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Horse Pasture Plans Revealed









St Helena's Financial Assessment

Plans for Trade Winds Ocean Village Revealed

On Monday Paul O'Sullivan will start an information campaign to support his forthcoming public consultation in St Helena on proposals for the Trade Winds Ocean Village; a large scale development at Horse Pasture. The development application is fully prepared and will soon be formally submitted to Land Planning and Building Control for consideration.



The site boundary for the proposed Trade Winds Ocean Village is shown with a heavy black line

The main features of the development are a luxury residential estate comprising 140 – 150 houses built in phases as the demand for house purchase dictates. The first phase is planned to have 15 houses. A pool, club house, tennis court and parking area will be provided for Trade Winds Ocean Village residents. Transport within the development will be by electric buggy only, as part of the green environmental principles underpinning the development.



The proposed layout for the whole site; the communal facilities for camping, picnics and BBQs are shown at the bottom of the plan

Communal facilities for island residents will also be provided to continue the long tradition of camping and picnics on Horse Pasture. This communal facilities are provided on 8 acres (or 32,312 square metres) of the development site and will include camping and picnic sites, BBQ areas, children's adventure and playground area and washing facilities. The communal facilities will be at the south end of the site and have parking for 40 vehicles.



The communal facilities area, showing the camping ground on the left with the line of BBQs separating the camp site from the children's play areas at the bottom right. Parking for the communal area is top right with the washing facilities shown to the left of the parking area





One of the BBQs in the communal facilities area; six are shown on the plan



Children's play area shown in more detail

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Nature Trails are another feature of the development. It is intended existing trails will be used and improved upon to help create access to all parts of the site and to the best viewing points. The Service Area will include the manager's house, laundry, store, maintenance and operational facilities and refuse collection area.

The residential housing will be built with solar panels designed to provide most of the electricity required. Water supplied to residential dwellings will be from on-site rainwater capture into plastic tanks at each house. A secondary supply of water will be available from a pressurised ring main supply throughout the development. The water supplied to the ring main will be from bulk tanks located at the upper end of the site adjacent to the parking area. The tanks will use rainwater collected from the roofs of administration buildings. Further water supplies will be available from the nearby Golf Estate development when built and from the island-wide water supply as and when required. It is anticipated the on-site water collection systems will provide all water consumption requirements when both developments are completed.

Waste water is planned to be disposed of using a biolytic digester where it is treated and processed before passing into a local irrigation system to supply nutrients to the soil in residents' gardens. Storm water on the sloping site will be managed by creating small bunds to channel surface water evenly across the site and retain some of it in small quantities if required to drain into the ground.

The Environmental Impact Assessment is expected to be completed in a few weeks. If the findings require some changes to the proposed development they will be incorporated before the application is formally submitted for consideration by the Land Development Control Authority.



One of the six different house designs proposed for the Trade Winds Ocean Village. All six designs share several features including as many bathrooms as there are bedrooms, spacious patio areas, open plan kitchen, dining and living areas and storage and utility rooms.



The show house at the top of Sapper Way is of the same style and method of construction proposed for the development at Horse Pasture. The timber houses will be imported in kit from South Africa and assembled on site. The Planning and Design Statement with the development application will state the proposed house design has a low environmental impact on the construction footprint and avoids the need for unsightly and disruptive excavations into the hillside.



INDY DICTURE QUIZ.....Series 1 Blast From The Past Dicture 11...



A PICTURE FROM THE 60'S....SEE IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY THE FAMILY AND IF SO, WHO COULD THE SWEET LITTLE BABY BE?

Tune in to this afternoon's Shine Show with Sharon Wade to find out how to answer. There will be a prize for the first person with the correct answer.

CLUE: It's a boy.....and his name rhymes!!!

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PICTURE 10....

Bleak House (Winner: Kedell Lawrence, Nr Half Way)

A few weeks ago I had a telecom problem. Ever had one of those? Of course you have. My email and internet kept cutting out every few minutes; more frequently sometimes. I phoned the Fault Line at Sure from a phone when I was in town. My phone was giving me aggravation as well. The following morning at 9am a white Sure van pulled up outside and two electricians immediately climbed the nearest pole and started checking connections. Then they checked the next pole further away and on they went down the line. They eventually were out of sight when I went out to see if any progress was being made. I sang a verse or two of 'I am the lineman for the county' in a loud voice but did not get any reply. Eventually they reappeared and asked me to check my phone, email and internet to see if they had got the connection back. They had. I asked them how far they had to go before finding the fault. It seems a main cable somewhere near the Briars was rubbing on something and got damaged. "Fault on a main cable and I'm the only one affected? Someone's picking on me!" We chatted for a short while about how inconvenient it can be not having a driving licence and then off they went to sort out someone else's problem.

The following morning a girl with a cheerful voice phoned and asked me if I was happy with the repair and everything was working OK. It was. "On a score of 1 to 5 how do you rate the service you received" she said. I told her 4.5. The thing should not have gone wrong in the first place, I never give a 5. That was that.

Not long after I got an email with an attachment; 7MB of attachment which landed on my desk top. Then it came again, and again. The same email bouncing around cyberspace and landing in my computer repeatedly. My small and expensive megabyte allowance was disappearing fast. I phoned the Fault Line again and spoke to a boy on the other end of the phone. After me explaining the problem he told me the limit is 10MB after that something happens to turn emails into rubber balls which come bouncing back (remember that song by Bobby Vee? Remember Bobby Vee?). "I told you this email is only 7MB, why is it doing this to me?" I was getting desperate; I've never known Sure give refunds and that's because they are never wrong. The boy on the Fault Line did not have any answers and could not find anyone that might. He said he would get back to me. He didn't. Neither did the cheerful girl ring up the following day to ask if I was deliriously happy with the service Sure had bestowed upon me.

This week I got an email with a 9MB attachment. The same thing happened. The rubber ball email bounced back to me 25 times! I will have to see the bank manager before I pay this month's Sure bill. Happy %(*%@ Christmas to you too! I blocked the email but that only sends it to the junk mail, the megabyte counter on my screen still soars ever upward. The only thing that gets rid of bouncing emails seems to be when



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the whole system closes down at midnight and 6am when the free period starts and then stops again. The person in South Africa who sent the 9MB attachment replied to my email saying, "That's obviously a Sure problem. The only place this happens is on St Helena and it happens a lot. I never get this from anyone else I send to, except on St Helena. As you can see, it only went out from me once". I understand the Sure licence is under review either right now or pretty soon. Whoever reviews the licence should take with a pinch of salt the customer satisfaction figures resulting from the phone calls made by the girl with the cheerful voice. I suspect she only phones when she knows everything went well. As for me, I now live in fear of receiving emails with attachments; I need therapy!

