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It was open day on Thursday on the Arctic Sunrise, the Greenpeace ship which has been anchored in James Bay this week.

Arctic Sunrise is nearing the end of a long voyage which started in the Arctic Circle and will end in the Antarctic. It is one of two Greenpeace ships which is sailing the Atlantic from North to South collecting information and evidence to support a move at the United Nations to increase the area of the world's oceans protected by Blue Belt.

Arctic Sunrise is an ice breaker and spends most of its working life in the colder regions of the world. It is just under 50 metres long ; the ship is designed to use its powerful engines to rise up on polar ice so the ship can use its weight break a passage through.

There are 23 people working on the ship at the moment, most are crew with some university researchers from the UK collecting information on the extent of ocean pollution for the Greenpeace report to the United Nations. There are 13 different nationalities among the crew, volunteers and researchers aboard the vessel.

The Arctic Sunrise left St Helena yesterday for Cape Town where it will restock supplies and take on equipment for a voyage to the Antarctic.



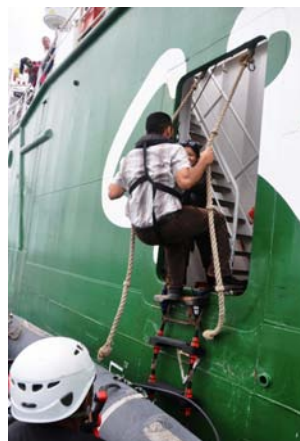
*The Arctic Sunrise; one of three Greenpeace ships which patrol the world's oceans on environmental protection missions and research projects*



*Captain Mike continued the tour on the bridge, explaining the work of Greenpeace, the three Greenpeace ships and the Arctic Sun in particular.*



*Welcome aboard, from Captain Mike and some of the twenty-three in the ship's company*



*Concillor Cruyff Buckley leaving on another overseas trip*



*In the Messroom Captain Mike reads his favourite newspaper*





## Lawson Henry steps down as Chairman of ESH Board of Directors

Honourable Lawson Henry has stepped down as Chairman of the Enterprise St Helena (ESH) Board of Directors. Councillor Henry's tenure on ESH Board dates back to August 2013, when he was initially appointed as an Board Member. During the Financial Year 2016/2017, Councillor Henry was confirmed as Chairman of the Board, a role he held until stepping down.

Dr. Dawn Cranswick, ESH's Chief Executive for Economic Development said *"It has been a privilege for me to work with Lawson during the past year. He has been extremely supportive, provided wise counsel, and generously shared from his breadth of experience. Everyone in ESH is grateful for his long service to the organisation, and we wish him well in all his future endeavours."*

A new Chairman for the ESH Board of Directors will be announced in due course.



## Ascension Island Council Election Results

On 26 September 2019 a general election of the Island Council was held. This followed the dissolution of the previous Council on 01 September 2019, in accordance with the Island Government (Ascension) Ordinance 2008.

Seven candidates ran for five available Councillor positions, with electors being permitted to cast up to five votes each. Of 518 registered electors 150 electors cast 498 votes, casting their ballots as follows:

Katharyn Sarah Chadwick	73	15%
Andrew Robert Ellick	68	14%
Keturah Viola George (Kitty)	105	21%
Kristopher Edward Hall	60	12%
Andrew Cansfield Hobson	64	13%
Iain Courtney Lamb	45	9%
Alan Herbert Nicholls	83	17%

In accordance with the number of votes cast the following persons have been duly elected to serve on the island Council:

### Name of Candidate

Katharyn Sarah Chadwick  
Andrew Robert Ellick  
Keturah Viola George (Kitty)  
Andrew Cansfield Hobson  
Alan Herbert Nicholls



The Council met formally for the first time at 12:15 today where Councillors were sworn in.

Regular business will now resume in the coming weeks. Members of the public are reminded that they are free to attend formal meetings of the Council, which occur on average every six weeks, the next of which is proposed to fall on 07 November 2019.

**Office of the Administrator**  
**27 September 2019**

## INDY PICTURE QUIZ.....Series 1 Blast From The Past

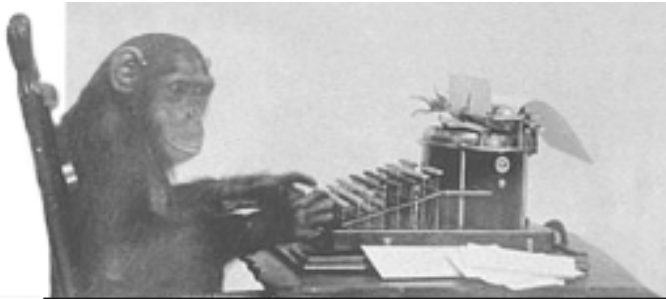
### Picture 3...



NOT QUITE THE SAME.....WHAT IS THIS BUILDING KNOWN AS TODAY?

Answers to be called in on this afternoon's Shine Show with Sharon Wade...**you will be advised when the lines are open to call in your answers** and there will be a prize for the first person to call in with the correct name...

**CLUE:** The young ones find it fascinating.....



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# Editorial

There is a report in this week's *Independent* about ESH being given an 'A' rating in the most recent annual review by DFID. There is one part of the annual review, quoted in today's report which cannot pass without further comment. It is, "This has meant that even while outcomes on visitor numbers appear to be in line with expectations for this programme (the airport project) and the airport investment itself, some local businesses have invested, and taken on costs, on the basis of tourist numbers being much higher." This is an attempt by DFID to re-write history. Outcomes of visitor numbers appear to be in line with expectations; which projection of visitor numbers is the writer of the annual review using? Some local businesses have invested, and taken on costs, on the basis of tourist numbers being much higher; higher than what? It is clear to me that DFID is indulging in a fantasy or hoping us suckers have very short memories. There appears to be a pretence by DFID that their most recent and more realistic projection of visitor numbers has always been the one and only projection. Previous projections from 50,000 a year to 30,000 a year and then downwards further still somehow have been washed away from the records with a high power jet spray.

Look no further than the oral evidence session on St Helena Airport by the UK Public Accounts Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016. One recommendation from that session was DFID should re-calculate its projected tourism figures to provide an updated assessment. The UK government response agreed a recalculation was needed and, "The Department will commission work to recalculate the projected tourism figures based on the real data from flight operations by April 2018 to allow for six months of flight operations. This will include additional information from initial testing of the tourism market."

Airport construction was finished in 2015 and the airport opened in 2016. Delays due to the wind shear problem meant scheduled flights did not start until almost a year after the UK Public Accounts Committee mauled Mark Lowcock, the administrative head of DFID. By the end of 2016 some local businesses had detailed plans and construction projects firmly in place to take advantage of the expected increase in visitor numbers. In November 2016 DFID still talked about 30,000 visitors arriving in the years ahead. Now, local businesses are being given the blame for accepting DFID's visitor numbers at that time as a competent assessment.

When questioned about DFID visitor numbers Lowcock said, "As you will probably have seen, there was a suggestion that the demand might be up to 50,000. We halved that because we didn't think it was realistic. We didn't over-egg the tourism demand projections that we did in 2011; in fact, the data collected since then suggests that we were cautious, and that going up from 4,000 to 7,000 in the first five years isn't beyond the realm of—" He was interrupted at that point by

another questioning member of the Public Accounts Committee. Lowcock also said, "The 2015-16 numbers were 4,000. Our assumption for the first five years of operating an air service was that that number would get to 7,000. I don't think it is outlandish to believe that once you put in an airport and get a decent service up and running, within a five-year period, you can get a few thousand more people who are interested in going to the island." Once more DFID got it figures wrong. The official SHG statistics for April 2015 to March 2016 show a total of 4,252 arrivals in St Helena. Of that number 1,334 were classified as tourists. Lowcock took the total arrivals to be all tourists and from that assumes 7,000 is an achievable target after a few years of airport operation. Later, Governor Lisa Philips repeatedly said the 1,650 passengers arriving by air for a holiday after the first year of scheduled flights was in line with projected numbers. Despite that, accommodation providers were looking up and down the street wondering where these tourists went after leaving the airport.

Another less than friendly exchange between a Public Accounts Committee member and a DFID official in November 2016 sums it all up; it went like this;-

## **Mark Lowcock DFID Permanent Secretary**

We have been working to develop marketing and other things that will need to be in place to attract a sufficient number of tourists to meet the projection when we have the air service up and running. We have helped with things such as the conservation of the wirebirds and other environmental consequences to maximise the attractiveness of the destination to everybody.

## **Richard Montgomery, DFID director for Asia, the Caribbean and overseas territories**

There is a team on St Helen at the moment working with Enterprise St Helena, which is the arm's length body set up by the Government of St Helena to do precisely this type of work.

**Caroline Flint:** Is the team made up of civil servants?

**Richard Montgomery:** Yes.

**Caroline Flint:** What do they know about running a tourism operation?

## **BREAKING NEWS**

Another report in today's *Independent* is about the cleaner shipping fuel to be used from January onwards. News received today from a very reliable source is the marine gas oil already used here to refuel the MV Helena and other ships is well within the new 0.5% limit for sulphur content. This means there will be no extra costs involved to meet the new specification imposed by the International Maritime Organisation.

**Vince**



# News From the Week

## St Helena Ship Registry

The St Helena Ship Registry, set up in January 2000, is to get an overhaul. Restrictions placed on ship owners applying to register their ships in St Helena are so limiting almost no-one can register their ships here. The registration policy allows residents of St Helena with St Helena Status to register a whole fleet of fishing vessels here. Overseas owners of fishing vessels are also welcome to use the St Helena Ship Registry but only if they are nationals of the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or a country in the now out-dated European Economic Area (EEA). The EEA is not to be confused with other past and present European trading areas such as the EEC, EFTA or the EU.



