarm Forest meeting attracted 16 residents and three councillors. Co-chair Dr Corinda Essex described it as constructive, with important questions raised about employment, planning, policing, insurance and Government finances.

Dr Essex reiterated her longstanding support for a Casual Work Scheme to help young people gain experience and develop workplace skills. Referring to a successful roads and forestry scheme established in 2020 with Russell Yon, she stressed that prolonged periods outside employment can make returning to work increasingly difficult.

The Land Development Control Plan (LDCP) was another significant concern. Successive changes in planning leadership have contributed to delays, and the current Chief Planning Officer has been tasked with preparing a document for Executive Council by 31 March. With a mandatory eight-week public consultation also required, Dr Essex urged that the work be treated as a priority and encouraged residents to participate.

The Road Traffic Ordinance was discussed, with constituents calling for its completion as soon as possible. Dr Essex supported introducing suitable provisions earlier where this could deliver practical benefits rather than delaying all measures until the entire package was ready.

Residents also questioned the police call-out arrangements after 10pm, particularly when events continue late into the evening. Although the 24-hour Control Room remains available, police understaffing was acknowledged. Concerns were raised that delays in officers reaching an incident could reduce the likelihood of identifying those responsible.

The consequences of the airport closure for passenger insurance claims were also highlighted. Dr Essex said outcomes appeared inconsistent, with some passengers receiving compensation while others had not, depending on their insurance policies and providers. She suggested that the issue, alongside insurance more generally, warranted wider examination.

Questions about BIOT funding remained unresolved, including expenditure to date, outstanding allocations and deadlines. A planned meeting with ministers and senior finance officials was cancelled at short notice, and councillors were seeking to reschedule it.

Maritime safety and public finances under scrutiny

Councillor Julie Thomas provided further updates from the Jamestown meeting, including concerns about maritime

regulation, road-user policy and revenue collection.

Minister Gillian Brooks reported that 21 actions had emerged from recent meetings within her portfolio. The Road Users Policy was expected to go to Cabinet that week, with residents seeking clarity on whether noise affecting communities, particularly in Jamestown and Half Tree Hollow, would be addressed.

Small-vessel safety prompted serious concern. Participants questioned why work previously undertaken by the Maritime Authority in 2024 appeared to be restarting and why minutes from earlier meetings were reportedly missing.

Dr Essex reminded listeners that when the Harbour Ordinance was repealed in 2016, replacement regulations were expected. In the absence of a carryover provision, she argued, the regulations should already have been in place.

The discussion highlighted the potential risks of operating without an adequate regulatory framework and the need to progress the work urgently.

Renewable energy was another major topic. Councillor Thomas reported that the initiative remained in its first phase, with projected implementation costs of approximately £22 million.

Questions were also raised about Government revenue collection amid concerns about vacancies, delays in FCDO payments and customs and excise receipts. Councillor Thomas said further scrutiny was needed to establish how these issues were being addressed.

The need for stronger vocational training opportunities was also revisited. Councillor Thomas said the post-16 education review, working alongside Career Access St Helena, should help determine what provision was needed, including whether a dedicated trades school would be viable or indeed necessary.

World Odyssey brings a welcome boost to Jamestown

A more positive feature of the programme was the visit of the World Odyssey on Tuesday, 20 October, which brought hundreds of visitors ashore and noticeably increased activity in Jamestown.

Councillor Robert Midwinter, a member of the cruise ship working group, reported that the vessel carried 523 passengers and 182 crew members. Of the passengers, 458 were young American students.

Visitors spent the day exploring Jamestown and surrounding areas, visiting shops and local establishments, including the Standard and Mantis. A trial wharf arrangement allowed taxi drivers to park further down the wharf, while visitors relied on taxis, private tours and walking to explore the island.

Councillor Midwinter said he had received no adverse feedback about the visit and welcomed the increased activity around town.

Councillor Thomas added that restaurants and other businesses had also reported a good day, highlighting the economic benefits of attracting more cruise ship visits.

Councillors question increases affecting elderly residents

The programme's final discussion focused on concerns about changes to Social Care services and charges, particularly their impact on elderly residents and people on limited incomes.

Councillor Ronald Coleman said councillors had not been adequately informed about the implications of changes affecting domiciliary care and other services supporting older people.

He questioned the withdrawal of some cleaning assistance for elderly people living at home, arguing that their need for support generally increases with age. With limited care-home capacity, he stressed the importance of enabling people to remain in their own homes for as long as possible.

Concern was also raised about letters informing residents at the CCC of increased accommodation charges that would be deducted from their £10 allowance for personal and hygiene necessities.

Councillor Clint Beard warned that the proposed deductions could conflict with the Social Security Ordinance, emphasising that legislation must be followed and changes carefully examined before implementation.

Councillor Coleman also highlighted increases affecting elderly people attending the CCC for meals. Their contribution was reportedly due to rise from £3 to £8, while charges for meals delivered to people at home were also expected to increase.

These changes were particularly concerning because the promised uplift in the Basic Island Pension (BIP) and support for low-income households had not yet materialised.

Councillor Beard questioned whether the announced 2% increase in Health and Social Care charges accurately reflected the changes being applied. He cited official correspondence stating that meals would increase from £3 to £4.10 - approximately 36% - contrasting this with the reported rise in Cape Villa accommodation charges from £14 to £14.30.

"We are all going to get old," he reminded listeners, calling for greater consideration of the circumstances facing older residents already struggling with the cost of living.

Dr Essex reinforced these concerns by describing how one-woman receiving benefits relied on meals at the CCC because she could not afford to buy a cooked meal regularly elsewhere. For some residents, the service provides an essential source of affordable food as well as social contact.

Councillor Coleman questioned why additional charges were being imposed to address financial pressures, arguing that service users' needs should have been adequately considered during the budgeting process.

Councillor Thomas said elected members needed to establish precisely how the announced 2% increase had been applied across individual fees and charges, and why some increases appeared substantially higher.

Councillor Coleman confirmed that councillors would continue engaging with ministers and the relevant department to determine how the concerns could be addressed.

The Government's public notice stated that people experiencing financial hardship could apply for reductions or waivers through the relevant panel and adult support team. It also stated that access to Health and Social Care services would be determined by clinical need, not an individual's financial circumstances.