ANNE GEORGE OF HALF TREE HOLLOW

HAS A SELECTION OF FOOTWEAR FOR SALE. LADIES UP LEG BOOTS – BROWN AND BLACK. JIPPERS, BALLERINAS, SANDALS, COURTS AND EVENING SHOES.

OPENING HOURS ARE 12 NOON TO 4 PM- MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS

STOCK IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT SYDNE'RAYS IN COW PATH. OPENING HOURS MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS-9.30 TO 6.30 AND THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS 9.30 TO 7 PM

OFFERING XMAS SPECIALS ON LADIES UP LEG BLACK BOOTS AND JIPPERS UNTIL 18 DECEMBER.

FOR ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OPENING HOURS CALL ANNE ON 23580

St Helena's financial assessment clears the bar "Invest in St Helena" say global financial analysts

S&P Global published the result of their assessment of St Helena's financial and economic stability and gave an "investment grade" rating which will help attract investors who are thinking of putting money into St Helena. Standard & Poor's (S&P) is one of the big three credit rating agencies who make widely respected assessments of the overall financial health of a country and then give a rating which investors and developers use as a reliable indicator when considering whether or not to make an investment.

The S&P Global assessment is heavily influenced by the fact that St Helena is continually and reliably supported financially by the UK Government. The opening statement in the S&P Global assessment makes this clear, "Political and Brexitrelated uncertainties in the U.K. are unlikely to disrupt the continued institutional and budgetary support that the U.K. provides to St. Helena and which underpins the sovereign rating". The sovereign or country rating is given as BBB in the assessment. This is defined as "Investment Grade: Adequate capacity to meet financial commitments, but more subject to adverse economic conditions". More subject, that is, to adverse economic conditions than a country rated 'A' which is defined as, "Investment Grade: Strong capacity to meet financial commitments, but somewhat susceptible to economic conditions and changes in circumstances." The highest credit rating is AAA which means, "Investment Grade: Extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitments." At the other end of the scale is the D rating which is handed out to a country which has defaulted on a financial commitment, broken a promise or is facing bankruptcy proceedings. The lower ratings are labelled Speculative Grade which does little to attract inward investment.

S&P Global Ratings

The introductory overview of the assessment dated 4th December goes on to say, "The Island's remoteness and developing infrastructure, combined with a nascent private sector, constrain St. Helena's growth prospects in the medium term." However it is recognised the private sector is beginning to display signs of its future potential. The overview concludes with "The stable outlook reflects our expectation that the U.K. government's strong and ongoing support will continue to underpin St. Helena's creditworthiness over the next 12 to 24 months." It is usual for credit rating to be re-assessed at roughly 12 month intervals which is the reason why S&P Global do not forecast a credit rating for a period longer than 12 to 24 months. However when commenting on the outlook for St Helena the assessment adds, "The stable outlook balances our expectation of strong and ongoing support from the U.K. government and gradual economic reforms that could broaden economic sectors over the next two years. We could raise the ratings if the pace of St. Helena's economic growth is materially stronger than we currently forecast. Under this scenario, private sector growth will support St. Helena's revenue

through tax collection and potentially limit its external financing needs. We would lower the ratings if the U.K. financial support diminishes and St. Helena's taxation policies are unable to compensate for that revenue. We could also lower the ratings if a severe natural disaster were to affect St. Helena's economy."

The reasoning behind the credit rating given is explained as, "The ratings on St. Helena reflect the strong and ongoing institutional and financial support of the United Kingdom. The Island's balanced budget principles and the absence of debt accumulation will continue to support its creditworthiness over the medium term.

However, the ratings are constrained by the island's remote location (with flights reaching it only once per week for most of the year) and weak economic growth trends and prospects. We view St. Helena's monetary assessment as constrained, owing to the lack of a central bank, which limits independent monetary policy, and the currency peg to the British pound. We expect these rating strengths and weaknesses to persist through 2022."

The section of the assessment called Institutional and Economic Profile, the assessment points out, "St. Helena has moderate wealth levels, measured by GDP per capita of US\$12,500 in 2019. However, real economic growth is volatile and depends heavily on capital projects the government pursues. In per capita terms, real growth is flat (0.00%) and is below that of peers over a 10-year weighted average, including Montserrat (1.10%), and Turks and Caicos (1.24%), among others in the same peer group of islands. Our ability to assess economic growth is limited by data inconsistencies, because St. Helena's compilation of GDP statistics is still evolving. According to official statistics, the government is the largest economic sector, contributing about 50% of GDP."

The profile continues, "Since the completion of the airport in 2016, economic growth has largely been negative because the government slowed capital spending. There has been a slow pick up in tourism activity, however, and other economic sectors, such as agriculture, are gradually developing." And . . . "In 2019, we estimate economic growth will be marginally positive, around 1%, supported by slight increases in government spending, along with continued moderate improvements in the tourism sector. Tourism is the most likely sector to contribute to economic growth in the short term, driven by niche tourist offerings,"

The fibre-optic cable is seen as our salvation in the short term, "We estimate that the economy will expand by 3% in real terms through 2022, supported by infrastructure investments. For instance, we expect the installation of a submarine fibre cable by 2021 will improve communication on the island." The written assessment ends with, "We expect inflation to remain low and stable over the next three years. It has generally been below 5% over the past five years and has been influenced primarily by price and exchange rate developments in the U.K. and South Africa, where the main imports come from."

Blue Belt Programme extended to March 2021

The St Helena Blue Belt Project was established in 2016 and set to run until March next year in the first instance. It has now been extended to March 2021 and may be extended further when progress is reviewed closer to the extended finishing date.

St Helena's Marine Protected Area was designated in September 2016. Since then the UK Government Blue Belt Programme was been supporting SHG's Marine Section in a wide range of activities aimed at updating legislation, developing an improved supervisory and enforcement organisation and increasing scientific knowledge of the marine environment and marine life within it.