The confusion starts when SHG policy specifies vessel owners must come from countries such as Iceland, Greece and Finland and even Austria, Liechtenstein and Luxembourg; countries with no border to the sea. Greece is well known for its ship owners; there are fifteen Greeks in the top one hundred ship owners of the world. Not one of them has yet woken up to the fact that St Helena will register any vessels they may have. Or maybe none of them want to pay out £500,000 to St Helena which unbelievably was one of the demands for ship registration. Also, Greece is no longer in the EEA; it's a member of the EU. There are only three countries left in the EEA; one of them is land-locked Liechtenstein with a population of 38,000.

The St Helena Ship Registry is a member of the Red Ensign Group which includes the UK, the Overseas Territories and Crown Dependency shipping registries. St Helena is a Category 2 registry which means commercial ships up to 150 gross tons and non-commercial 'pleasure vessels' up to 400 gross tons can be registered. A St Helena registered ship is a 'British Ship' and flies the Red Ensign. The problem is there are only three St Helena flagged ships, all belong to Argos and work the waters around the Falklands.

Another restriction on St Helena ship registrations is that any overseas applicant had to show a 'close economic connection' with St Helena. The current interpretation of economic connection is one that is so close the applicant has invested £500,000 here or the investment provided long term economic benefits. Argos may or may not have 'invested' £500,000 here but their legacy is a white elephant with a millstone hanging around its neck. The St Helena Ship Registry Policy published in 2000 can be held up as a shining example of how not to do it. Income from the Ship Registry amounts to a few hundred pounds a year and any accountant could put figures together to show it running at a loss.

To sort out just some of this ill-judged policy-making Executive Council will soon be asked to approve a recommendation

from the Economic Development Committee that the number of countries included in the list for St Helena ship registration is lengthened to include all European Union countries, all British Overseas Territories and twenty other countries where applications for ship registration could be encouraged. But this will only apply to yachts and pleasure vessels wanting to register; policy to register fishing vessels in this regard will be unchanged. The report to the Economic Development Committee emphasised that a fishing vessel registered with the St Helena Ship Registry cannot fish in St Helena waters unless it also has a fishing licence.

Another measure recommended to Executive Council is the registration fees are brought up to date and in line with what other countries charge. For larger vessels it will be a significant increase. The £500,000 asking price to show evidence of a close connection with St Helena is being removed but only for applicants who want to register a non-commercial 'pleasure vessel'.



**St Helena delegates at a Red Ensign Group conference – April 2019**

For commercial vessels including fishing vessels it's very different. Applications will continue to be restricted to the old out-of-date list of European Economic Area countries. The £500,000 close connection tag is to be reduced to £250,000 and the registration fees will be increased in line with pleasure vessel increases. Changes to the registration restrictions for fishing vessel owners to register their vessels with the St Helena Ship Registry are being held back until St Helena's legislation, policy, procedures and regulations, as well as documentation and records maintenance is compliant with standards laid down by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). The report to the Economic Development Committee stated there is a significant amount of work still required to be completed before St Helena is compliant with international standards. The IMO will audit relevant St Helena legislation, policy and so forth in September next year. Until then St Helena will have its Red Ensign at half-mast – so to speak.

Cleaner shipping fuel demand may mean increased cargo

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charges

In January the International Maritime Organisation will require all shipping to use fuel with lower sulphur content. The allowable limit is being reduced from 3.5% to 0.5%. The cleaner fuel requirement is in response to the need for climate change actions to make shipping less damaging to the environment. It is estimated more than 570,000 premature deaths will be prevented in the first five years of the cleaner fuel requirements. Enforcement of the regulations will be policed by the country each ship is registered with. This means St Helena will be responsible for checking the ships on the St Helena ship registry are complying with the new fuel regulation. In addition St Helena Port Control may be required to check that any ship calling at St Helena is compliant. It is possible these additional responsibilities need to be backed up by amended local legislation.

Of more immediate concern is the extra cost of changing to low sulphur shipping fuel. The MV Helena could continue to use high sulphur fuel the ship if it is fitted with sulphur cleaning devices, called scrubbers. Another alternative is for the ship to switch to liquefied natural gas (LNG). In any event there is a significant cost involved which will be reflected in cargo prices.

Oil companies are also facing significant costs adapting their oil refineries to meet the new specifications. Large companies such as BP and Royal Dutch Shell say they are already producing the cleaner fuel and major bunkering ports such as Rotterdam, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates are expected to be able to supply the cleaner fuel on time to meet the new regulations. Smaller ports, which include Cape Town, may not be fully prepared when January 2020 comes around. The South African government, in common with other countries, will not have the supporting legislation in place in time for the changeover.

SHG have been checking out the options and implications of the cleaner fuel requirement for some time. More details are still needed from South Africa about what arrangements will be in place in Cape Town. Also being confirmed is whether the marine gas oil now used and stored in St Helena is already compliant and therefore not requiring any conversion to reduce the sulphur content. An official announcement is expected shortly when some of the 'unknowns are known'.

It is reported the IMO's Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC) have established a standard procedure for situations when compliant marine fuel is not available for bunkering when January comes around. They have a "fuel oil non-availability report" which the ship's master can present to the Port Authority if only non-compliant fuel was available at the last bunkering port. It is emphasised this arrangement is a 'tool of last resort' and should not be thought of as a 'free pass' to ignore the new IMO cleaner marine fuel regulations.

## ***Frozen fish taken to the dump***

On Tuesday the St Helena Fisheries Corporation caused uproar by sending previously frozen but now rotting fish to Horse Point Land Fill. This action was announced during Mike Olsson and Tony Brooks afternoon show on Saint FM. Messages were phoned into the radio station almost immediately and kept on coming. "It took blood, sweat and tears on the part of our fishermen to bring in all that fish. What message

are we sending to them and their families? People are sleeping on their jobs." Was one of them and very typical of the rest.

Last week the freezer broke down (again) and fishermen were told not to take any more fish catches to Rupert's. It was not known how long the fishermen and the fish processing plant would be at a standstill. Much of the anger directed at St Helena Fisheries Corporation is due to the fact that immediate action was not taken to dispose of the frozen fish in more useful ways, rather than does letting it thaw out and rot. One Saint FM listener pointed out, "years ago fish was used as compost around the mango trees in Jamestown" and other said, "They knew there was a problem, why not cut the fish price earlier, get rid of it at a lower price." The fishing industry is unstable and our youth are not interested in getting involved with it was another comment and "why did they not make cat food with the fish last week or take it to Scotland to make compost?" Another said the fish could have been sent to the General Hospital, the CCC, Cape Villa all the other care centres. Free fish would have done a little bit to help the Public Health and Safeguarding budgets. One person pointed out that fishermen themselves used to give fish away to be used as compost.

An authoritative source stated this week that frozen fish is always sold at a loss. The first reason for this is the freezer room in Rupert's is ten times bigger than it need be causing £50,000 a quarter to be paid in electricity charges. Exported frozen fish makes even more of a loss when the freight charges are added to costs. A big chunk of money could be saved by permanently closing down the freezer but, it is pointed out, fewer fishermen and less fish would be accepted at Rupert's. The present unsustainable situation points to yet more hidden subsidies and losses and to continue in the same way means certain death for anything to do with local commercial fishing in St Helena waters.

Money can be made from selling fish on the local market and exporting fresh premium fish by plane every week. Before that happens a purpose built fish processing factory is urgently needed to replace the out-dated, high-maintenance, (if any maintenance takes place?) life-expired building and equipment which is used at present. The monopoly position given to the state controlled St Helena Fisheries Corporation needs to be reviewed. The 'leaders' within SHFC are clearly incapable of establishing a way forward out of the current very expensive mess. Fresh blood and a new approach is urgently needed.

## ***School Kids Hit the Bull's Eye***

On 23<sup>rd</sup> August it was announced the Prince Andrew School pupils had received their GCSE and A Level exam results and Head Teacher Penelope Bowers said, "*We are very pleased with our students' results, and hope that they are too.*" Further information was requested but the response was that no further information will be released until September. It was not until yesterday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October the long awaited details were published by SHG. The delay in publication appears to be due to the quaint custom where a formal announcement of the results to councillors at an Education Committee meeting



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has t come first. The rest of us use emails but SHG like to use the good the good old-fashioned ways; the rest of us can wait.

In the Primary Schools assessments are made by age group of the overall level of attainment in English and mathematics for years 2 to 6. In maths 49% of the schoolchildren achieved or exceeded the target set for them and 55.9% achieved or exceed the target in English. Year 6 children improved on last year's result in maths with 56.8% meeting or exceeding the target. Last year it was 41.5%. In English 43% met or exceeded the target against. Year 6 are also tested in science where the result was 47.7% this year compared with 33.3% last year.

In secondary education:-

- the GCSE pass rate at five A\*- C/4-9 including English and Mathematics was 43% against a set target of 40%. This was an improvement from 37% in 2018.
- In GCSE Mathematics, 50% of students achieved 4 – 9 grades compared to 37% in 2018. The UK average 4 – 9 for 2019 is 59.6%.
- In English, 57% of students gained A\*- C grades; the same as in 2018. The UK average 4 - 9 for 2019 was 61.8%.
- The top performing male student achieved A\*A\* in Co-ordinated Sciences (Double Award); As in Geography, ICT and Travel and Tourism, B in English Language; a 6 in English Literature and an 8 in Mathematics.
- The top performing female student achieved AA in Co-ordinated Sciences (Double Award); As in English Language, ICT and Geography; a 6 in Mathematics and a 6 in English Literature.
- There was a 95% pass rate at A Level with 20 examinations passed out of a total of 21 examinations sat by nine students.
- The top performing student in Year 13 achieved a C in Mathematics, C in Chemistry and a B in Biology.

However, the number of children in the system with complex needs and significant behaviour challenges was increasing. It was emphasised parental support is crucial for their children's education, both at school and at home.

## ***Bishop Richard Fenwick***

Richard Fenwick, who until last year was Bishop of St Helena, is currently in the United States. Yesterday evening he gave a talk at the University Club of Albany to the English Speaking Union in Albany, New York State. He will speak about his experiences as Bishop of St Helena.