However, councillors stressed the need to understand the practical impact of the increased charges on residents living on limited incomes.

Keeping the conversation going

The programme concluded by reaffirming the importance of communication between elected representatives, ministers and the public.

From employment and infrastructure to maritime safety, public finances and essential care, the discussions highlighted issues requiring continued attention and scrutiny.

The next edition of The Island Pulse is expected to continue reporting on constituency meetings, including those for Longwood, Levelwood and Half Tree Hollow, followed by Councillor Beard's meeting at Sandy Bay Community Centre on 28 October.

Residents are encouraged to share their questions, concerns and suggestions with their elected representatives so that matters affecting their communities can be brought into future discussions.

As the programme emphasised, keeping the public informed is only part of the responsibility. Listening to residents, scrutinising decisions and following through on concerns are equally important if the island is to make meaningful progress.

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Cleaner/School Driver (Two Boats School)

Total package value up to £23,773

(comprising salary of up to £11,927 per annum plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits)

About the role

You'll play an important part in everyday life at Two Boats School, helping children travel safely to and from school and keeping the school clean and welcoming. This varied, practical role combines school bus driving with cleaning duties and would suit someone who enjoys working around children and takes pride in doing a job well.

Working hours

During school term, you'll work Monday to Friday on a split shift:

- Morning: 7:00am to 10:30am
- Afternoon: 2:00pm to 6:00pm

There is a break between the two shifts. The role also includes helping with deep cleaning during school holidays.

Please note: There will be occasions when a degree of flexibility in working hours is needed, for example to cover school trips, events or activities outside normal hours. Applicants should be willing to accommodate this when required.

What you'll do

You'll drive the school vehicles to transport pupils safely to and from school, taking a careful and responsible approach to their journeys. Alongside your driving duties, you'll keep classrooms and other school areas clean and tidy, clean teaching equipment when needed and help with deeper cleaning during school holidays. You'll work closely with colleagues, report any concerns and make sure the school is secure when you leave.

What you'll bring

You'll be a safe, responsible driver with the appropriate licence to drive the school bus (Class B). You'll also have experience of general cleaning duties and working with children, together with an understanding of health and safety. Reliable and organised, you'll be comfortable working independently and as part of a small team, with a clear commitment to safeguarding children and young people.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £11,927 per annum (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a single status contract and these benefits:

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

This appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing date: **20 November 2026** Interviews: **week commencing 23 November 2026** Start date: **as soon as possible**

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

ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

Human Resources Officer (Employee Relations)

Total package value up to £28,613

(comprising salary of up to £16,767.00 per annum plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits)

About the role

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

What you'll do

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

What you'll bring

Ideally, you'll hold a CIPD Level 3 qualification or equivalent recognised HR qualification. If not, you must be willing to undertake, and pass, at least CIPD Level 3 within your 2-year fixed term contract. This is not an entry level role, we're looking for someone with experience supporting employee relations cases, such as grievance, disciplinary or capability matters, together with a good understanding of ACAS guidance, CIPD best practice and employment relations principles. You'll be approachable, organised and confident communicating with people at all levels. Strong writing and IT skills are important, as you'll need to produce professional correspondence and clear, well-structured reports. Above all, you'll bring sound judgement, fairness and discretion, with the ability to handle sensitive and confidential information appropriately.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £16,767 per annum (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a single status contract and these benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth up to £2,400 pa (taxable benefit)
- A single status food allowance of £3,900 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance worth up to £3,625 per year
- A single status water allowance worth £1,921 pa
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A fully funded CIPD Level 3 qualification, including CIPD student membership, if you don't already hold it.
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care & annual travel insurance

This appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing date: **20 November 2026** Interviews: **week commencing 23 November 2026** Start date: **as soon as possible**

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

SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

SAMS Radio 1

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

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

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

SAT. Oct 31
- 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. Nov 01
- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Luke Bennett
- 1pm:Interveiw hour
- 3:30-5pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 5pm: Island Pulse
- 7pm: Seventh Day Adventist church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations with Anita

MON. Nov 02
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 3-5pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 5:30pm: Country Classics with Donna
- 7:30pm In The Know

TUE. Nov 03
- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Donna
- 10am: Minister Question Time
- 11am: Vibes with Anita
- 2pm: Island Pulse
- 3:30pm: American Connections with Brian Clough
- 5:30-7pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7:30pm: Classical Compilations with Anita

WED. Nov 04
- 7am: Morning show with Deon
- 11am: Indie Wave with Sue
- 1pm: 1548 with Ferdie
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett
- 7:30pm: Ministers Question Time (repeat)

THU. Nov 05
- 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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BBC World Service

100.7 (Briars)

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Featured this Week





Get ready for the ultimate musical rundown as Liam Yon brings you the biggest hits, freshest entries, and biggest chart battles straight from the Official UK Singles Chart! Whether you're checking out which heavy-hitting album tracks have smashed their way onto the board, tracking the massive weekly climbs, or waiting to find out who has claimed the coveted Number 1 crown, The UK Chart Show is your definitive weekly guide to the sounds dominating the UK. Tune in every Tuesday evening at 5.30pm, or catch the full weekend repeat every Sunday afternoon at 3.30pm, right here on SAMS Radio 1!

Local news and notices:
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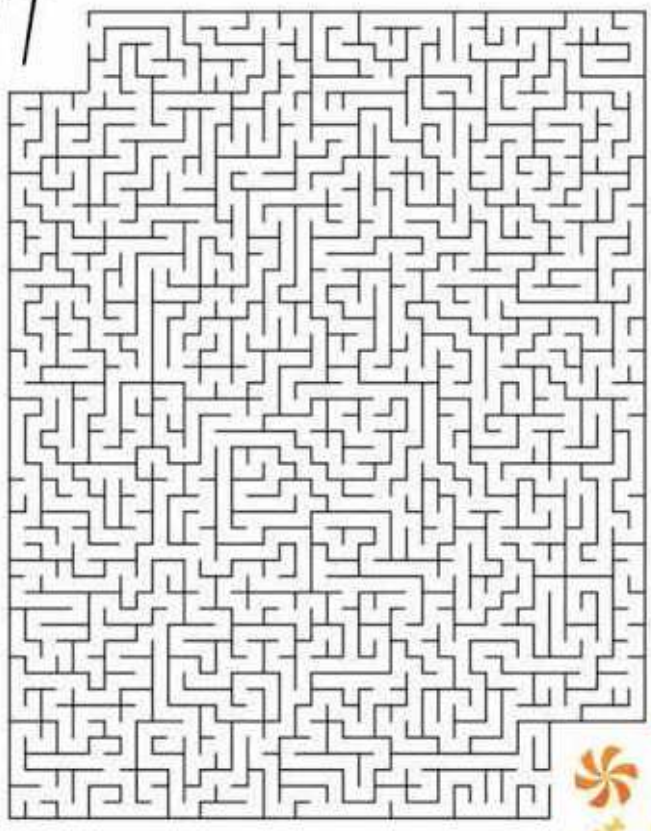
HALLOWEEN TIME OUT

TRICK OR TREAT!