The UK Blue Belt Programme assists all Overseas Territories who have committed to long term protection of the marine environment. This involves four million square kilometres of ocean; St Helena has almost half a million square kilometres of that total.

Elizabeth Clingham is the Blue Belt Co-ordinator, employed by the UK Government to oversee the project in conjunction with SHG who lead the St Helena Blue Belt Programme. Other participating marine conservation organisations are; the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS), the Marine Management Organisation (MMO), the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), the UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO), The Blue Marine Foundation, the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) and the St Helena National Trust are the main partners in an important and wide-ranging list of marine conservation activities.

The most well known area of work in the Blue Belt Programme centres around the Royal Research Ships *James Clark Ross*, which surveyed seamounts and inshore areas in 2018 and the *Discovery* which completed follow up surveys in April this year. The research teams aboard the survey ships are good examples of co-operative working between various separate but related organisations. CEFAS, BAS, MMO and the Natural History Museum collaborated get as much data and information as possible from these rare and important marine surveys. The UKHO followed with another survey along the coast-line using the *Enchanted Isle* to get as close to the shoreline as possible. UKHO's Ian Davies visited St Helena once more last week to handover the survey data to SHG and to give a public presentation of some of the new information the survey uncovered.

The surveys extended our understanding of the marine environment, the data and information gathered is now being used to add to the science of physical oceanography, chemical oceanography, marine geology, and marine ecology. All of which can be put to practical use supporting other work which is equally important but not so spectacular.

Plans, policies and strategies needed to be updated and are now mostly complete. It was generally accepted marine legislation and the supporting regulations needed to also be updated but the underpinning strategies, polices and plans were put in place first so the legislation could relate to the fast



Tracks of the horizontal movement of seven yellowfin tuna for which data were recovered from pop-up satellite tags.

moving developments and changes in marine science and conservation.

Work was needed which allowed human activities such as waste water discharges, sand extraction, marine tourism and commercial fishing to continue in an environmentally friendly way. A marine accreditation scheme for marine tourism operators is part of this area of work.

Key reports have been compiled with others still to be completed which use new knowledge to extend understanding of marine biodiversity and the monitoring of it. Probably the most well known Blue Belt activity after the Royal Research Ship surveys is tagging fish. This is where ICCAT comes in. ICCAT started the Atlantic Ocean Tropical Tuna Tagging Programme (AOTTP) in June 2016 off the coast of Portugal. The tagging covers the North Atlantic islands, the Atlantic coastal areas of the US, Brazil, Africa and St Helena. An ICCAT report published earlier this year noted 92,000 tuna had been tagged and so far about 13% of the tags had been recovered. Once more it is the European Union that has provided most of the funds for this project – 15 million euros. The ICCAT tagging target across the Atlantic is 120,000 tuna.

A DarwinPlus funded project started tagging St Helena tuna in 2015. Now, the Blue Belt Programme is assisting ICCAT with the enormous job of tagging more than 5,000 tuna in St Helena waters. About 4,000 have been tagged so far with the target of 5,600 tagged tuna achieve by June next year. Some tagged fish have the ordinary plastic tag where the weight and length of the fish is recorded when tagged. If the fish are caught again in a subsequent year, changes are recorded

Blue Belt Programme extended to March 2021

and compared. There are usually about 20% of fish tagged in this way which are caught and compared at a later date.

The electronic pop up satellite tag does a different job. The tags mean the fish can be tracked and its movements recorded. The electronic data stored in a tag is released to a satellite when the tag 'pops up' and comes to the ocean surface. The data received via the satellite is processed and the information combined with the data from thousands of other tags of the same type which have succeeded in popping up to the surface.

In St Helena about 4,000 of the 5,600 tags have been used and data has been captured from a surprisingly large number of them. The return rate for St Helena tagged tuna is about 50% of all tags used. This is much higher than the average of 20% or less across the AOTTP. The reason for this is that tuna in St Helena waters are not only the migratory tuna which swim across the oceans in search of food. Many St Helena tuna do not swim very far from the Island before they turn around and swim back. It is thought the upwelling of the current caused by the massive submarine mountain upon which St Helena sits brings with it adequate supplies of food for the tuna; this avoids the necessity for tuna to swim long distances in search of food.

Other related work includes satellite surveillance of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and the establishment of a marine laboratory and visitor centre on the Jamestown seafront in conjunction with the Blue Marine Foundation. Work





Dr Serena Wright of CEFAS finishes her fourth visit to St Helena this weekend. She works with local fishermen on the ICCAT tuna tagging programme. Her work is entirely focussed on St Helena

has started to make it possible to transfer HM Customs personnel from the freight terminal to the customs building. In a week or two the freight terminal will start to be transformed into a laboratory and visitor centre.

Stranded porpoise on a beach in Wales

Baby porpoises in waters off the UK are being exposed to a cocktail of chemicals in their mother's milk. Research found the most potent pollutants, which may be toxic to the brain, are passed from mother to calf. The chemicals are among the 200 or so polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which accumulate in the bodies of dolphins, porpoises and whales.

PCBs were once used in plastics and paints. Banned decades ago, they hang around in the environment. The toxins that linger longest in a mother's body - and are considered more poisonous to the brain and nervous system - are transferred to infants in milk, a study found.



Toxic chemical cocktail passed to baby porpoises By Helen Briggs BBC News

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New law against smoking together with offences and fines

On Tuesday Exco will be discussing a draft anti-smoking Bill which the Public Health Committee have been discussing behind closed doors for the past two years. Last month all councillors were presented with the changes proposed and it is only this week the secret discussions are made public.

Called the Control of Tobacco and Related Products Bill, the provisions include prohibiting anyone smoking in any vehicle when a person under the age of 18 is also in the vehicle. Another provision is that merchants or individuals who import and sell tobacco products or intend to start doing so must be registered. SHG will charge a fee for the registration in a similar way to that required for the sale of alcohol.

It will be an offence for tobacco to be imported privately by any individual for personal consumption although the duty free allowance available when travelling to or from St Helena will remain.

Young people will be required to provide proof of age when buying cigarettes and tobacco sellers will be required to ask for it. Failure to demand proof of age will be a punishable offence under this law. Vending machines offering cigarettes will be banned to prevent young people buying cigarettes without needing to produce proof of age. Products that mimic cigarettes, such as toy or sweet cigarettes will also be banned.