The evening started with dinner and then Bishop Fenwick gave his speech as the guests at the well attended event relaxed after an excellent meal. Additional people were admitted free of charge after dinner and before Bishop Fenwick started to speak. Even free admittance had to be reserved in advance.

## ***Basic Island Pension Increased***

The Basic Island Pension (BIP) was increased to £74 a week, an increase of £1.60. Incomes Related Benefit was also in-

creased by £1.50 to £71.50. There are 770 people receiving BIP and 160 households on IRB. The cost of the increase is estimated at £35,000 over the next six months. BIP and IRB payment rates are reviewed every six months.

## ***Nine Apartments proposed in Market Street***

This week the Land Development Control Authority made a second attempt to come to a conclusion on a development application for a grade three listed property opposite Pilling School. The Chief Officer's Report states, "The proposal is to demolition all the buildings in the rear to construct a two storey building creating four-two bedroom apartments and two-one bedroom apartments. The street elevation of the main building and the eastern wall will be retained and the walls extended to create two storey building that will create three residential units (four bedroom apartment on the ground floor and two-two bedroom apartments on the first floor).

The proposal is to erect a second storey to the front building to provide two residential units utilising the existing, northern and southern, boundary walls."

Existing building on the main frontage



A major discussion point among LDCA members is change to the appearance of Market Street and the listed building itself by the proposal to build a first floor onto the single storey building. The first time the development application was considered the applicant was asked to a revised plan for the development particularly in relation to the proposed first floor addition to the building facing onto Market Street.

The Chief Planning Officer explained in his follow-up report the applicant resisted the suggestion to keep the front elevation o to Market Street to its original single story. "The applicant consider that by setting the building back from its current alignment, would considerably reduce the area available for development and to achieve the volume of development. Therefore the applicant considers the most viable option is to design option and by providing elevation drawing of single storey front building and a two storey building, the officers can assess the impact of the development. Having reviewed the two design options, the two storey front building provides more appropriate design solution as it provides a more prominent frontage in the street, whilst the single front building retain the existing street view looking northward to the church tower, however it does not provide the best design solution when assess direct looking at the front elevation, the single storey building is dwarfed by the two storey building in the rear. With number of two storey building in the street scene, some direct on to the road, this building could benefit from being of two storey height and become a more prominent feature in the street scene."

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The LDCA members decided to defer the development application for a second time and have a site meeting to further discuss the details of the application.

Objections to the application were received from Connect St Helena Sewage Division and The Heritage Society. The Heritage Society objected to the development application because of the major alterations, including demolition, to a listed building in a conservation area which contravenes the Built Heritage Policy in the Land Development Control Plan. The Sewage Division are concerned the proposed nine accommodation units will have adverse effects on the already fully utilised communal sewage system in Jamestown.

The Chief Officer's Report states, "The proposed development is currently linked to the existing sewage system, however the future development will increase level of sewage discharge from the development that will impact current sewage capacity in the area. As regards to the comments from Connect, the applicant will be required to provide details as to the impact of the proposed development and the future capacity of occupiers to ensure that will not have adverse impact on the sewage capacity in the area. The development permission will also include an advisory restricting the occupation of all the residential units if it is found that the future sewage increase arising from the development impact the sewage capacity."

## Annual Review of ESH by DFID

A few weeks back the *Independent* reported that DFID had given an 'A' rating to Enterprise St Helena after completing the Annual Review of ESH performance. The introduction states, "ESH is co-funded by the St Helena Government and DFID. The DFID contribution is up to £ 4.8m over three years, with an accompanying contribution of up to £3.3m from the St Helena Government." The current funding programme continues to March 2021. The focus for ESH, now in its second phase of DFID funding is described as, "upscaling local and international investment, continuing skills and business development for islanders and businesses, and promoting tourism to the island, with the objective of maximising the opportunities in tourism over the next three years and beyond."

In the summary explaining why ESH was given an 'A' rating the annual review points out, "ESH have made good progress on refining their strategic direction and strengthening governance, in part aided by recent new additions to the Board" and later adds, "However, finding the right balance in terms of managing reporting burdens, engagement with governance mechanisms and external stakeholders remains a challenge. An overall objective must be to free up the time of a strong staff cadre to communicate, engage and interact more externally."

DFID's verdict on the current state of tourism is, "On the tourism side, numbers of arrivals have tended to keep in line with or exceed numbers targeted under the programme and assumed in past business cases for the airport, all of which is positive. However, these are masking the impacts on a range of businesses because of the nature of these visitors and how they are spending their money in the local market. In particular, having an expanded range of tourism-related businesses reliant on approximately 2000 annual visitors is prov-

ing very challenging. Similarly, with a maximum of 1500 visitors (and probably less) who have opted to stay in hotels or guest houses (with the remaining in self-catering or family and friends' accommodation) in the last year (and so approximately 30 on average on any given day), this sector has been heavily challenged. It also appears likely that some businesses are cutting prices in real terms and subsidising costs, partly as a function of the high cost of air services and the need to keep overall holiday package costs down – this would benefit from a more holistic perspective on where a limited pool of SHG, private sector and DFID subsidies are best targeted to deliver the best overall economic outcome."

After explaining how difficult it is to build up international awareness of St Helena as a new and exciting visitor destination the annual review continues, "However, there is still a case for pushing some more focus on specific customer segments and to ensure that the marketing and other spend, and the local private sector response, is sufficiently targeted as a consequence. A recent shift towards targeting opinion formers seems sensible, as is the desire to ensure the private sector are properly supported to do more leadership on the marketing side. New metrics proposed through this annual review will allow the Board, management and stakeholders to be more focused and challenging on their activity and spending decisions – in general, now is the time to ensure strengthened focus in these areas and prepare ESH early for a future beyond current DFID project funding."

Referring to other economic activity the review states, "For other businesses, the economic environment remains very challenging – on the basis of the input measures ESH have been asked to deliver against, they have remained on track with their performance, but the evolving local conditions probably demand greater flexibility in certain areas. In particular it appears that different stakeholders have interpreted available economic forecast data in a variety of ways to inform their own investment and planning decision. This has meant that even while outcomes on visitor numbers appear to be in line with expectations for this programme and the airport investment itself, some local businesses have invested, and taken on costs, on the basis of tourist numbers being much higher. In some cases, these businesses have been supported by bank lending from Bank of St Helena. ESH can play a lead role in ensuring that as new data becomes available, there is enhanced understanding of key data (e.g. targeted and forecast visitor figures for the future, new capital investments to be made and by when) such as to provide a more conducive investment environment for the private sector and their intermediaries."

The summary ends with a reference to the much publicised Investor Prospectus which at the time was a long way from publication. "On the investment side, it has still been a challenge to move towards a publicly available prospectus, which by attracting investment in government assets would help eat away at an overly dominant and potentially distortive role for Government in the local economy. For local businesses, limited access to finance is also heavily constraining opportunity. ESH have made good progress in building stronger collaboration with the Bank of St Helena (BoSH). There is now the opportunity to begin exploring how ESH funds can be better leveraged by working on products jointly with the BoSH and to seek wider DFID support on strengthening of the financial sector."



# EXCO REPORT – TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2019

Executive Council met today, Tuesday 1 October 2019, to discuss two items on the Open Agenda.

## **Council approves increase in the Minimum Income Standard (MIS)**

Councillor Green supported by the Deputy Financial Secretary and Statistician presented this paper to Elected Members.

Council was asked to consider and advise whether the MIS should be increased in line with the current policy which would subsequently trigger an increase to £71.50 for Income Related Benefits (IRB) recipients and £74.00 for Basic Island Pension (BIP) recipients. This represents an increase of 65.1% and 64.4% respectively since the Social Security Ordinance 2010 and Social Security Regulations were brought into force on 1 April 2011.

Council was also asked whether the Social Security (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2019 should be approved and brought into force on 4 October 2019.

The MIS is the mechanism by which the rates of IRB and BIP are determined using a set and agreed basket of goods and services determined to be the minimum requirement for an individual based on international standards.

The MIS basket includes the following goods and services: Food and drink (based on healthy diet international guidelines), Utilities, Telecommunications, Clothing, Shoes, Essential items (e.g. cups, washing up liquid, etc), Toiletries and Bus fares.

The prices of these goods and services are reviewed every six months to determine whether an increase in the MIS and rates of IRB and BIP are required. Following price collection work by the Statistics Office for the MIS basket carried out in July/August 2019 it was recommended that there be a 2.1% increase in the MIS of £1.50 per week.

Currently 160 households on St Helena receive IRB and 770 people are in receipt of BIP. The uplift is estimated to cost approximately £35,000 based on current households and individuals receiving benefits plus an element of contingency. While Council agreed that increasing the MIS ensures that the most vulnerable in society are being protected and also helps to reduce inequality, Members also noted that current market prices are volatile and this increase could be viewed as very small.

Members noted that leisure activities were not included in the MIS basket and also raised concerns about the composition of the basket bearing in mind St Helena's current economic climate.

Members acknowledged that the food part of the basket was reviewed only two years ago based on advice from the dietician using a locally-relevant healthy basket. However following much discussion and debate it was agreed that other elements of the basket should be reviewed.

Taking this into account and noting that this was a positive process that happens twice a year, Council was content to approve the uplift in the MIS.

The first payments will be made from Thursday, 3 October 2019. A separate press release will be issued shortly and recipients and households in receipt of benefits will also be directly informed of how the IRB and BIP will affect them.

## **Council endorses the publication of Investor Prospectus**

An updated Investor Prospectus has been developed by Enterprise St Helena in partnership with SHG which highlights the key message that *'St Helena is on a journey towards becoming a globally-connected green and blue Island destination with a vibrant tourism and digital-driven economy.'*

The core objective of the Investor Prospectus will be to promote investment opportunities and in doing so attract appetite for equitable investments necessary to support the relevant growth industries of the Sustainable Economic Development Plan (SEDP).