A Maze Puzzle

www.frugalfamily.co.uk







Throwback Thursday



29th October 2017:
Three brass plaques are found to be missing from Plantation House, following a Halloween event the night before. Two are later found in the garden.

(sainthelenaisland.info)

ADULT ONLY! Recently we've shared some kid-friendly recipes for month of frights, but don't forget that adults can have a fun time at Halloween too, and there are some creepy things you can make, including this one:

Malibu Jell-O Eye-Balls



Ingredients

- 3/4 cup coconut milk
- 2 envelopes unflavoured gelatine
- 3/4 cup cream of coconut
- 1 cup Malibu coconut rum
- Food colouring (black, brown, blue, or green for the iris and pupil)

Method

1. Mix the coconut milk and gelatine in a pot. Let it sit for 5 minutes so the gelatine can bloom.
2. Warm the mixture over low heat until the gelatine completely dissolves, then remove from the heat.
3. Stir in the cream of coconut and Malibu coconut rum.
4. Reserve 1/2 cup of the liquid mixture in a separate bowl for painting later.
5. Pour the remaining liquid into your spherical moulds.
6. Refrigerate for at least 5 hours until completely set.
7. Dip the bottom of the moulds in warm water for 30 seconds, then gently push the jelled spheres out.
8. Gently re-warm your reserved 1/2 cup of liquid and mix in drops of blue, green, brown, or black food colouring.
9. Use your paintbrush and a piping tip guide to paint an iris and a black centre pupil onto each sphere.
10. Chill the finished painted shots in the fridge until ready to serve.

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SAFETY, SECURITY AND HOME AFFAIRS

PRESS RELEASE

Emergency Planning Department Reaffirms Commitment to Community AED Project Across St Helena

The Emergency Planning Department, with support from the St Helena Ambulance Service, is continuing to manage and maintain the Community Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Project. Following the recent installation of four new AEDs, this initiative continues to expand public access to life-saving defibrillators at key locations in every district across St Helena. The project aims to strengthen the island's ability to respond to cardiac emergencies, and the public are being encouraged to learn where their nearest AED is located.





What is an AED, and when and how are they used?

Defibrillators are devices that send a safe electric shock to the heart to restore a normal heartbeat when someone is not conscious and not breathing (i.e. they are in cardiac arrest).

A defibrillator may also be referred to as a DEFIB, an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) or a PAD (Public Access Defibrillator). Statistics show that if a defibrillator is used on a patient within the first few minutes of cardiac arrest, they have a 60-70% chance of making a full recovery.

The type of AED's being deployed are designed so that they can be used by anyone, without specialist training. Once turned on they will instruct the user through voice commands on exactly how to use the device safely, for both the patient and the operator.

These particular AED's will only deliver a lifesaving shock to the patient if it is needed. They can tell if this is the case and will talk the user through what to do, meaning people can use the AED's with confidence in an emergency situation. The AED's will be clearly signposted and will be contained in a bright yellow box which looks similar to the image above.

If you require access to an AED, the code to the cabinet can be requested from the Joint Emergency Services Control Centre when dialling 999.

Where are they located? AED's have now been placed in the following locations:

District	Location
Half Tree Hollow	Half Tree Hollow Clinic (Outside of main entrance)
Francis Plain	The Pavilion Area (In the Green Shed)
Levelwood	Silver Hill Shop
Blue Hill	Blue Hill Community Centre
Sandy Bay	Bamboo Hedge Shop and SHAPE
Rupert's	Sea Rescue Building (Outside the main entrance)
Jamestown	Royal St Helena Police Service (Reception) and the Old Customs Building
Longwood	Royal St Helena Police Post (Outside)
Alarm Forest	Sunflower Creche
St Paul's	KS1 School (Outside) and the Rosemary Plain Bus Shelter
There are also other AED's located in HM Prison, CCC and the St Helena Airport (Departures Medical Room).	

Members of the public are encouraged to help raise awareness of these facilities within their communities, ensuring more people know where life-saving equipment can be found when it is needed most.

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The Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section (MFCS) team, in line with the vision of the Marine Management Plan 2023–27, aims to conserve, protect and restore the rich biodiversity and unique natural ecosystems of St Helena's Marine Protected Area (MPA). The use of natural resources is managed in accordance with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Category VI sustainable use principles, ensuring benefits both now and for future generations.

It has been an exciting quarter for MFCS, with the team growing and scientific research and community engagement all progressing well:

Welcome to Annabelle!



We recently welcomed Annabelle Cupidon to the Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section team as our Data Management Officer. She will help ensure that information relevant to the Marine Centre and marine conservation is collected, organised, accurate and easy to access. Originally from Mauritius, Annabelle brings a background in marine science and oceanic island ecology. We caught up with her to hear more about her journey to St Helena and how she is settling into her new role.

What interested you in the role, and how did you hear about it?

"I first heard about the opportunity through a friend who already works on St Helena. With my background in marine science and oceanic island ecology, the Data Management Officer position seemed like a great opportunity to contribute to the island's environmental work while taking on a new professional challenge. So here I am, all the way from Mauritius to St Helena – from one island to another!"

What have you been doing and enjoying so far?

"One of the things that has impressed me is the sheer amount of scientific data collected by the Marine Centre over nearly two decades. This valuable information has supported the management of the Marine Protected Area and helped balance sustainability, conservation and tourism. Outside work, I have been enjoying weekend walks, the island's scenery, the friendliness of the community and the peaceful way of life."



What are you looking forward to?