Cigarettes will only be allowed for sale in complete and sealed packets. Breaking a pack to sell loose cigarettes will be banned.

Cigarettes will not be available for sale at premises related to healthcare, sports and recreation, government buildings and education facilities. This means cigarettes will not be available at events held on Francis Plain and other school sites. No advertising of cigarettes will be allowed in any form. This includes shops not having cigarettes on display at the counter. Only 'under the counter' sales will be allowed and the only sales aid to be used in shops will be a typed list of products and prices on a plain sheet of A4. A4 is specified in the

The new standard pack



Memorandum for Executive Council but it is not specifically stated it is an offence to type the list on a smaller or larger sheet of paper; but who knows?

Tobacco products will only be available for import from either the UK or South Africa where legislation either exists or will be introduced which stipulates how the packaging should appear. That is usually a vomit-coloured almost plain pack with the cigarette brand displayed in a not very prominent manner. More prominent on the pack is a photo of a diseased lung or possibly someone bent double coughing up a lung (joke).

Seriously, tobacco packaging must be 'labelled in the prescribed manner'. The prescribed manner is as prescribed by current UK law or South African law on tobacco packaging. South African law on tobacco packaging is expected to be similar to UK law by 2022.

E cigarettes will also be regulated with the import or sale of sweet flavoured e-liquids or e-cigarette liquids with more than 19mg nicotine being prohibited. E-cigarette users will need to purchase these from registered sellers.

There are more than ten offences under the proposed legislation, attracting maximum fines ranging from $\pounds 200$ to $\pounds 800$ if found guilty.



The family of the late Derek Charles Bennett of Canton China Lane, who passed away on Saturday 16 Nov, would like to extend the following heartfelt thanks; To the Doctor's and nurses of the general hospital who attended and cared for Derek during his short Illness. To Bishop Dale Bowers and Father David for their kind words of comfort and for conducting the funeral service. To Mr Roy Williams and his team for the dignified burial and to all who attended the funeral, sent messages and provided such beautiful floral tributes. God bless and thank you all. Derek will be sincerely missed but never forgotten and China Lane will not be the same without him.

NO INCREASE IN STORED WATER VOLUMES



Over the past week there has been no significant increase in stored water volumes, which remain at 39%. The recent rainfall experienced has not been enough to increase reservoir levels. The ground is still dry which means that the majority of rain water is being absorbed, leaving little surface water to enter the reservoirs. At least two weeks of continuous rainfall is needed to reach safe stored water levels.

Yesterday the mid-week flights commenced, and with visitor numbers expected to increase leading up to the festive season, it is essential that everyone keeps their consumption to essential use only.

Connect Saint Helena is continually pumping from Chubb's Spring and Hutt's Gate as well as from Fisher's Valley and Warren's Gut.

The public is reminded that we are currently under an Islandwide hosepipe ban. If you see anyone using water irresponsibly or notice a burst pipe or leak, then please inform Connect immediately.

Every drop counts, every action counts – save water now to be safe later.

St Helena Resilience Forum 4 December 2019

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES IMPLEMENT ALUMINIUM DRINK CANS RECYCLING

Waste Management Services (WMS) have implemented an Aluminium Drink Cans Recycling operation at Horse Point Landfill Site (HPLS). In recent weeks the WMS Team has skilfully re-purposed their existing drum crusher so that it can crush and bale Aluminium Drink Cans (ADC) ready for shipment. To date, three bales have been produced: 84x74x66cm (38kg), 84x74cmx69cm (43kg) and 84x74x71cm (45kg). Shipping ADC for recycling offers a sustainable income for St Helena.

Environmental Risk Manager, Mike Durnford, commented: "To achieve maximum gain from the ADC recycling initiative, we encourage residents and visitors to dispose of their aluminium drink cans for recycling in the Olympic Bins provided or blue wheelie bins located at Bars. To facilitate this initiative, more of these bins have been located around the Island, including in residential areas, at bus stops, tourist locations, the Airport and even along the Access Road. Olympic Bins allow users to make an ethical choice when depositing their waste, enabling the recycling of aluminium drink cans, glass bottles and plastics, all of which can now be recycled on-Island, as well as providing litter and cigarette butt disposal. Furthermore, a bay in the Public Recycling Facility at the Landfill site has been re-purposed for ADC."

The increase in Olympic Bins have been generously funded by Enterprise St Helena following Waste Management Serv-



ices successful funding application to develop recycling on the Island. Landfill Manager, Patrick Crowie, added:

"We will continue to process ADC at HPLS (utilising the existing manpower and resources) until there are sufficient bales to fill a 20 ft shipping container, at which point it will be shipped, via the MV Helena, to Collect-a-Can in Cape Town for sale and recycling."

Following the first successful shipment of a container of ADC, WMS hope to refine/improve the ADC collection and processing system. This could include the purchase of a magnetic sorting machine and/or bespoke baling machine.

SHG, 2 December 2019



St Helena Community College Training Opportunity

Are you interested in IT?

Would you like to gain an accredited qualification? Would you like to gain a GCSE in English?

Functional Skills ICT:

Functional Skills are qualifications that have been developed by the UK Government as part of an initiative to improve England's literacy, numeracy and ICT skills.

Functional Skills ICT is an accredited qualification that ensures that learners develop understanding and skills in using ICT; finding and selecting information and developing, presenting and communicating information.

The Course will commence on Monday, 06 January 2020 at 08.30 hrs—12.00 hrs.

GCSE English

This course will enable you to develop your reading and writing skills.

GCSE English will focus on the basic building blocks of spelling, punctuation and grammar before developing creative writing skills, summary writing and evaluating different writing styles.

For further information and/or to register for the above course please contact: Carley Peters, Administration Officer or Cherilee Thomas-Johnson, Training Coordinator on telephone 22607 or email: <u>shcc@sainthelena.gov.sh</u>

Registrations for this course will be accepted until Friday, 20 December 2019.

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The Sarkin Report published this week

Called the St Helena Political Governance Review, Professor Jeremy Sarkin's sixteen page report favours a form of ministerial government, clear lines of responsibility, governance processes that promote more transparency and accountability and quicker decision-making. Professor Sarkin will be visiting St Helena again, probably early in the New Year to talk through his report with a range of people in government and the community and hold public meetings.