The updated Prospectus is different to the previous one in that it promotes opportunities and incentives rather than focusing on Crown land and property. It is also a 'live' document which allows modifications as and when necessary and is more digitally aligned to enable better capturing of data. It was noted that around 80% of investors are resident on St Helena and the planned launch of the document has been developed with that in mind. Members were keen to place on record that the Prospectus should target the Diaspora and attract working age skilled Islanders back.

Council was asked to endorse the publication of the Investor Prospectus to enable the inclusion of:

- a) The opportunities described, and
- b) The Strategic Assets described; St Helena Government assets/properties and state-owned entities

Members noted that a number of SHG properties could be put to much better use and be brought 'back to life' but were concerned about who would manage their disposal. Members were reassured that as per the Land Disposal Policy any significant asset over one acre or which is a grade 1, 2 or 3 listed building would come back to ExCo for approval. It was also agreed that other options other than sale of strategic assets would be considered for example part sale and lease.

The Prospectus was seen as a positive drive towards investment and economic growth and can only add value to what we are already trying to achieve.

The Prospectus is about inclusivity and it was felt that Saints should be able to access funds if they have a viable interest in the investment opportunities available.

The Prospectus will be launched locally via a community event so Islanders can easily access the document. Following the launch relevant workshops will be held with the business community to maintain momentum.

It was also felt strongly that there needed to be a way to facilitate partnership/private sector opportunities and this would be taken forward with the Investment Enabling Group and the Investor Prospectus updated accordingly. Should anyone feel that they have a business opportunity which they are looking for a partner for, please contact Martin George via: martin.george@esh.co.sh.

Members endorsed the Prospectus to be finalised to take to the local and international market.

**ExCo**  
**1 October 2019**





St Helena  
Government

## **WARNING!**



There is a shortage of sheep and goat cube/pellets on the island. The Veterinary Service would like to advise all farmers NOT to feed pig pellets to sheep or goats. PIG FEED IS FATAL FOR SHEEP AND GOATS.

The reason is copper. Pig feed is supplemented with copper as it makes pigs grow faster. However, sheep are over 10 times more sensitive to copper than pigs, and too much dietary copper is poisonous. The copper content of the standard commercial pig feed on the island is 50% above the fatal dose for sheep, and if fed to them will cause: diarrhoea, excess thirst, then liver and kidney failure, followed shortly afterwards by death.

**DO NOT GIVE PIG FEED TO SHEEP OR GOATS - IT WILL KILL THEM**

Enquiries: Veterinary Section tel: 24724

### **POLICE APPEAL FOR INFORMATION THEFT OF WALLETS AND DAMAGE TO PUBLIC TELEPHONE**

The following is a Public Announcement from the Police Directorate:

#### **Theft of Wallets**

St Helena Police are appealing to the public for information relating to the theft of two wallets from the White Horse Tavern in Jamestown.

The thefts occurred on the evenings of Friday, 13, and Saturday, 14 September 2019, and, as a result, two members of the public lost a considerable amount of cash.

#### **Damage to Public Telephone**

St Helena Police are also appealing to the public for information relating to damage caused to the public telephone situated at the Customs Building at the Wharf. This incident is suspected to have occurred during the early hours of Wednesday, 25 September 2019.

As a result of the damage, the telephone is now inoperable. This telephone was placed in this location for the benefit of the entire St Helena community, and provided an essential means of requesting emergency assistance.

If any member of the public has any information regarding any of these incidents, please contact the Police Directorate via tel: 22626 or email: [emergencycontrol@helanta.co.sh](mailto:emergencycontrol@helanta.co.sh). The community is thanked for their continued assistance.

**SHG**

**27 September 2019**



## **TIP OF THE WEEK**

**Know where your  
master shut-off  
valve is located.**

**Were a pipe to burst,  
this could save  
gallons of water and  
prevent damage.**





# Crop Watch 5

Crop Watch will introduce at the concept of Good Field Craft. This is a catch all phrase for cleanliness, organisation, & good crop husbandry. Pride in our work & our garden is a big part of this concept & it will pay back many times over if it's taken seriously. This week will focus on weeds.

## Field Cleanliness

How clean is your field? Seems a silly question; it's full of soil & dirt! But what else is in it? Weeds? Waste produce?

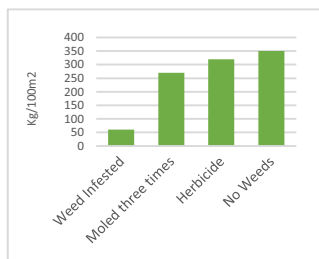
Weeds are big problem for farmers. They are plants growing in our land that are un-wanted. This can be plants like wild turnip, lantana, nut-grass & corn grass, or it can be crop plants like self-seed potatoes & tomatoes.

## The Problem with Weeds

Your soil is full of nutrients & water that crops need to grow, & it is being drenched with beautiful sunshine; free energy from the heavens. Our crops are planted & grow in this soil acting like little solar panels converting sunshine into food & energy for us.

### Competition

Weeds also want the water, nutrients & sunshine. They grow in the same area, using the resources we want for our crops.



Tall weeds shoot up & shade out our crop so it can't get enough sunlight. Other weeds are hungry for nutrients & use up the fertiliser we've put down for the crop, robbing their food.

All weeds put roots down & soak up the rain & irrigation our crops rely on. & once the weeds have stolen all these valuable resources, they

use the energy to reproduce. They make seeds & rhizomes & spread themselves wider so that next season there will be even more of them.

### Hosts

Weeds are often quite similar to the crops we are trying to grow. *Wild Turnip* is a brassica the same as cabbage, cauliflower & broccoli. Self-seed tomatoes & potatoes are the same as planted tomatoes & potatoes. Maize & Oats are grasses like *Corn Grass*.

These weeds can be hosts for pests & diseases that infect our crops. So that even if we have a good crop rotation weeds could be sustaining the problems we're trying to eliminate.

There is no doubt that the biggest source of *Tuber Worm* is from waste & weed potatoes. In many fields it is easy to find discarded tubers from last season that are full of worms. These will eventually hatch into moths & go off in search of new planted potatoes to lay their eggs on.

Similarly we can find weed tomato plants growing in fields next to potato crops. The tomatoes are covered in blight that is transferring onto the potatoes.

Wild turnip is food for *Diamond Back Moth* & a home for *Club Root* amongst many other pests & diseases. These will make growing brassica crops much more difficult.

Weeds can also be the source of virus & bacterial infection. These are different to fungal diseases as there is no way to cure them.

## Weed Control

It's clear that weeds are a problem. So we need to try to control weeds; to reduce the number & hopefully eliminate them.

It is most important to recognise the biological aim of a weed: Nature will not allow a vacuum. It will try to fill empty space with life. This is a fabulous & important function but explains why weeds are such a problem in crop farming. We are constantly producing bare ground; by ploughing, spraying, harvesting. Nature is filling the space with life in the form of weeds. So one important weed control method can be to avoid bare soil.

## Traditional Weed Control

1. Don't spread seeds: if seeds aren't present weeds cannot grow from them. Destroy weeds before they seed. Remove all tubers & fruits from the field, even rejects.
2. Don't spread stems & roots: many plants grow from stems & roots (like nut-grass). Make sure you clean your tools & machinery between beds, blocks & fields or you can transport weeds from a dirty area to a clean area.
3. Grow ground cover. If you have a fallow period between crops plant a "cover crops" this will stop undesirable weeds from growing & has other benefits.
4. Cultivations: ploughing & rotavating can bury & smash up weeds. Beware though; you might just be transplanting the weed.
5. Grow Crops! The bigger the better. By keeping land always covered in crops you will reduce weeds. In the same way that weeds compete with crops for resources so do crops compete with weeds: for example a big crop of maize will shade out small germinating weeds.
6. Weeding: seem obvious but pulling & hoeing is a valuable method of weed control. It is hard & time consuming, so if we can reduce the need to do with other methods all the better.

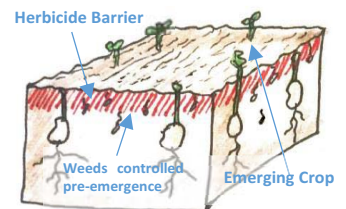
## Chemical Control

There are literally thousands of herbicides for controlling weeds. It is a huge and complex topic so we only scratch the surface here.

*Herbicides can be harmful to plants, animals & humans & must only be used by qualified individuals in accordance with the statutory label or professional advice. Used incorrectly they will damage your crop*

They can be split into three distinct timings

1. Pre-crop: a cheap & reliable spray can be used before the crop is planted or where there is no crop. *Glyphosate* is the best product as it is "systemic." This means it will move around in the plant & kill the roots & not just the leaves. This is by far the best way to control perennial weeds like *nut grass*.
2. Pre-emergence: this is applied after the crop is sown, but before it emerges. Most herbicides fit into this timing. The pesticide creates a "barrier" on the soil surface & as weeds grow up through it they absorb the chemical. You apply this when no weeds are present. These are often "broad spectrum;" they control a wide variety of weeds; e.g. *Linugan* in Potatoes.
3. Post-emergence: application can take place when the crop is growing. These normally target specific weeds & are much more limited in their use. There are very few available, *Fusilade Forte* is an example of a herbicide that will control grass weeds in a range of broad leaved crops.



## New Methods?

There are some novel & exciting new methods of weed control.

1. Some enterprising farmers on St Helena are already using plastic mulch to control weeds. By laying a plastic sheet down & planting in holes cut in the sheet we can shade the soil to stop weeds germinating. It also warms the soil & slows down evaporation
2. Mechanical weeders: engineers are designing very clever machines that can weed around crop plants automatically.
3. Conservation Agriculture. Similar to plastic mulch & cover crops mentioned above CA aims to prevent any bare soil so shading out weeds.