"Professionally, I am looking forward to making progress in organising and streamlining the Marine Centre's database so that its information can be managed, accessed and used more efficiently.

As I settle in, I am also looking forward to exploring more of the island's hiking trails and underwater world. Snorkelling and diving with whale sharks and devil rays are high on my list of experiences while I am here!"

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Understanding the life history of St Helena's endemic reef fish



MOYSES (LEFT), CADU (RIGHT)

To support this new area of work, MFCS welcomed two scientists from Brazil, building on a working relationship developed through the Mission Atlantic project (read more about this organisation here: https://missionatlantic.eu/). St Helena and Brazil's oceanic islands share important connections as Atlantic oceanic islands, including unique species found nowhere else in the world and similar challenges when it comes to researching and protecting their marine environments.

The project aims to fill important gaps in our knowledge of St Helena's endemic reef fish, helping us better understand how they live, grow and reproduce, and how they may be affected by changes in the marine environment.

The visiting scientists, Moysés Barbosa and Carlos 'Cadu' Ferriera, share more about their research and the importance of working together to better understand and protect St Helena's marine life.



SAMPLING IN LAB

"As marine scientists, Moysés and I share a deep connection with the ocean, both professionally and personally. I coordinate LECAR (the Laboratory of Reef Ecology and Conservation), while Moysés coordinates the Costão Rochoso Project. Our work focuses on studying and protecting reef environments, particularly the fish found around Atlantic coastlines and islands.

Our research takes place along the Brazilian coast and around its oceanic islands, where we monitor marine life over time. We collect information in the field, study the results and share what we learn. This helps us understand how reef fish populations change in response to human activities and warming seas. By looking at information gathered over many years, we can identify possible future changes and help guide decisions about how best to protect these environments.

We also compare reef fish found around different Atlantic oceanic islands, looking at how many different species live there, how many fish there are and the roles they play in keeping the ecosystem healthy. By studying both the conditions in which fish live and the characteristics of different species, we can better understand why certain fish are found in particular places and how their roles in the marine environment may change because of human activities and climate change.

The Mission Atlantic project gave our team its first opportunity to carry out fieldwork on St Helena in 2023, leading to new partnerships focused on the island's unique reef fish. This latest visit provided an excellent opportunity to share knowledge and strengthen the skills of St Helena Marine Centre staff through practical training in fish sampling and laboratory techniques."

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With the visiting scientists now back in Brazil, MFCS will continue the research in collaboration with their team. Samples collected during the project will be sent to their laboratory in Brazil for further study, helping us learn more about St Helena's unique marine life and how best to protect it for future generations.



Public talk: Atlantic oceanic islands and long-term monitoring



On Thursday 27 August, one of the visiting researchers, Carlos 'Cadu' Ferreira, delivered a public talk at the Museum exploring the importance of Atlantic oceanic islands for marine conservation.

The presentation covered how oceanic islands formed, how their distinctive plants and animals evolved, and what makes these ecosystems unique. Using examples from Brazil and St Helena, Carlos introduced Brazil's long-term ecological monitoring programme (PELD-ILOC) and discussed how research on oceanic islands can help scientists understand changes in biodiversity and the marine environment.

Other topics included the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, endemic wildlife and island ecosystems, as well as current and future research on St Helena's reefs.

The talk highlighted how oceanic islands provide valuable opportunities to study nature over time, helping scientists understand how species and ecosystems respond to environmental changes, including climate change.

Happy Marine Protected Areas Day 2026



Celebrated annually on 1 August, MPA Day raises awareness of Marine Protected Areas and their role in ocean conservation, sustainable development and community well-being. It also highlights the importance of working together to protect our oceans for future generations. Read more about this initiative here: https://mpaday.org/

St Helena is home to one of the world's largest MPAs, so the island was proud to take part in this global observance. MFCS marked the occasion with a quiz night at Ann's Place, in partnership with the recently established Island Minds Foundation, which raises awareness of mental health on St Helena.

Reflecting the 2026 MPA Day theme, "Ocean protection needs human connection", the quiz celebrated the connection between St Helena's community and the ocean. Questions covered St Helena's MPA, the species found in its marine environment, and the island's culture and traditions connected to the sea. A bonus round

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featuring sounds from within St Helena's MPA proved particularly enjoyable and was very well received by participants.



1ST PLACE: NOT SO CUNNINGFISH



2ND PLACE: LAST MERMAN STANDING



3RD PLACE: GOOD VIBES

The event attracted 12 teams, bringing together more than 60 people, and raised over £230 for the Island Minds Foundation. It was a great opportunity to bring people together, celebrate St Helena's marine environment and recognise the important role the ocean plays in the physical and mental well-being of the island's community.

St Helena joins Happywhale: citizen science for marine mammals

St Helena has joined Happywhale, a global citizen science project that connects members of the public with marine mammal researchers. The project turns photographs and sighting records submitted by the public into valuable information that helps scientists better understand and protect marine mammals. Read more about this project here: https://happywhale.com/home

St Helena has been recording marine sightings for a long time, with an established database that has been used by the island since 1999. This database has now transitioned to the online platform iRecord St Helena, making it easier to record and share observations of the island's wildlife. Joining Happywhale provides another opportunity to contribute to marine research, with a particular focus on identifying and tracking individual marine mammals.

Happywhale started with focusing on identifying individual humpback whales using photographs of the undersides of their tails, which have distinctive patterns, much like fingerprints. By matching photographs over time, researchers can track where individual whales travel and identify areas they regularly visit.



WHALE FLUKE (TAIL)
DOLPHIN'S DORSAL FIN

The project has since expanded to include photographs and sightings of many marine mammal species, sharing this information with scientists around the world. Repeated sightings can help researchers understand migration patterns, identify important habitats, monitor population trends and learn more about marine mammal survival, all without disturbing or handling the animals.



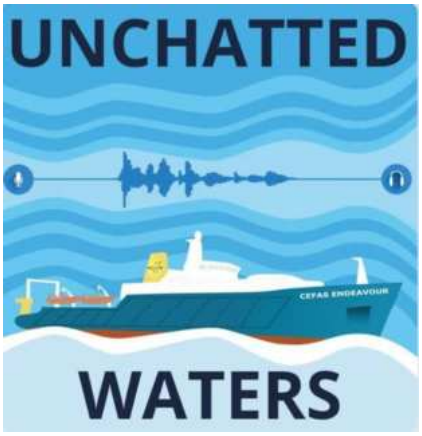
St Helena's waters are visited by a variety of marine mammals, and islanders and visitors can help contribute to a wider understanding of these animals by sharing photographs of whale and dolphin sightings through Happywhale. Together, these efforts help turn local observations into valuable information for marine research and conservation.