Early in the introduction to his report Professor Sarkin guotes Governor Rushbrook who said in September this year, "we should find a better way to govern ourselves to ensure decision-making in weeks (not years) and individual elected councillors becoming directly responsible politically for the performance of directorates". This sets the tone for the rest of the report. Later in the report Sarkin quotes from written evidence submitted by the St Helena Tourism Association to the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee of Inquiry on the Future of the Overseas Territories, "Accountability, inclusiveness, partnership, equity and meaningful communication are indispensable if governance of the Overseas Territories is to be effective, efficient, supported and respected by the citizens of the British Overseas Territories." SHG submitted written evidence to the same House of Commons Committee stating, "We believe that it is timely to consider a possible move from the current Committee system to a different model of government that would increase the self-determination of St Helena and provide a suitable framework for an island that is committed to reducing aid dependency and moving towards a more independent future". To bring unanimity to the question of governance of and for St Helena, Sarkin also draws on a statement from the UK Government white paper on the Overseas Territories published in 2012 - Security, Success and Sustainability - where the aspiration of HMG is to give power to people and communities across the UK and the Overseas Territories to drive reform by strengthening accountability and having more transparency.

In making his recommendations Sarkin was therefore pushing at an open door. He points out that the five committees (Education, Public Health etc.) do not align with the directorates in the administrative arm of government and that chairmen of committees are not authorised to make decisions except through their committees. It is also pointed out that the Governor, on the advice of Executive Council decides on the number of committees and what remits they have. Aligning every committee directly to a specific government department with the chairman (or minister) directly and politically responsible for the specific government department will encourage accountability and transparency.

In the section of the report on why the present system of government should be changed Sarkin points out the current committee system does not promote accountability and transparency and that neither specific nor overall direction is provided by the heads of government departments/directorates in the absence of responsibility being given to committee chairmen. The report cites some public perceptions of how government works. Exco and Legco are seen as ineffective and indecisive and decisions are left hanging if there is not a consensus of opinion to act in a particular way. This leads to



delays, deferments, more discussions and fewer decisions. The report continues using words and phrases such as slow, cumbersome, there is not always clarity, long time to be decided upon, long time to be implemented, SHG frustrates the various governance processes (some councillors say) and often impedes successful operationalisation (?) of policy formation, legislative development and the implementation of new policy or law. Continuing in the same vein Sarkin points out administrative structures are not well defined. Who has responsibility for what and who should be taking the initiative or carrying an issue through to the next stage is sometimes blurred. Often, processes are ad hoc and spontaneous and there are few clear mechanisms for suggestions or ideas to be taken up. There are no systematic means to examine proposals in a clear and orderly fashion. No time lines seem to exist and there is little organisational process and structural planning. Number 28 in this section giving reasons for changing the way we are governed is the lack of clarity and overlaps in which committee has responsibility for what. There is also a need for greater political vision about the future and how the various challenges are addressed.

Sarkin then goes o to summarise how other Overseas Territories are governed. Most use some form of ministerial government with just St Helena and the Falkland Islands using the committee system. However, as the Falklands government is in an ideal and enviable financial position their decision-making processes are not in the precarious position we in St Helena find ourselves. Professor Sarkin then points out that having ministers, each with responsibility for a specific area of government services means there is an individual who is answerable for each function of government. This helps accountability and transparency. The minister responsible must explain, justify, defend and take the initiative for that part of government for which he or she is the political leader.

Moving onto what a future governance model for St Helena might look like, Sarkin considers, briefly, refining the present committee system but rejects this option because the problems that exist now would continue. We would still be dragged

The Sarkin Report published this week

down with slow, cumbersome, unaccountable and problematic decision-making processes. Individual accountability rather than decision by committee is a key change to make governance processes work far better than they do now. Sarkin also points out that Exco or its successor should play a greater role in policy direction and be responsible for implementing policy by getting the administrative arm of government (the heads of the directorates) to meet targets, deadlines and timelines. If the government administration fails, it is the political leaders who are answerable. Professor Sarkin states the government administration should be operating under the executive and be accountable to the executive and this is not happening at present.

Sarkin supports the establishment of a Chief Minister who leads the small team of ministers who are politically responsible for the success or failure of government decisions and their implementation. However it is made clear the politicians will need support from technical, legal and specialists and advisors to carry out their responsibilities. The report also points out the political leaders will need training at the start of and throughout their term of office. Sarkin also states the administration should be more integrated and flexible; able to respond to changing circumstances, implement new policy quickly and work coherently with executive and legislative structures. This will mean a proper alignment of the committees with the directorates. Sarkin suggests 5 or 6 ministers leading the political side of 5 or 6 directorates.

The report considers returning to a number of constituencies instead of having the all-island vote and discusses the introduction of political parties but does not draw any conclusions on these subjects or make recommendations. He does propose greater authority and influence for the Public Accounts Committee with more individuals from the community as members and fewer elected representatives. The Chief Auditors role requires "revision", which presumably means it needs strengthening as does the "update" required for audit legislation.



Dear Editor,

While Saint Helena may value its link with the UK, should it not look to adopt a new flag? The Union Jack (yes, it can be called that on land as well as on sea!) would continue to be flown, but the current flag, being a Blue Ensign, is too derivative, as well as the shield from the coat of arms not being very easy to draw or paint - or tattoo. Mind you, Libya under Muammar Gaddafi went to the other extreme and made the national flag plain green.

Yes, Saint Helena is part of the 'British family', but not everyone in the family has to wear the same clothes. Perhaps its Blue Ensign is a useful reminder that the island is actually a British Overseas Territory and not some tinpot African dictatorship, but what good did that do in the face of hostile UK media coverage? Gibraltar uses a banner of the coat of arms it inherited from Spain, with its Blue Ensign rarely ever flown, but that hasn't detracted from its sense of British identity.

In fairness, New Zealand recently voted

to keep the Blue Ensign, and the Cook Islands, in free association with New Zealand, replaced their original flag, green with a ring of gold stars, with their own Blue Ensign forty years ago, while Niue's flag is a more striking 'Yellow Ensign', with the Union Jack defaced with gold stars. On the other hand, Hawaii's flag has the Union Jack in the top left hand corner, despite it never having been part of the British Empire.