For all enquiries please contact ANRD at Scotland on 24724.

Agronomy: Ted Whitton ext. 216. Email: [edward.whitton@saintheleena.gov.sh](mailto:edward.whitton@saintheleena.gov.sh)

Pest Control: Rosie Peters ext. 210. Email: [rosalie.peters@saintheleena.gov.sh](mailto:rosalie.peters@saintheleena.gov.sh)



## BIOSECURITY GUIDANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS TRAVELLING TO ST HELENA

**There are controls on what items you can bring in to St Helena.** As a remote oceanic island, St Helena is very vulnerable to the harmful impacts of introduced pests, weeds and diseases. Everyone benefits from a strong biosecurity system so everyone has a role to play. In order to protect the Island please note restrictions on the items you can bring in.

You will require a licence from 'Biosecurity St Helena' at ANRD to bring in Bulbs, Fruit and Vegetables. Bulbs are allowed from EU/UK only. Only plant seeds commercially produced and packaged and that are Non-invasive are allowed (*seeds collected from a garden for example are prohibited*). Fresh produce, plants and certain seeds can carry diseases and pests which could affect our crops or native plants.

In addition, boots and hiking or camping equipment can bring in weed seeds, insects or spiders which can damage our agriculture or native plants and animals. We ask you to please make sure that all such equipment being brought to St Helena is thoroughly cleaned before it is brought to the Island.

It is against the law to import Honey, Sunflower seeds and Bananas. Honey is not processed and can therefore carry bee diseases such as American foul brood, as can many other bee related products and used bee equipment. St Helena has very few bee diseases and local bee keepers are trying to develop honey production. St Helena's local Banana production is known to be disease free.

All goods and personal effects entering St Helena are inspected by Customs and Biosecurity officers on arrival using a combination of detector dogs, x-ray machines and visual checks. Any prohibited or restricted goods found will be seized. If you have inadvertently brought in such goods you must declare or hand them over to Biosecurity or Customs, or place them in the quarantine bins at the Airport or Jamestown Wharf, depending on your mode of travel.

**Before importing anything that could be considered a biosecurity risk, or if you have any questions or require further information, please contact 'Biosecurity St Helena's' staff as follows:**

Biosecurity Officer, Julie Balchin at: [Julie.Balchin@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Julie.Balchin@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Biosecurity Assistant, Nicholas Stevens at: [Nicholas.Stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Nicholas.Stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh)

or via telephone on number: 00290 24724



# PITCH TO PLANTATION

## DO YOU HAVE A NEW AND INNOVATIVE BUSINESS IDEA?

Enterprise St Helena (ESH) in conjunction with the Governor's Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office International Programme Fund are seeking expressions of interest from individuals with new and innovative business ideas.

The competition will be open to person's age 16 to 26 years that are permanently resident on the island.

The successful 'Pitch to Plantation' winner will receive £500.00, second place will receive £200.00 and third place will receive £100.00 in the form of vouchers.

The winner will automatically qualify for a start-up support package with ESH. (T&Cs apply)

Pitch to Plantation programme will kick start with a business development bootcamp on Monday 18th November 2019.

The Grand Finale will be held in January 2020.

Expression of interest should be submitted via an application form which can be e-mailed or collected from Mandy O'Bey at Enterprise St Helena.

Closing date for expressions of interest is by Thursday, 31st October 2019.

For Further information please contact Mandy O'Bey on 22920 or e-mail [mandy.obey@esh.co.sh](mailto:mandy.obey@esh.co.sh)



# Community Development Organisation

## VACANCY: CDO OFFICER

**Fixed Term: 2 year contract (opportunity to extend)**

**Salary: £10,000 per annum**

We are seeking a passionate & community-minded individual to support and develop civil society on St Helena.

The St Helena Community Development Organisation (CDO) is a small voluntary group working to build a strong and resilient Civil Society through promoting and enhancing the sector on St Helena. Our services include financial and non-financial support to local civil society organisations.

In addition to enabling and advocating for civil society organisations, the St Helena Community Development Organisation Officer will be responsible for the day-to-day operations and administration of the organisation, and the Community Grant Scheme.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

#### *Essential*

- Can demonstrate experience working in the field of community/social development in a paid or voluntary capacity
- Knowledge and experience of St Helena's Civil Society Organisations and key stakeholders
- Financial, project co-ordination, organisation and reporting skills/experience
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Exemplary interpersonal skills
- Advanced skills in Microsoft Office
- Highly organised, self-motivated and disciplined
- Positive, pro-active, creative and energetic

#### *Desirable*

- Experience of working under the direction of a committee
- Experience with policy and process development, and strategic planning

This is a full time position and normal hours of work are Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 4:00pm. However, consideration can be given to persons wishing to undertake this as a part time position (a minimum of 21 hours per week will be required with the relevant salary adjustment made). Please note, occasional evening and weekend work may be required. Having your own transportation would be advantageous.

The post-holder will be responsible to the CDO Management Committee.

For further information about the post please contact Shayla Ellick on telephone number 23787 after 5pm or email: [community.sthelenagmail.com](mailto:community.sthelenagmail.com)

To apply please send your CV and cover letter addressed to the St Helena Community Development Organisation via e-mail to [community.sthelenagmail.com](mailto:community.sthelenagmail.com).

**Closing date for applications is 16.00 Friday, 18 October 2019**





### Has a **Temporary Part-time Vacancy for an Assistant Care Worker**

Supporting our full time Care worker three days per week (Monday s– Wednesdays)for the period, 21 October 2019 through to 8 January 2020, providing care and enrichment activities for our high dependent clients on the Carraressi Programme.

#### Duties include:

- To assist with travel needs which will include transporting/escorting clients to and from their home .
- To actively participate in the development of daily timetables of activities of clients to enhance their quality of life.
- To assist clients with all aspects of their personal care including toileting and hygiene whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.
- To adhere to SHAPE's Safeguarding Policy and Procedure for disabled and vulnerable people.
- Undertake any other duties as directed by the Manager

#### Job Requirements:-

##### •VETTING CERTIFICATE/DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE (DBS) CLEARANCE

- Experience in Care Work - Desirable
- Qualification in NVQ Social Care Level 2 –Desirable
- Driving license Class A & C – Desirable
- Basic understanding of disability issues and willingness to assist people with a range of disabilities.

For a full job description and an application form please contact  
Mrs Marianne Young-Crowie (SHAPE Manager)  
on 24690  
or email  
[SHAPE@helanta.co.sh](mailto:SHAPE@helanta.co.sh)

Please submit your application form to  
Miss Danielle Anthony  
(Finance & Administration Manager) via email  
[Finance\\_AdminManager.SHAPE@helanta.co.sh](mailto:Finance_AdminManager.SHAPE@helanta.co.sh)  
by **7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 4pm**

We look forward to hearing from you!



## VACANCY – GIS TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYOR

The Infrastructure and Transport Directorate has an opportunity for someone to work in the GIS section as a GIS Topographic Surveyor.

The successful candidate will be required to have GCSE qualifications in Maths, English and Geography at Grade C or above, GCSE in IT at Grade C or above or ECDL covering at least MS Word, Excel and Access and a valid driver's license class C. At least two years' experience in surveying is essential.

Salary for the post is at Grade C which is £8,613 per annum.



For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mr Devlin Yon, GIS Manager on telephone number 22270 or e-mail [devlin.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:devlin.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Application forms and Job profiles are available from Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, Essex House or e-mail [karen.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:karen.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than Tuesday 8th October 2019.

Proposed interviews for shortlisted candidates will take place on Friday 11th October 2019 at Essex House.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview.

**Derek Henry**

**Acting Director of Infrastructure and Transport Directorate**

**27 September 2019**

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **VACANCY – ELECTRICIAN**

The Infrastructure and Transport Directorate has a vacancy for an Electrician who will be responsible for carrying out daily maintenance on electrical installations and associated equipment and assisting with testing and inspections of electrical installation within SHG buildings in accordance with the BS7671 17th Edition IEE Electrical Regulations.

The candidate should have qualifications in Functional Skills Level 1 in Literacy and Numeracy, City and Guilds in Electrical Installations or St Helena Wireman's License and a Valid Driver's License at Class C. At least two years' experience working as a qualified electrician is also required.

The salary for the Electrician is at Grade B1 commencing at £6,722 per annum.



For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mr Anders Bowers, Senior Superintendent (Installation) on telephone number 22054 (e-mail anders.bowers@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Application forms and Job profiles are available from Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, Essex House or e-mail karen.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Friday 11th October 2019. Proposed interviews for shortlisted candidates will take place on Friday 18th October 2019 at Essex House.

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**Derek Henry**

**Acting Director of Infrastructure and Transport Directorate**

**2 October 2019**

## **Appointment of Justices of the Peace**

Under the Magistrates' Court Ordinance, the Governor may appoint any person who appears to be suitable to perform the duties of the office, but section 90(4) of the Constitution requires the Governor to act in accordance with the advice of the Judicial Service Commission. It is hoped that the Commission will be able to meet in November 2019 to make recommendations to the Governor.

Expressions of interest are therefore invited from persons who wish to be considered for appointment. Public officers are now entitled to serve as judicial officers on the basis that is consistent with the independence of the judiciary and with the efficiency of the public service.

The main function of Justices of the Peace is to participate in the sittings of the Magistrates' Court. There is a regular sitting each Thursday morning, for which a rota is published well in advance, and occasional special sittings to deal with urgent business. Justices also have a number of out-of-court functions in relation to issuing summonses and warrants, and countersigning various formal documents. The position is by tradition an honorary one, but a monthly retainer is paid, plus an allowance for each court sitting.

Further information can be obtained by speaking to any of the current Justices, or from the Clerk of the Peace:

Yvonne Williams  
Castle Courtyard  
Jamestown  
Tel: 22340

Email: yvonne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted to the Clerk of the Peace, in writing, to arrive by 4pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019. A form is available from the Clerk, and its use is encouraged, but letters will be accepted.