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Unchatted Waters podcast



Cefas' 'Unchatted Waters' podcast explores a range of marine science topics, from fisheries and the deep sea to marine biodiversity, food security and ecosystem health. Hosted by fisheries scientist and science communicator Kirsty Bradley, the podcast uses accessible conversations, personal stories and practical examples to make complex scientific topics engaging and understandable for a wider audience. A recent episode shines a spotlight on the people behind marine science in St Helena and the Cayman Islands, exploring why understanding remote island environments matters to local communities and the wider marine environment.



Representing St Helena in the episode was Leeann Henry, our Senior Marine and Fisheries Conservation Assistant, who has worked within the Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section for 17 years!

Listen to the episode to hear Leeann share more about St Helena's marine environment and the work being done to understand and protect it: https://www.cefas.co.uk/news-and-resources/podcasts/unchatted-waters/ (Episode 23)

A rare visitor to St Helena's waters

St Helena recently welcomed a very special visitor to its waters: a manta ray! The exact species has yet to be confirmed, and further identification is needed to determine whether it was an oceanic or atlantic manta ray.



ATLANTIC MANTA RAY (LEFT)
OCEANIC MANTA (RIGHT) RAY

While Chilean devil rays are seen around St Helena throughout the year, manta rays are much less commonly encountered. As generally shy animals, they are rarely spotted around the island, making this a particularly exciting and unusual observation. Sightings like this highlight just how much there is still to discover about the marine life in St Helena's waters.

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CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH 2026

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

1. DON'T FEED THE TROLLS

Internet trolls are people who post provocative, or offensive content to upset others, spark arguments, or just to get attention. Responding to them encourages them to post even more, so ignore them, and don't give them the reaction they want. Take a breath, refuse to reply and save yourself time, stress, and frustration.



2. LOCK DOWN YOUR ACCOUNTS

Lock down your social media profiles and any other accounts, to limit who can tag or message you. This also limits who can see your personal information.



3. AVOID DOOM-SCROLLING

Doomscrolling is the bad habit of spending too much time reading or viewing negative, or distressing content, usually on social media. This triggers anxiety, stress, or frustration. Limit the time you spend viewing this content, or just avoid it altogether by unfollowing, muting, or blocking negative people/pages.



TAKE A STEP BACK BEFORE YOU REACT.

Interacting with other people on social media, when gaming online, or on the internet in general, can, at times, be a pleasant, and positive experience, but for the most part it can be vexing and negatively impact your mental health. Take a step back before you react. Not every post needs a response, and not every argument deserves your time and energy. Take the following steps to protect your mental health when you're online.



4. SET TIME LIMITS & TAKE BREAKS

Use your phone's digital wellbeing settings or built-in app time management settings to set daily time limits and give screen time reminders. 2 hours is the recommended daily maximum time you should spend on social media. Any longer than this increases the risks of anxiety and depression. Alternatively just put down your phone and take a break.



5. REPORT, BLOCK & KEEP THE EVIDENCE

If you are being harassed online or cyber-bullied, or come across incorrect or distressing content, report and block the person or post using the 'report' and 'block' buttons which are present in most social media platforms. Also take screenshots of cyberbullying or threats for evidence, if you think you need to make a report to moderators or the police.

PAUSE, DISCONNECT & PROTECT

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If a little financial assistance is all you need to make this year's celebration a little more magical, our unsecured personal loans up to £5,000 might be what you're looking for.

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1. Decide what you would like to use your loan for this Christmas.
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3. Following application processing, an appointment will be arranged for you to sign your loan agreement and receive your funds. A minimum of 3 weeks is required.
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Apply online; or submit your application to the Lending Section. For further details call +290 22390 or personallending@sainthelenabank.com

Applications should be submitted no later than 2 December for applications to be processed by the 24 December.

Terms and Conditions Apply

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Mantis St Helena

We're Hiring

As we prepare for Christmas and tourist season the Mantis St Helena hotel is looking for passionate, reliable and enthusiastic people to join the team.

PART TIME AND FULL TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

WAITERS
BAR STAFF
KITCHEN ASSISTANTS
COOKS AND CHEFS
HOUSEKEEPING STAFF
FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER
RECEPTIONIST
NIGHT MANAGER
PORTER

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St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

Installation of New Streetlights

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

SSHA4-2026/27 (SSHA-2082-SHG) – Installation of New Streetlight Poles and Lamps

A site visit to view the works will take place on Thursday, 29 October 2026, at 10:00, meeting at the Roads Compound, Donkey Plain.

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 Thursday, 05 November 2026, clearly marked **"Tender SSHA4-2026/27"**.

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

SHG, 22 October 2026

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St Helena Christmas - Filmmaker

St Helena Island



We are seeking a filmmaker to cover the festive season on St Helena

If you are interested, please express an interest by emailing: communications@sainthelena.gov.sh along with a proposal and a quote by **Friday, 6 November 2026.**

Applicants must be available for the duration of the project and have access to their own equipment, and able to supply high-quality videos. This work must be completed by February 2027.

Skills & Experience:

- Ability to capture and story-tell a Saint Christmas (Including reuniting with family, event coverage e.g. Festival of Lights, Christmas Market, parades), family get-togethers etc).
- 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).

sthelenatourism.com

VACANCY

Connect SAINT HELENA LTD

ELECTRICAL NETWORK SUPPORT WORKER

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking to employ an Electrical Network Support Worker to provide assistance and support to Linesworkers as part of ongoing programmes for preventative maintenance and infrastructure refurbishment of the electricity distribution network.

The role will involve general labourer duties, as well as the requirement to clear and maintain undergrowth and trees from the High Voltage (HV) and Low Voltage (LV) distribution network.

EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES

- General Labourer experience and be Physically Fit
- Commitment to Health and Safety in the work place.
- First Aid Experience
- Driving Licence
- Able to fell trees with precision
- Small machinery experience, Chain Saw & Strimmer's.
- Hand Tool experience, Lopping Shears and Pruners.