If I were to design a new flag for Saint Helena, but one that retained the Union

Jack, I would have a 'Green Ensign', with a yellow disc containing the wire bird. Alternatively, it could have a red cross, to represent England, in recognition that it was English before it was British, though it could be another colour. Of course it's up to the Saints themselves, at home and in the diaspora, to decide what a new flag should look like, if they even want one at all.

Yours Ken Westmoreland



Your Opinion Counts

The United Kingdom's primary legal responsibilities for St Helena derive from Article 73, Chapter X1 of the Charter of the United Nations.

The Charter is binding on the United Kingdom under international law.

Accordingly, the United Kingdom has a fundamental obligation to ensure that the people of St Helena achieve political, economic, social, and educational advancement and constructive measures of development.

The most recent reinstatements of the United Kingdom's obligations were made in the 2012 White Paper on the Overseas Territories.

The foreword to the White Paper states: 'This Government is ambitious for our Territories as we are ambitious for the United Kingdom. We want to see our communities flourish in partnership, with strong and sustainable local economies.'

The executive summary to the White Paper states: 'Each Territory has a unique community and it is for the territory to shape the future of its own community.'

The Overview of the 2012 White Paper commits the Government of the United Kingdom to work with the St Helena Government to build a 'vibrant and flourishing community'.

Article 73 of the UN Charter, the 2012 White Paper, St Helena's Sustainable Economic Development Plan and the recent Independent Economic Review that explored a 2050 vision for St Helena are all documents of ambitious intent. However, without the necessary sustained associated actions, alone, the ambitious intent written in documents will never provide the social and economic development, advancement and progress required for that vibrant and flourishing community in St Helena. Without sustained adequate financial support from the United Kingdom to maintain the island's progression to social and economic self-sufficiency St Helena will continue to find it very diffi-

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cult to make creditable headway. The St Helena Government directorates are in the final stages of preparing budget submissions for the next financial year. The essential option of a three year budget provision from the United Kingdom has been removed from the table by DFID.

In preparation for the 2020/21 budget negotiations that are expected to begin in December between elected members and DFID officials, SHG officers instructed directorates to provide calculations to elected members according to "zero-base budgeting". The uplift required for all SHG directorates totalled seven million pounds.

One director introduced his budget for initial consideration at committee stage as a "bare-bones, zero-based budget". Just one example of where more funding is necessary in social welfare: The recent review of the Social Security Ordinance 2011 has confirmed the flaws of a social welfare system that has had ongoing detrimental consequences for many of our vulnerable people over the last eight years. The review working group has established that addressing the flaws in the legislation will require significant funding - some £800,000. If the required funding cannot be found, then the definition of the household, according to the current legislation, will remain law. Consequently, many of our vulnerable people - particularly our senior citizens, will not be able to access the Income Related Benefit in their own right. The purpose and principle of the Social Security Ordinance should be to protect our vulnerable people.

Of course there is no such thing as a "magic money tree". Nevertheless, the United Kingdom allocates some 13 billion pounds, to the overseas aid budget and it is the stated policy of the United Kingdom that the reasonable assistance needs of St Helena are a first call on the UK's aid programme.

The financial assistance St Helena has already received from the United Kingdom is by no means overlooked, and I take this opportunity to express gratitude on behalf of the people of St Helena. However, it is a serious concern that before the 2020/21 budget negotiations between DFID and elected members have even started, DFID officials have just recently instructed the SHG Financial Secretary that St Helena will now have to accept a "flatline budget". The Financial Secretary have therefore instructed directorates to further shave the bones of their already bare-bones budgeting considerations. Consequently, the elected representatives' position in the budget negotiations, on behalf of the people of St Helena, has been seriously weakened by the pre-empted conditions and dominance of DFID.

Overall, the minimum budgetary aid uplift St Helena requires from the United Kingdom for the 2020/21 budget is 4 million pounds, and negotiations with DFID are expected to be difficult. Following recent instructions from DFID, SHG directorates have now been forced to reduce their budget deficit calculations down from 4 million pounds to just 1.7 million pounds for the next financial year. A flatline budgetary aid package for St Helena with or without the 1.7 million pound uplift from the United Kingdom will mean serious challenges for the people of St Helena.

The failure to secure adequate budgetary aid from the United Kingdom will mean a serious detrimental impact on SHG public services and will increase operational risks.

Yes, the United Kingdom has ambitious intent for the community of St Helena to become vibrant and to flourish. However, at this period in time, the reality is St Helena desperately needs sufficient financial aid from the United Kingdom just to help our community move beyond the current debilitating social and economic stagnation.

And that, Mr Speaker, is our reality message to DFID and to the UK Government.



Oth December is uman Rights

Human Rights Day is observed every year on the 10th of December – the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in 1948.

Human rights are rights integral to all human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion or any other status. Human rights include the right to life and liberty, freedom from slavery and torture, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to work and education, and many more. Everyone is entitled to these rights without discrimination.

The Declaration sets out universal values and a common standard for all peoples and all nations. It establishes the equal dignity and worth of every person. It was drafted by representatives of diverse legal and cultural backgrounds from all over the world. Over the years the United Nations has expanded human rights to include specific standards for women, children, persons with disabilities, minorities and other vulnerable groups, who now possess the rights that protect them from discrimination that had been common in many societies.



OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Public Solicitor's Office 23008

Elected Members' Office 22590

Safeguarding: 23172 (Adult Services); 23312 (Children's Services)

Social Benefits Office 22605; Government Landord 22270

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights empowers us all. Its principles are as relevant today as they were in 1948. We need to stand up for our own rights and those of others. We can take action in our own daily lives to uphold the rights that protect us. Human rights are at the heart of sustainable development. Without human dignity we cannot drive sustainable development.

In St Helena's Constitution there is a chapter that sets out important human rights on St Helena, other rights are found in our laws. There are sixteen rights in our Constitution, called Clauses.

The role of the St Helena Equality and Human Rights Commission is to empower people to resolve their disputes and to shape law and policy, advocate for change and work closely with a range of partners to create a fairer society; preventing similar problems for Auman Rights Comm others who feel marginalised, excluded and discriminated against.