**Yvonne Williams, Clerk of the Peace**

**25<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**



For further information,  
including the Company's  
attractive benefits package,  
please contact  
Andrew Plato,  
Acting Manager, BFI  
on telephone number: 22332  
or via email address:  
BFI@helanta.co.sh

Application forms may be collected  
from Solomons Reception Desk, in  
the Main Office Building, Jamestown  
or alternatively an electronic copy  
can be requested via e-mail  
address: [hadmin@solomons.co.sh](mailto:hadmin@solomons.co.sh)  
and should be completed and  
returned to Anya Thomas, Human  
Resources Development Officer,  
Solomons Office, Jamestown,  
By 09 October 2019

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc  
has a vacancy for an

## *Assistant Manager*

within the Bulk Fuel Installation

### Job Outline

To assist the Manager with the day to day running of the Bulk Fuel Installation, and to deputise for the Manager in his absence.

### Interested Persons Should:

- Ideally have GCSE Maths & English or equivalent at Grade C or above
- Have knowledge of bulk fuel storage, distribution and handling and related Health & Safety
  - Have good leadership ability with experience in managing a team
  - Have strong interpersonal & organisational skills
- Have excellent IT skills and be able to communicate effectively
  - Ability to multi task & work under pressure
  - Be in possession of a valid driver's license

Salary will start at £ 13,566.96 per annum, (£1,130.58 per month)



### **Vacancy – Electricity Generation Manager**

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to fill the position of an Electricity Generation Manager, on a fixed term contract for a period of two years. This is a key role within the Company's management structure with responsibility for the operation, maintenance, repairs and strategic development of generation equipment on Saint Helena up to the point of distribution at 11,000 volts.

The successful candidate should have the following qualifications and experience:

HND in Electrical/Electromechanical Engineering, 10 years Post Qualification Technical Experience, 3 years Management Experience, Computer Literate, Working knowledge of SCADA Systems operation, Experience in renewable energy development & storage technology, Health & Safety risk assessment, Training & Development experience, Authorised Person(Electrical) HV/LV and a Class C Drivers licence.

Commitment to best practice and resource management is also essential to this role.

For a full job description and/or further details on this position please contact Clare Harris on 22255 or email Clare at [clare.harris@connect.co.sh](mailto:clare.harris@connect.co.sh). Completed application forms should be emailed to Carol Thompson on email [carol.thompson@connect.co.sh](mailto:carol.thompson@connect.co.sh) or handed in to the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown by 12:00 noon, Monday 7 October 2019.





# VACANCIES SEA RESCUE SERVICES CREW

The Sea Rescue Services of the St Helena Police Directorate has an opportunity a self-motivated and enthusiastic individual to join their team as Sea Rescue Services Crew (Coxswain). This post will be a permanent contract.

The purpose of the post is to protect and save life at Sea, Some of the key tasks and responsibilities are:

1. Carry out directions from the Officer in Charge when at sea rescue incidents ensuring work is carried out within the standard operating procedures.
2. Support the wider Police Directorate through deployment when required within limitation of training given, as a Special Police Constable.
3. Under the direction of the Sea Rescue Service Deputy Manager, responsible for ensuring the maintenance and proper use of all Sea Rescue facilities, boats and equipment ensuring it is in a state of readiness at all times.
4. Make safety critical decisions during sea rescue operations and other deployments, ensuring the safety of the public, other agencies and the sea rescue crews.

Applicants should be 18 years of age or over and be a confident swimmer with the ability to pass a fitness test.

Prospective candidates should have:

- GCSE Math and English at Grade C or above or equivalent. If applicants do not have these qualifications they will be required to successfully pass a Functional Skills assessment in English and/or Maths.
- First Aid Qualification – First Responder
- Valid and clean driving licence in Class A.
- Experience /Qualifications if the Maritime field.



Hours of work will be 35 per week and the successful applicant will be required to be on-call for emergencies and will be required some weekends as per an on-call and Aircraft cover rota. Salary for the post is at Grade C commencing at £9,053 per annum.

For further details regarding the full role and a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Mr Simon Wade, Sea Rescue Manager on telephone number 25052 or e-mail [simonwade@helanta.co.sh](mailto:simonwade@helanta.co.sh) or Mr Craig Scipio, Deputy Sea Rescue Manager Tel 25215, email: [craigscipio@helanta.co.sh](mailto:craigscipio@helanta.co.sh). Deputy Sea Rescue Manager Leeroy Caswell Tel 25215, Email: [leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh](mailto:leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh) Applications should be completed and submitted, through Directors, where applicable, to Anya Richards, Human Resources Officer at Coleman House, Police HQ, Jamestown (or email [anya.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:anya.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh)) by no later than 16.00 on Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019.

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**David Lynch**  
**Chief of Police**

## VACANCY FOR SUPPORT WORKER, DEASONS SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION

The Children & Adult Social Care Directorate is seeking to recruit a caring and compassionate individual who is warm and friendly, with a strong work ethic and a genuine interest in supporting individuals who are no longer able to live at home. The post holder will provide assistance and direction to persons living within the Sheltered Accommodations, to enable them to live relatively independent but, with an oversight of support for their wellbeing.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- Experience of working in a role that deals directly with members of the community or experience of caring for family members
- Basic Literacy and Numeracy skills and the ability to understand and follow policies and procedures
- Willing to engage in relevant training to enhance skills and knowledge in caring for individuals who are no longer able to live at home

Applicants would need to be willing to undertake and complete the NVQ Level 2 Health and Social Care qualification.

Salary for this post is £6,890 per annum depending on qualifications and experience.

For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Ms Gilly Brooks, Sheltered Accommodation Manager on telephone number 22713 or e-mail: [gillian.brooks@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:gillian.brooks@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and on the SHG website at: [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies), and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail [madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 15 October 2019.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

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**Children & Adult Social Care Directorate 30 September 2019**

## VACANCY FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTRATOR

The Education & Employment Directorate has a vacancy for a Public Examinations Administrator. The successful post holder will be based at Prince Andrew School and will be responsible for the registration and administration of all external tests, public examinations and vocational assessments for students.

**Applicants should be able to demonstrate experience in administration, in particular communicating with external agencies or companies, managing and maintaining filing systems and data inputting and/or have a grade C or above in GCSE Maths and English. A recognised qualification in IT is desirable. The ideal candidate must be self-motivated and have good interpersonal skills.**

Salary for the post is Grade C, £8613 per annum.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Penelope Bowers, Headteacher, Prince Andrew School, on telephone number 24290 or e-mail [penelope.bowers@princeandrew.edu.sh](mailto:penelope.bowers@princeandrew.edu.sh)

Application forms which are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail [santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm, on Monday, 14 October 2019.

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**Mrs. Wendy Benjamin**  
**Director of Education & Employment**  
**3 October 2019**



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## VACANCY FOR A TEACHING ASSISTANT

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ a suitable person who enjoys working with young people to join a committed team of teachers within the Primary Sector of the Directorate.

Applicants must have GCSEs in English and Maths at Grade C or above or equivalent qualification. Recent and relevant work experience would be desirable. The ideal candidate must be self-motivated, have good interpersonal skills and a sense of humour.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide assistance to the class teacher by supporting teaching and learning in the school/classroom environment. Plan and prepare programmes of work under the direction of the class teacher to cater for the learning needs of groups of pupils and or individuals.

Salary payable will be from Grades TA1- TA2, ranging from £7,226 to £7,562 per annum.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Carlean Crowie, Headteacher, Harford Primary School on telephone number 24719 or e-mail [carlean.crowie@primary.edu.sh](mailto:carlean.crowie@primary.edu.sh)

Application forms which are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail [santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm, on Friday, 11 September 2019.

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**Mrs. Wendy Benjamin**  
**Director of Education & Employment**  
**3 October 2019**



## VACANCY FOR TEMPORARY TEACHING ASSISTANT

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ a Temporary Teaching Assistant to work within St Pauls Primary School on a fixed-term basis for the period of 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 until 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in the first instance.

Applicants must have GCSE's in English and Maths at Grade C or above or equivalent qualification. Recent and relevant work experience would be desirable. The ideal candidate must be self-motivated, have good interpersonal skills and a sense of humour.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide assistance to the class teacher by supporting teaching and learning in the school/classroom environment.

Salary payable ranges from TA1, £7,226 per annum to TA.2, £7,562 per annum, depending upon qualifications.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Patricia Williams, Headteacher, St Pauls Primary School on telephone number 24737 or e-mail [patricia.williams@primary.edu.sh](mailto:patricia.williams@primary.edu.sh)

A full job description and application forms, which are available from the Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail [santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm, on Wednesday 16 October 2019.

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**Mrs. Wendy Benjamin**  
**Director of Education & Employment**  
**3 October 2019**





## Golf Report for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019



Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> of September the club hosted our monthly medal stroke play competition played over 18 holes. With overcast, cool and moderate windy conditions, 23 payers turned out to compete.

Second place went to Peter Johnson with a Nett score of 67. The winner for the day was Jeffrey Stevens with a score of Nett 66.

The two ball competition was won by Scott Crowie on hole 16 and an eagle two on the second hole for Lawson Henry. Congratulations to all the winners.

This coming weekend the club is hosting a Par 3 competition. Sign-up sheet are displayed on the Club Notice Board or you can leave your name on the Club answering service on 24421 if anybody still want to enrol.

The members are also reminded that our annual "Open championship" tournament is starting the 20<sup>th</sup> of October. Signs up

sheets is on the notice board.  
Keep on swinging.  
Contributed by: Games manager.