BENEFITS

- A competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- 15% pension contributions of the base salary and 30 days annual leave.

For further information contact Annalisa Young +290 22255. Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: Annalisa.Young@connectonline.co.sh by 9:00am on Monday, 9 November 2026. To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.

This vacancy is open to applicant's resident on St Helena Island only

www.connect.co.sh/vacancies.html | connectsainthelenaltd | https://www.linkedin.com/company/connect-saint-helena-ltd/

NOTICE BOARD

Mantis St Helena

CALLING ST HELENA'S PRODUCERS, SUPPLIERS & CREATORS

We want to showcase more of St Helena throughout the hotel
and we are inviting local producers, suppliers and creators to supply the hotel with food, beverage and locally made products.

FRESH & LOCAL PRODUCE

Fruit & vegetables | Meat & poultry
Fish & seafood | Eggs | Herbs

LOCALLY MADE FOOD & DRINK

Breads & baked goods | Preserves
Sauces | Prepared foods | Dairy products
Beverages | Confectionery

ART, CRAFTS & MOMENTOS

Art | Crafts | Prints & artwork | Textiles
Jewellery | Ceramics | Woodwork
Books & publications | Souvenirs

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

Whether you are an established business or produce something special on a smaller scale, we would like to hear from you.

Please contact
Matt Joshua
GENERAL MANAGER
MANTIS ST HELENA

25505

matt.joshua@mantiscollection.com

Connect
SAINT HELENA LTD

METER READING SUBMISSIONS

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

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

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

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

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

- Customer Reference
- Date the reading was taken

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

Submission Options

Telephone: 22242 | Mobile/WhatsApp: +290 66242 | Email: meterreadings@connectonline.co.sh

NOTICE BOARD

Vacancy

Part-Time Cargo Processing Agent

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

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

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

Interested Persons Should:

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

For further information contact:

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

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

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

Vacancy

Part-Time Ramp Handlers

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

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has vacancies for Part-Time Ramp Handlers to join the team at St Helena Airport.

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

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a good standard of English & ICT
- Be in possession of a clean & valid Drivers' Licence ideally in class D
- Be committed to delivering an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be committed to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake repetitive Manual Handling & physically demanding duties
- Have the ability to multitask in a fast paced environment to meet tight deadlines
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment and remain calm in high pressure situations

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St Helena Government

GROW ST HELENA

Agricultural Innovation Award

Got an idea for farming or aquaculture on St Helena? Pitch it for a share of £10,000.

Up to £10,000 across up to three winners!

1st PRIZE	2nd PRIZE	3rd PRIZE
Up to £5,000	**Up to £3,000**	**Up to £2,000**

How it works

1. Complete the application form
2. Pitch live, in person, to a judging panel, followed by questions
3. Panel picks the winners
4. Sign agreement, claim costs back

KEY DATES

Applications open	**Thu 15 October 2026**
Applications close	**Thu 19 November 2026**
Pitch event	**Early December 2026**

What can the award support?

- **Equipment and set-up costs** - tools, equipment and small scale infrastructure
- **Land lease support** - SHG-owned land or help securing a private lease
- **Training** - SHG-arranged mentors or training you source yourself

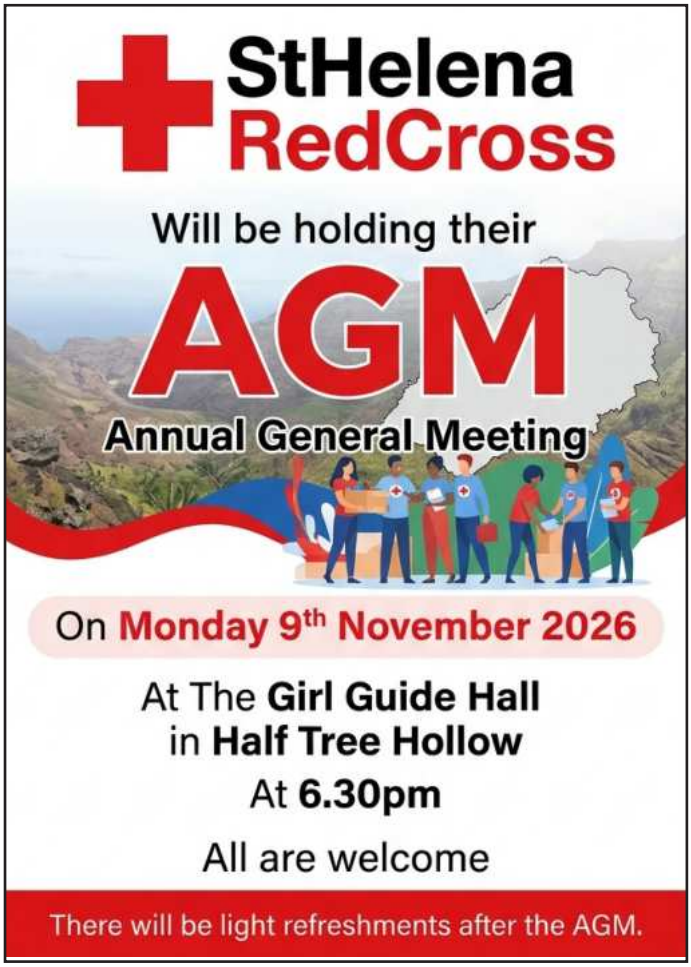
Who can apply?

- Anyone 18+ with an agricultural or aquaculture business idea based on St Helena
- New ideas, or existing businesses looking to expand or diversify
- Individuals, or partners applying jointly (one application per person)

Please note: funding is paid by reimbursement against invoices, not as an upfront cash payment. Winners must commit to keeping their business active for at least two years, to be tax registered and to take part in milestone check-ins over that period.

How to apply

Forms available from the Trade and Investment Team.
Questions? Contact Alexandria Thomas or Michael Ormrod via invest@sainthelena.gov.sh or +290 22470



St Helena Government

CENTRAL SUPPORT SERVICE

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Remembrance Sunday 2026

Remembrance Sunday will be observed on Sunday, 8 November 2026. On this day, the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of St Helena, Dale Bowers, MBE, will conduct a Divine Service at the Cenotaph.

Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Belinda Lewis, and Major Anthony Galvin (USMC Retd.) will attend the Service.