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Equality For more information about Human Rights on St Helena, contact The EHRC Office in the PWD Yard, The Castle, Jamestown. Tel: 22133, Email: info@humanrightsthelena.org

Or visit www.humanrightssthelena.org







PASH RENEWABLE ENERGY

CONSULTATION AND INTERVIEW SESSIONS

A new Renewable Energy Strategic plan has been developed for St Helena and is now out for public consultation until Friday, 13th December 2019. The Committee consists of:

Paul Smith – PASH Global

Barry Hubbard – Connect Saint Helena Ltd

Ronald De Reuck – Connect Saint Helena Ltd

Ismail Mohammed - Chief Planning Officer

Nicole Shamier – SHG Lawson Henry - Councillor Russell Yon – Councillor

The following consultation meetings will be held for all members of the public.

Venue	Date	Time
Kingshurst, St Pauls Community Centre	Wednesday, 11 th December	7pm
Harford, Longwood Community Centre	Thursday, 12 th December	7pm
Jamestown Community Centre	Friday, 13 th December	7pm

Members of the public requiring any further information can contact Ronald de Reuck at Connect Saint Helena Ltd, on telephone 22255 or by email to ronald.dereuck@connect.co.sh.

3 December 2019



Enterprise St Helena and Tourist Office Festive Period Opening Hours

Date	ESH Office Tel: 22920 Tourist Office Tel: 22158	
Tuesday, 24th December 2019	8.30 am - 12 noon	
Wednesday, 25th and Thursday, 26th December 2019	Closed	
Friday, 27th December 2019	9.00 am - 3.00 pm	
Monday, 30th December 2019	9.00 am - 3.00 pm	
Tuesday, 31st December 2019	8.30 am - 12 noon	
Wednesday, 1st January 2020	Closed	
Thursday, 2nd January 2020	Open as normal	

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone

A Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2020

We extend thanks to all who supported our activities throughout the year and gave valuable feedback. We look forward to an exciting year ahead and being at

your service.

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AMENDMENT TO DRONE FLYING PERMISSIONS ON ST HELENA

A change has been made to the "no fly zone" permissions to allow limited use of drones in this zone on St Helena.

Previously the no fly zone (red zone on the drone map) did not allow any flights by drones except for emergency purposes. A directive issued by Air Safety Support International (ASSI), valid from 2 December 2019, now permits restricted use of drones within this area as long as two conditions are both met:

- 1. Drone activity must be conducted for legitimate research purposes, and
- 2. Drone activity must be authorised by St Helena Airport Limited **prior** to any activity occurring.

Accordingly, should drone users who meet the two conditions wish to conduct flights within the "no fly zone" on St Helena, they should contact St Helena Airport in the first instance.

All drone users are asked to respect the requirements of the directive and should understand that misuse of this opportunity to fly in the "no fly zone" may result in its withdrawal to the detriment of possible future research. Any unauthorised drone activity in the no fly zone will be dealt with accordingly.

Please note that this amendment makes **no** changes to the existing requirements of the "safe" and "restricted" fly zones (green and yellow on the drone map).

For further information, including access to the St Helena drone map, please go to sthelenaairport.com/pilots/ drone or contact St Helena Airport Limited on +290 25180.



St Helena Airport Limited, 3 December 2019

DRAFT SATELLITE GROUND STATION POLICY OUT FOR CONSULTATION

St Helena Government, with support from AB5 Consulting, are developing a Satellite Ground Station Policy for the licencing of Permanent Earth Stations (PES) and Receive Only Earth Stations (ROES) on St Helena. The draft Policy is available at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-consultation/.

The work is to support the development of the Satellite Ground Station sector, which is an export sector with growth potential identified in St Helena's Sustainable Economic Development Plan 2018-2028. The Licencing Requirements outlined within the draft Policy are **not** planned to apply to small satellite receivers for domestic use, VSATs, nor antennas on moving platforms of any type (e.g. those used by ships, aeroplanes, vehicles and satellite phones). There are also proposed exemptions where uses are for broadcasting, aeronautical services, purposes associated with the navigation of ships or the safety of shipping, scientific or experimental purposes, or uses on behalf of the Crown, as is presided upon by St Helena's Telecommunications Ordinance.

The Licencing Requirements outlined within the draft Policy **are** planned to apply to commercial and non-commercial ground station activities and amateur VHF radio users, amongst other applications. If you are an existing licence holder or potential licence holder, we are particularly keen to hear your views on the draft Policy. The consultation on the draft Policy will run for a period of four weeks ending on 27 December 2019. If you would like to respond to this consultation, please do so through our online survey at: surveymonkey.com/r/ St-Helena-Earth-Stations-Consultation or respond to Chief Economist, Nicole Shamier, via email: nicole.shamier@sainthelena.gov.sh by the above deadline.

Furthermore, if you would be interested in attending a workshop relating to this consultation, or would like a hard copy of the document, please contact Nicole by email or by calling the Castle on tel: 22470.

SHG 29 November 2019

ADVERTISEMENT OF PROPERTY FOR SALE BY SEALED BID

Notice is hereby given of the sale of Lucille Johnson's 3 bedroom partially furnished property at Cleugh's Plain, registered under the Scotland Registration Section 393 0.41 acres.

Viewings can be arranged, and further details obtained from the Public Solicitor Office - telephone 23008

An open day will be held on Friday 3 January 2020 from 10am until 4pm

Offers should be made in writing in a sealed envelope and should be received by the Public Solicitor Office, The Fort, Ladder Hill no later than 4pm on Friday 31 January 2020. The sealed bid envelopes should be clearly marked 'Cleugh's Plain Property Offer – DO NOT OPEN' and addressed to Helen Scott.

The reserve is set at $\pm 150,000$. Full payment and completion of the sale is to be made within six weeks of the notification of acceptance of the bid.







Crop Watch 6

Crop Watch this week will give an overview of crop diseases and look at "cultural" control we can use

The Problem with Diseases

Diseases are a catch all term for problems with our crops. They normally refer to fungal, viral and bacterial damage to plants. They are tiny living things that thrive on the crops we grow. They feed and multiply on foliage roots and fruit, and in the process damage and can eventually kill the crop by using up all its energy. Most are specialised to just one or two crops and need them to survive. Some can lie dormant in the soil for many years waiting for the host crop to be planted. Other can survive on alternative plants, weeds and trees or residues of old crops.