## Junior Football

9 aside

Yellow Devils 10 v Young Rebels 1

G/S Yellow Devils: 1 own goal; Harry Winfield 3, Kenin Bargo 4 & Aden Thomas-Stevens 2

G/S Young Rebels: Taylon Phillips 1

POM: Harry Winfield & Taylon Phillips

11aside

Galacticos 9 v Titans 0

G/S Galacticos: Aiden Yon-Stevens 4; Christo Crowie 2, Ethan Harris 2 & Evan Constantine 1

POM: Aiden Yon-Stevens

Fixtures Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October

9 aside

9.15am Jungle Rangers v Young Rebels

11aside

Galacticos v Rangers



# Goodwin Ltd

## Vacancies for Construction Workers in the Falkland Islands

**Goodwin Ltd** has vacancies for experienced Carpenters and Groundworkers to work within its construction team.

Applicants for the Carpenter positions should have a proven track record in carpentry and joinery and be experienced in all other aspects of construction site work.

Applicants for the Groundworker positions must be experienced in marking out sites, foundation works (shuttering, reinforcing etc) blockwork, concrete pathways and floors and drainage works including site levels, excavation of trenches, manholes and the laying of foul and surface water drains.

A full driving license is essential as is the ability to work at heights and in confined spaces.

Applicants must also be physically fit and have a working knowledge of PPE and Health and Safety practices.

Salary will range from £24k to £30k for a 48hr week and is dependent on the applicant's skills and previous experience.

For further information and a job description please email your CV to Glen Williams, Goodwin Manager [manager@goodwin.co.fk](mailto:manager@goodwin.co.fk)

Closing date for applications is **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.**

## Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

The red machine roars on as Liverpool wins their 7<sup>th</sup> game of the new season in their quest to become Premier League Champions. This was far from an easy match against the new boys Sheffield United. The Blades came with a great game plan and limited Liverpool to any notable chances in the first half; instead they look the more likely to score. In took a lucky shot from Georginio Wijnaldum to win all 3 points for the league leaders; the tame shot from the Dutchman went through the hands and legs of the Goal Keeper and barely cross the line. This was Liverpool's first shot on target. A disappointing moment in the game for Dean Henderson who is on loan from Liverpool's bitter rivals Manchester United. Liverpool remains on top; 5 points clear of man City. This is their best start to a league campaign since the 1990/1991 season.



**Henderson had a faultless afternoon until the error that gifted Liverpool all 3 points**

Man City stayed in touch with the league leaders but had an equally difficult match against a much improved Everton side. The game remained in the balance until Sterling scored the 3<sup>rd</sup> goal in the 84<sup>th</sup> minute to give the Champions a 3-1 victory. Calvert Lewin had equalised Jesus opener in the 33<sup>rd</sup> minute

before Mahrez put City 2-1 up in the 71<sup>st</sup> minute. Ederson made two good saves to keep Man City in control of the match. The Brazilian keeper made 8 saves in total the most he has had to make for this season. Despite the lost Everton fans would have been in a more positive mood than when their side loss to Sheffield United in the previous match.



**Man of the match Riyad Mahrez**

In other matches on Saturday; Aston Villa twice took the lead only for Burnley to equalised and earn a 2-2 draw. It was the same score line at the Vitality Stadium as Bournemouth drew with West Ham.

Chelsea scored 2 second half goals against Brighton to give Frank Lampard his first home win.

Depleted by injuries Norwich travelled to Crystal Palace a loss 2-0.

Despite a goal keeping howler from Hugo Lloris and a sending off, Spurs manage to scrap a 2-1 win against Southampton.

This was a much win game for the North London club as they are facing turbulent times after they loss to Leicester and



### NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF SHAPE

**(St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise)**

Under Section 77 of the Companies Ordinance 2004 ("the Ordinance") and

Articles 77 and 78 of the Articles of Incorporation

**NOTICE is hereby given of the postponement of the Annual General Meeting of Members of SHAPE (St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise) which was due to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at SHAPE Head Centre, Sandy Bay at 10:00 am.**

**A new date for the AGM will be set and a new notice will be published.**

**SHAPE Board of Directors apologises for any inconveniences this may cause.**

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## Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Colchester.

The two teams, Wolves and Watford who had not won a match in the league this season face each other at Molineux. It was the home team that came out on top winning 2-0. This win for Wolves moved them up to 13<sup>th</sup> in the table. Watford remains rock bottom.



**Wolves ends winless run**

On Sunday inform Leicester City moved up to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the table as they defeated Newcastle United 5-0.

Newcastle who had Hayden sent off just before halftime didn't muster a shot on target in a performance they angered their manager Steve Bruce. He was extremely disappointed in his team's lack of fight against the 'Foxes'.

Leicester is currently everyone's favourite team to break into the top 6<sup>th</sup> this season. Brendan Rodgers has assembled a good team that can compete with the very best. Jamie Vardy still remains the talisman; he scored 2 of Leicester's 5 goals against Newcastle.

I think even the diehard Manchester United fans was expecting a loss against Arsenal on Monday. However after going ahead with a brilliant strike by Scott McTominay, we were disappointed in the way we conceded the equaliser. Tuanzebe was at fault for the equaliser instead of playing the ball back to Maguire to clear he attempted a cross field pass to Lindelof which was intercepted and resulting in Aubameyang scoring. Man United edge it in chances create but truth be told the game itself was a dismal one; far from the clashes of old.

Both United and Arsenal are way off competing for the top 2 places.



**Man of the Match Aubameyang**

The early match on Saturday will see an under fire Spurs team travel south to face Brighton. The 2pm games see Burnley host Everton; Liverpool face inform Leicester Anfield, Norwich play at home against fellow promoted team Aston Villa and Watford will look to pick up their first league win as they host Sheffield United.

In the late match West Ham will play Crystal Palace.

On Sunday 3 matches will kick off at 1pm GMT. Arsenal host Bournemouth; Man City play Wolves and Southampton play at home against Chelsea. In the late match at 3.30pm Manchester United will travel to the North East to face Newcastle.



In a game that started well for Spurs ended in Champions league disaster as they loss 7-2 at home against Bayern Munich. To make the score line even worse it was former Arsenal player Gnabry who scored 4 of the goals.

Man City had 81% of the possession against Dinamo Zagreb but it took up until the 95<sup>th</sup> minute for them to secure a 2-0 win

Liverpool went 3-0 up against Salzburg only for the German side to score 3 goals of their own in 21 minutes to equalise. Mo Sala came up with the winner for Liverpool in the 69<sup>th</sup> minute.

Willian scored a late goal for Chelsea to earn them a 2-1 win against Lille,

## SHFA Football League Week 13

### Saturday

Saints 5 v 0 Wizards

Goals for Saints – Ellen 2, Mick, Mark Brooks, Anelka Leo

MOM – Ellen of Saints

Axis 2 v 1 Lakers

Goals for Axis – Ryan Backhouse 2

Goal for Lakers – Louis Barnikle

MOM- Jace Williams of Lakers

### Sunday

Wirebirds 2 v 0 Bellboys

Goals for Wirebirds – Tyler Benjamin

MOM – Tyler Benjamin

Rovers 2 v 0 Harts

Goals for Rovers – Dean Okily, Ronan Legg

MOM – Dane Wade of Rovers



## Fixtures

Sat 5/10

1.30 FC Lakers v Harts R: Dion Maggott O: Axis

3.30 Saints v Wirebirds R: Wayne Crowie O: Bellboys

Sun 6/10

1.30 Rovers v Wizards R: Nick Stevens O: Saints

3.30 Bellboys v Axis R: Kyle Yon FC O: Lakers

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Scores:

23-Sep

	Rusty Pistols - 480	Bt	Guys & Dolls - 453
Ladies - H. Sc:	Terri Clinhham 46		Marilyn Joshua 50
Gents - H. Sc:	Wayne Yon 69		Charlie Young 55
Gents - H. Sp:	Wayne Yon 177		

Upcoming Fixtures:

Monday 7th. October: Rusty Pistols v Strugglers (Postponed League match)

Monday 14th. October - Knock Out Semi-final

Parttimers v Rusty Pistols



# ***Living in The Moment***

## ***Addie Thomas, Cat Sitting, East London***

It's a Sunday which means I get today and tomorrow off to relax and unwind and do some writing and studying. You know, I really want to write more now that I am not focusing solely on making it a job for the moment. I'm happy not to get paid for it for now as long as I can keep doing what I love.

I met a journalist who has just finished her masters and is writing for a local Cambridge paper. She almost broke my nose as she leaned in to hear what I was saying in a loud club but we spoke about 'allegedly' quite a bit and media constraints. I asked her how she gathers her news and really, its the same principle anywhere.....the police, moles, local politicians etc.... It reminded me that what we write, it is hoped will be worthy for our readers.

Don't forget folks, if you would like to keep in touch please email me on [adelenethomas@gmail.com](mailto:adelenethomas@gmail.com) or you can follow me on instagram [addiebelieve1979](https://www.instagram.com/addiebelieve1979).

So Boris' prorogue of Parliament was considered to be illegal. You could see that whilst he digested the news in NYC the gravity of the ruling hadn't quite hit the spot. I make it no secret that I am not a fan of Boris and hope that his 'caretaker-ship' will be short-lived. I find his erratic politics not so reassuring in an already unstable parliament.

A school has been condemned for writing to parents confirming stock-piled fuel and other materials in the event of a shortage in the UK. Creating fear among our youngsters they say. What's wrong with a bit of preparation? Perhaps they should just stock-pile and keep their mouths shut about it. One thing is for sure, it'll be very interesting to see if Boris is the man to deliver a deal and what the period after 31st October will deliver in return.

I don't think the world will ever view UK Politics in the same light again. MPs have made sure of that with their juvenile behaviour.

An interesting discussion had with the GM of the Old Bank of England Pub (OBE) this week. I stayed for a few after work-drinks one evening and asked him about why the pub seems to be 'flagging' staff-wise. He and his wife (both from a pub background) explained to me that McMullens are a 'country' pub and do not understand City consumer trends. I had to laugh loudly when he suggested that the 'house ale' AK Bitter is referred to as a \*se cleaner by McMullen employees at the brewery. A great advert for quality.