All persons wishing to participate in the Divine Service are asked to assemble at the Cenotaph no later than 10:40.

Remembrance Sunday provides an opportunity to remember with gratitude those who fought and lost their lives in war, while also honouring and paying tribute to those who served and survived.

A special area will be reserved at the Cenotaph for serving and ex-service personnel, as well as those who served aboard the former RMS *St Helena* during the 1982 Falklands War. Their attendance at the Service is warmly encouraged.

A First Aid Station will be available on the deck of Donny's Place at the Seafront. Participants in the parade and members of the public attending the Service are welcome to make use of these facilities if required.

Those attending are also reminded to stay hydrated and drink plenty of water before and during the Service. A sunhat is recommended should weather conditions be hot.

For further information, please contact Crystal Maggott at the Castle on telephone number 22470.

SHG

27 October 2026

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NOTICE BOARD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services - 1st November
Sandy Bay Chapel, 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel, 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel, 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday, 3rd November:
Baptist School Hall, 7.00 pm
Wednesday, 4th November:
Blue Hill Community Centre, 7.00 pm
Thursday, 5th November: Sandy Bay Chapel, 5.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS
Adventure Kids – Age 6 – 10 yrs old
Saturday, 31st October:
Baptist School Hall, 10am-11.30am
Ladies Meeting
Wednesday, 4th November: Baptist School Hall, 10.30am

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact: Tel No 24644

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 1st November 2026 – All Saints		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
	Monday 2nd November	
7.00 p.m.	**All Souls Requiem Mass**	**Cathedral**
	Thursday 5th November	
7.00 p.m.	**Praise and Worship**	**St Andrew**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 1st November 2026 – All Saints		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Michael
	Monday 2nd November	
7.00 p.m.	**All Souls Requiem Mass**	**St James**
	Thursday 5th November	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 1st November 2026 – All Saints		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Monday 2nd November	
7.00 p.m.	**All Souls Requiem Mass**	**St Mark**
	Tuesday 3rd November	
7.00 p.m.	Bible School on Wheels	St Mark



Church Notices

Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 1st November 11.00am
Harvest and Thanksgiving Service
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue

Cell Meetings

Tuesday 3rd November
Jamestown @ 7pm, (contact Bramwell 64352)
Tuesday 3rd November
Cape Villa @5.00pm, (Contact Priscilla 51919)
The Rock Christian Fellowship, Longwood Avenue
at 5.30pm Wednesday 4th November.
(Contact: Tav 51727 for details)
Wednesday 4th November
Half Tree Hollow @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Mercy 53227 or Pastor 51672)
There will also be an Open Air Outreach in front of
the Canister on Thursday 5th November at 10.30am. Do come along!
Saturday 1st November
Morning Prayer at the Rock Christian Fellowship at 8.30am

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



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HOW TO APPLY

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

2 x Additional Educational Needs Practitioners
(£13,569 per annum)

Are you passionate about making a positive difference in the lives of children and young people? If so, the Additional Educational Needs (AEN) Team is looking to recruit two Additional Educational Needs (AEN) Practitioners to support pupils with AEN across all schools. In this role, you will assess pupils' needs, establish a baseline and develop individual support plans with interventions according to the child's level of need. Each practitioner will have a main area of AEN to focus on:

- Cognition and Learning
- Communication and Interaction
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health
- Physical and Sensory

The area of AEN may change over time to help build a team with a wider range of skills. If you would like to join a supportive team and make a difference so that children and young people reach their full potential, please get in touch for more information or an informal chat about the role.

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

Enquiries:	**Sharon Peters on Tel No. 24290 or Email: sharon.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date:	**06 November 2026**
Shortlisting date:	**11 November 2026**
Interview date:	**24 November 2026**

Trainee Dental Technician
(£11,604 per annum)

We are looking for a Trainee Dental Technician to join our team and develop the practical skills required to support the provision or repair of dental prosthetics/devices. The trainee will work closely with the Senior Dental Technician & Dentist, on prescription, gaining hands-on training, alongside a structured modular self-directed learning platform, to enhance patient's oral health, appearance, speech & wellbeing. Successful completion of all modular and end-of-training assessments will provide progression to a Grade C5 Salary. Anyone interested in applying is encouraged to contact the Dental Clinic on 25387 to arrange a practical work sample before the closing date. The work sample will assess manual dexterity, attention to detail, and basic aptitude for the role.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries:	**Charmaine Buckley Thomas on Tel No.25387 or Email: Charmaine.buckley@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date:	**04 November 2026**
Shortlisting date:	**11 November 2026**
Interview date:	**18 November 2026**

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Police Constable
(13,569 per annum)

A unique and challenging opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic and dynamic individual, to join the Royal St. Helena Police Service (RSHPS). The Royal St. Helena Police Service covers both Ascension Island and St. Helena and, at full strength, consists of 34 officers. We are seeking to recruit further Police Constables to support current Policing on both Saint Helena and Ascension.

In line with the requirements of the Police Service Ordinance 1985, the post holder must be under the age of 60 on the date of appointment.

Why join us?

Career Progression – Clear pathways for advancement within the Service, with opportunities to specialise and take on supervisory roles.

Training & Development – Access to professional training, accredited courses, and continuous development to help you grow in your policing career.

Salary Advancements – Competitive incremental pay structure as you gain experience and qualifications.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquires:	**Annabelle Palmer on Tel No. 22626 or Email: annabelle.palmer@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date:	**01 December 2026**
Shortlisting date:	**07 December 2026**
Interview date:	**Week Commencing 14 December 2026**

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Community Staff Nurse
(£13,569 per annum)

The Community Nurse will work within the community setting either at the District Clinics or providing care to patients living at home. The individual will be expected to work as part of a multi- disciplinary team and to support the Community Nursing Sister in the delivery of an efficient, effective and evidence-based nursing service to the population of St Helena. They will also undertake the responsibility for assessment, planning, delivery and evaluation of care to patients that is managed on the Community Nursing caseload under the direction of the Sister or Chief Nursing Officer.