Allegedly, Fullers have a far better understanding of the pub trade in Central London and the quality of their drinks and food is far superior. People pay around £15 for a frozen pie, mash, gravy and a small portion of cabbage on the side at our place. A lot of money I would suggest. Why go to the OBE when you could visit Fullers for homemade pies and a better selection of ales?

Yet, people still come through the door in their droves and gaze up at the high coved ceilings in wonder. The Chinese get very excited about a nice pint of London Pride / AK Bitter

or IPA whereas Brits will come in and turn their noses up at some of the drinks on the pumps. It doesn't help that in the immediate vicinity, we have two other very classy bars / pubs serving some excellent ale.

The GM openly slated senior management in front of me (a new starter) as he plans to retire in the next two years. Here's a man who doesn't really care what junior members of staff think of the company and help to form opinions which make sure that loyalty is way down the scale. Yet, he also sees the team working flat out for little rewards, so I guess he's fed up trying to motivate where there is very little to motivate with. Finally got to sign in online and check my rota only to be told not to take notice of that one as it's never accurate. Brilliant. Thanks very much.

The training was a joke, I sat there one morning when we opened up early for the rugby and was asked to do all 3 modules quickly as I was already a week late completing them. So the training comes after you've been thrown onto the floor. Very boringly simple documents to complete 'a\*se covering' really for the company.

A couple were debating whether to stay in the UK or move to Australia and embrace a more family-time lifestyle. As they progressed, they received messages from family highlighting how much they were going to be missed and all the memories missed whilst they would be apart. That's the unfortunate sacrifice we make when we leave our family and live far away. It's a sacrifice that some of us make at some point in our lives and we condition our thoughts to think of 'the greater good' from living away. I miss my folks every day. Not a day goes by that I don't wish to see them and hug them and let them know how much I love them, even with distance.

I've started to 'settle back in' a little now though. I love the buzz that is London and I'm meeting some amazing people along the way. Pub work is hilarious and made easier when you chat to so many different people. One night, there was a very smartly dressed chap at the bar and he asked me where I was from. Anyway the conversation went on to the the recent Commonwealth gathering in Westminster where he had met a few islanders.....one of them being my nephew Jordan. Can you believe that? What a small world. Life is darn mystical at times.

I'm cat sitting this week in East London for my friends Nicola Fowler and Becky. The kindness I have been shown by a few friends since I dropped back onto the circuit is overwhelming. Its nice to have a place to yourself (with 2 loving black kitties) when you've been sharing with a woman who is off work ill for 4 months (although she finds lots of time to do her garden and consider part-time weekend work) and a neurosurgeon who I never got to meet. I head to Tooting next (rent is a little



## ***Living in The Moment***

### **Addie Thomas, Cat Sitting, East London**

cheaper) which is still among friends and family until December.

The reason I can't take out a contract is because I am going to NYC on 21st December for three months (return to the UK on 18th March as I want to experience Paddy's Day in NYC on 17th March). I'm all booked and very excited indeed. Whilst I am in the US I also want to try and visit Washington, Chicago and a few other cities which have evaded me to date. I'm going to make the most of it either way and greyhound it to as many places as I can, I don't know when the opportunity will present itself again when I am back in full-time employment. This, I suppose is what you do in a gap year post studies, I'm grateful that I have this opportunity so that when I enter full-time employment again I will embark with the relevant zest.

There are moments when I reflect on my life at present and think "really I should be working in a full out job slogging away like every one else". That's the conventional element of my thinking, then I remind myself that I have like you, worked very hard since I left school at 17 and it's ok and in fact essential at some points to stop and reflect. I see this time as a journey with not a moment to be wasted with fear or self-doubt. Each day brings me amazing experiences, even if it is just chatting to an old boy who has worked in the City most of his life and who stands at the bar every Thursday drinking his ale and always keen for the second word.

Or perhaps it's being hugged late at night by a New Yorker (who's having a whale of a time in London on vacation visiting her son) whilst her amused husband Jimmy teaches me how the New Yorkers speak and then suggests I visit him at his

workplace when I'm over there. Lovely conversations with beautiful people.

As I've always said folks, steal the moment. Raise it up and make it the best moment in your life until the next moment and the one after that. Life is unpredictable. Don't waste it on regret, bad blood and fear. The very moments that we fail to recognise as amazing (even if it is sitting in front of the TV and watching a program that makes us laugh) is the piece to the big life puzzle we are building.

So instead of going flat out with my 40th Birthday celebrations on 16th October, we will be having dinner at Krickets in Soho (affordable, tasty Indian cuisine with raving reviews) with a few drinks at the Queen's Head beforehand. What is 40 in the grand scheme of things when every day has 24 hours and each hour has 60 minutes and a minute has 60 seconds .....that's a lot of calculating so one year isn't going to change the very essence of living in the moment.

To all the Liverpool fans - 16 is my lucky number, 16 games without defeat. Wow! This could be the year. I'm heading up to Liverpool on 9th November for the BIG match.....Liverpool vs. Man City. I don't know if I will secure a ticket (if I hang about enough maybe I might) or I'll watch it in a local pub around Anfield with friends.

Win or lose, the atmosphere is going to be electric and then there is the parties on Matthew Street and all the live bands. You have to love Liverpool, a city with so much culture and personality.

I still miss you all - have a great weekend

## ***Invitation to Tender***

The Saint Helena Government wishes to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contract-

### **Refurbishment Works of No.5 Bottom Woods**

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from

**Miss Tiffany Lawrence**

**Procurement Officer**

**Essex House**

**Jamestown**

**Telephone No: 22270 or**

**email [tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh)**

A site visit to view the works will take place on Thursday, 10 October 2016, at 10am, meeting at No.5 Bottom Woods, Longwood.

If you require any further details, please contact the Graduate Engineer, Mr Kyle Shoesmith, on telephone number 22270 or email [kyle-shoesmith@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:kyle-shoesmith@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Thursday, 17 October 2016. Interested parties should note that this opportunity is **not** being advertised overseas.



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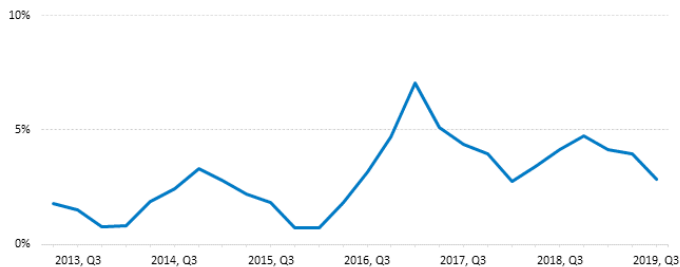
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## ANNUAL PRICE INFLATION RATE AT 2.9%

The overall Retail Price Index was measured at 105.3 in the third quarter of 2019. This compares with 104.9 in the second quarter of the year, and 102.4 in the third quarter of last year. This means that retail prices rose, on average, by 2.9% over the past year, between the third quarter of 2018 and the third quarter of 2019, and by 0.4% in the three months between the second and third quarters.

The annual price inflation rate of 2.9% is a decrease in the rate from last quarter (Q2 2019), when the annual price inflation rate was measured at 4.0% (see Chart 1). The quarterly price inflation rate (i.e. Q3 2019 compared to Q2 2019) of 0.4% is also a decrease compared to last quarter, when it was 0.7%

**Chart 1. Annual price inflation rate, St Helena, Q3 2013 to Q3 2019**



Price increases that had an upward impact on the inflation rate this quarter include local bread, imported milk, cheese, oranges, spirits, cigarettes, paint, and fuel. But the price survey also recorded decreases in the price of some items, such as local eggs, imported margarine and rice, and cement.

The full Statistical Bulletin can be found on the St Helena Government website here: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Stats-Bulletin-9-2019-Prices.pdf> detailed data can be accessed in Excel format from the 'Inflation' file at: [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistics-data](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistics-data).

**SHG**

**27 September 2019**

## PUBLIC ACCESS TO SHG INFORMATION UPDATE ON CODE OF PRACTICE

St Helena Government's Code of Practice for *Public Access to SHG Information* has been in place since September 2014 and offers a central point of enquiry for the public to request information from SHG that is not already available by other means.

The system continues to work well and from the period 1 June 2017 – 1 June 2019 a total of 26 requests for information have been received. Requests received included the following subject matters:

St Helenian Status, Importation of water statistics, Safeguarding reports, SHG staffing, St Helena Coins, Road Traffic accident statistics, Schools examination results, SA Airlink matters, Employment on St Helena, High Knoll Fort Project, Health Statistics, Police Force Standing Orders, Sure South Atlantic Limited telecommunications contract, High Knoll Fort Project, Coffee Producers and SHG's policy on advertising with local media outlets.

Of the 26 requests received, information was provided in re-

spect of 20 requests, two requests are still being dealt with and four requests were refused for the following reasons as set out in the Code:

- Would take a disproportionate of staff time to answer
- Could be likely to allow individuals to be identified, where there is a legitimate and reasonable expectation that their identity should remain confidential
- Was already available in the public domain
- The information was provided to SHG in confidence

23 requests were responded to within a period of 20 working days.

The Code draws on access to information policies and legislation in the UK (e.g. FOI) and other island states. It applies to all information held with proprietary rights by SHG, regardless of who produced or supplied the information and is subject to the Exceptions listed in the Code. The Code requires all SHG employees dealing with requests to ensure that any request received from the public for information and made under the *Code of Practice for Public Access to SHG Information*, is dealt with in compliance with the Code.

All requests for SHG information made under the Code of Practice, should be sent, in writing, directly to the Information and Research Support Officer SHG, at the Castle, or by e-mail to: [information.request@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:information.request@sainthelena.gov.sh)

The Code of Practice and information which has so far been made available under the Code can be viewed at: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/public-access-to-information/>

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