Enquiries: Jackie Henry on Tel No. 23563 or Erika Bowers on Tel No.22500 or Email: jackie.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh erika.bowers@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 05 November 2026
Shortlisting date: 11 November 2026
Interview date: 19 November 2026

Terrestrial Conservation Officer
(£16,248 per annum)

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

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

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Elizabeth Clingham on Tel No. 24724 or Email: Elizabeth.clingham@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 12 November 2026
Shortlisting date: 19 November 2026
Interview date: Week commencing 01 December 2026

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Cloud Forest Project Technician
(£10,088 per annum)

We are seeking a highly motivated, reliable individual to work within the Terrestrial Conservation Section of ERNP at the Cloud Forest as a Conservation Technician under the DPLUS 224 funded project. This post is challenging but rewarding and involves taking responsibility for the day-to-day specialist restoration fieldwork activities under the project and supporting the Peaks Management team in working to protect and conserve the Islands endemic flora and fauna. Key activities will include contributing to the delivery of project outputs, specifically innovative invasive plant management, habitat restoration and creation or expansion of new habitats, fragments, or corridors. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Myra Young on Tel No. 24724 or Email: myra.young@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 06 November 2026
Shortlisting date: 12 November 2026
Interview date: 23 November 2026

Nursery Chargehand
(£10,464 per annum)

We are seeking a highly self-motivated, reliable individual to work within the Forestry tree nursery at Scotland. The purpose of this role is to take responsibility for the production of healthy tree seedlings designated for timber or firewood production within the National Forest Estate. Key responsibilities will include oversight of the tree production cycle from seed collection through to field planting, nursery husbandry activities, and data collection and feedback, all in line with established nursery protocols that minimize the risk of pathogen occurrence. Please contact us for more information and discussion on this challenging, but rewarding role.

Enquiries: Myra Young on Tel No. 24724 or Email: myra.young@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 05 November 2026
Shortlisting date: 11 November 2026
Interview date: 27 November 2026

Receptionist (Local interests only)
(£9,573 per annum)

The Receptionist will be based at Essex House and will be the first point of contact for all visitors, providing receptionist duties ensuring a positive and professional environment for the reception point. In addition to answering the telephone, directing and screening calls as necessary, you will be required to welcome visitors, direct them to their correct destination, maintain an awareness of staff movements in and out of the site, monitor visitor access and maintain security awareness. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Sara-Kay Yon on Tel No. 22500 or Email: sara-kay.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 05 November 2026
Shortlisting date: 12 November 2026
Interview date: 20 November 2026

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NOTICE BOARD

The Annual General Meeting of

ST HELENA LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Will be held at

The Baptist Schoolroom, Jamestown

Wednesday 4th November 2026 at 3.30pm



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

RSHPS ISSUES APOLOGY

On 13 August 2026, the Royal St Helena Police Service (RSHPS) arrested Mr Kevin van Wyk and Mrs Tasneen van Wyk at the Bank of St Helena as part of a police investigation. The investigation was unrelated to their employment at the bank or their family life. Further enquiries quickly established that neither Mr nor Mrs van Wyk had any involvement in the offences under investigation.

The RSHPS wishes to make this clear and apologises sincerely to Mr and Mrs van Wyk, and to their family, for the distress this incident has caused.

RSHPS, 27 October 2026

St Helena Legislative Council

MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME

Tuesday 3 November 2026

The Thirteenth meeting of Ministers Question Time will take place on Tuesday 3 November 2026 at 10am in the Council Chamber. This meeting is open to the public and will be broadcast live via SAMS Radio 1

The topic for this meeting is: **Education Review Report - March 2025**

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

Legislative Council, 26 October 2026

SPORTS ARENA

District Rounders Update – End of Round 1

WSA, Contributed

Following the completion of the first round, it has been decided that the District Rounders Competition will continue into a second round, giving each district another opportunity to improve their position in the standings.

St Paul's currently lead the table with 9 points from three games, having won all three matches and maintained an unbeaten record. Half Tree Hollow (HTH) sit in second place with 7 points, having recorded two wins and one loss. Longwood are in third place with 5 points from one win and two losses, while Jamestown are fourth with 3 points and are still looking for their first win.

In the latest round of matches on Sunday, 25 October, HTH defeated Jamestown 24–11.5, while St Paul's beat Longwood 17–11.5.

The next fixtures are scheduled for Sunday, 1 November, with Longwood taking on Jamestown at 13:30, followed by HTH facing St Paul's at 15:00. The match between HTH and St Paul's will be an important fixture as both teams look to strengthen their positions at the top of the table.

Individual player statistics from Round 1 have been drawn up, highlighting the performances and contributions of players throughout the competition so far.

Well done to all four districts for their efforts in the first round and thank you to everyone involved in making the competition possible. There is still plenty to play for as we head into Round 2, so keep up the hard work, continue supporting your teams, and good luck to everyone in the upcoming fixtures!

ROUNDERS
DISTRICT FIXTURES

Sunday, 01 November 2026

13:30

Longwood vs Jamestown

UMPIRE: HTH/SP

15:00

HTH vs St Pauls

UMPIRE: lw/JT

ROUNDERS
DISTRICT TABLE 2026

POSITION	TEAM	GP	W	L	D	PTS	ROUNDERS
1	St Pauls	3	3	0	0	9	78
2	Half Tree Hollow	3	2	1	0	7	61
3	Longwood	3	1	2	0	5	39.5
4	Jamestown	3	0	3	0	3	42

DISTRICTS 2026
Most Catches

POSITION	Player	Team	Number of Catches
1	Maxina Yon	Half Tree Hollow	5
2	Kati-Rose Thomas	Jamestown	4
2	Jordyn Scipio Richards	St Pauls	4
3	Nicola Constantine	Half Tree Hollow	3
3	Renae Coleman	Jamestown	3
3	Emma Bennett	Longwood	3
3	Whitney Young	Longwood	3

DISTRICT
Most Rounders

POSITION	Player	Team	Number of Rounders
1	Danni Thomas	St Pauls	15.5
2	Sara Thomas	St Pauls	15
3	Anisa Moyce	Half Tree Hollow	14
4	Katelyn Benjamin	Half Tree Hollow	13
4	Barbara Osborne	St Pauls	13
5	Renae Coleman	Jamestown	10

DISTRICTS 2026
Most Rounders in a Single Game

POSITION	Player	Team	Number of Rounders
1	Sara Thomas	St Pauls	12.5
2	Barbara Osborne	St Pauls	6.5
2	Renae Coleman	Jamestown	6.5
3	Danni Thomas	St Pauls	6