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Fungal Disease

Plants are infected with fungal diseases by spores landing on them. Spores can be spread by wind, rain splash, and tools. It is very difficult to prevent the spread of fungal disease, but good field cleanliness will reduce and slow the spread.

Symptoms of infection are brown, grey, black areas on plants and eventual wilting and dying. Potato Late Blight is a good example of a fungal disease.

Viruses

Viruses are normally spread by insects. An aphid feeding on an infected plant will suck up the virus. When it moves to another plant and begins to feed it will pass on the virus. The aphid itself is completely unaffected. The only way to prevent the spread of viruses is to control the insects that spread them.

Virus symptoms are bright yellowing, disfigured leaves and stems and rolled leaves; e.g. Potato Leaf Roll Virus

Bacterial Disease

Bacterial disease can arrive on seed. Once the bacteria is in the soil it can stay there for many years, lying dormant and waiting for the host plant to be planted again. The bacteria can be transported to new areas in soil on boots, tools and machinery, as well as plants themselves. It can also move in the flow of water.

Plants infected with bacterial diseases often wilt quickly and die. For example; Bacterial Wilt.

Cultural Control of Plant Diseases

Prevention is better than cure! The best way to stay healthy is to create a clean en-Disease vironment, have nutritious food

and dying plants

and discarded

harvest

and plenty of water.

• Keeping weeds under control will mean less hosts for the diseases.

 A good rotation is essential.

• Clean tools between dif-

ferent areas of you land.

• Only use good seed; either from an approved supplier or from the best healthy plants in your garden

• Remove and compost damaged, dead, dying plants immediately you think there is something wrong with them.

• Control insect pests

• Take ALL the potatoes out of the land at harvest. Un-sellable ones should be composted in covered heaps well away from the land to prevent the spread of Tuber Moth and Blight. Even better is to feed them to livestock.

No Rain

present on grow-

ing crops

Disease spores

spread by wind

and rain splash

to healthy

Mother Nature's hose pipe continues to miss us. Remember you must get an exemption if you want to water your crops with mains water. We should be responsible and only use water for essential crops. At home you can use washing up and bath water for watering the garden.

For all enquiries please contact ANRD at Scotland on 24724.

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Enterprise St Helena is offering funding to support Social Enterprises. Grants will be offered up to 75% of an aggregate project cost or a combined proposal to a maximum grant value of £7,500 to assist with new and existing social enterprise projects.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Social Enterprises, Non-government Organisations, Associations and Charitable Organisations with a business approach and a social aim, or provide products and services that deliver social, economic and environmental benefits to the local community and generally have difficulties in accessing appropriate investment funding.

Strategic plan preparation	Planning application requirements (e.g. design plans)
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Technical and Legal Advice	Website design and implementation including promotional video development
Marketing advice including packaging and branding	Skills Development*

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

Grants are subject to eligibility criteria. Terms and conditions apply.

*Skills Development Grants are offered at 75% of the total cost of an accredited training course / and or structured training programme up to a maximum of £7,500 to develop the skills of the organisations.

For more information please contact Mandy O'Bey on telephone 22920 or e-mail mandy.obey@esh.co.sh



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Sustainable Lobster Populations for St Helena

Since the start of the Darwin Plus 077 Lobster Project 14 months ago, the Environment, Natural Resources & Planning Directorate's Marine Conservation team has been working hard to gather as much information as possible on the local lobsters.

To date, around 1200 lobsters have been tagged with plastic tags to gather information on how fast they grow, and where they are living . Around 50 different sites with depths down to 20m have been explored around the Island looking at the abundance and density of the lobsters. This will give the Marine Conservation team information on how many lobsters there are in each area to help estimate how many lobsters there are in St Helena's waters.

Since August 2019, an acoustic grid has been installed to track the movements of 25 lobsters over the period of one year and, in October 2019, the team has started to deploy lobster pots on a regular basis around the Island. The lobster pots will help the team to get information on lobsters in areas where it is difficult to dive and increase the number of caught slipper (stump) lobsters from deeper waters.

The pots will be used for the next eight months so if you see them please leave them undisturbed as they are very important for this project. The team have also lost five of these pots in the past few weeks. If you see or find any of the pots or recover a tagged lobster please contact the team at Essex house, via tel: 22270 or email:

Remi.bruneton@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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Enterprise St Helena (ESH) invites Expressions of Interest from persons in the Private Sector to serve as Chair of its Board of Directors. ESH is the lead body for promoting and facilitating economic development on St Helena, in line with the Island's Sustainable Economic Development Plan (SEDP). The Chair is appointed by the Governor and is a part-time role; in addition to quarterly Board Meetings, the Chair is expected to attend occasional stakeholder engagements and public events as a key representative of the Organisation.

The Main Responsibilities of the Chair are:

- Provide strategic leadership of the Board and ensure its overall effectiveness in implementing the Organisation's Strategy;
- In consultation with the Chief Executive for Economic Development, set the Board's agenda, ensuring that the Board meets regularly, and receives high quality, accurate and timely information;
- Ensure that policies and actions support ESH's objectives, and that the Board's affairs are conducted with probity;
- Ensure that new Board Directors are briefed on their terms of appointment, duties and responsibilities, and that the annual performance review of the Board and its Subcommittee is implemented and actioned;
- Support the Chief Executive for Economic Development in managing the affairs of the Organisation.

Specific Knowledge, Skills and Experience:

- Previous Chair experience, preferably of a Private Company/Organisation;
- Knowledge and understanding of Strategic Planning, Corporate Governance, Quality and Performance Management, and Investment;
- Skilled in supporting and encouraging open discussion, allowing the whole Board to contribute to decision making.

Expressions of Interest, along with a current Curriculum Vitae, should be submitted to the Board Secretary by Monday 9 December 2019 via email: <u>natasha.bargo@esh.co.sh</u> or at the Enterprise St Helena Office, Ladder Hill Business Park.

For further information please contact the Director of Resources, Michielle Yon on telephone: 22920 or email: michiellle.yon@esh.co.sh



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Marketing Manager

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Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a dynamic and enthusiastic person with excellent marketing skills to fill the management role of Marketing Manager.

The purpose of this post is for the development, implementation and management of a Customer Relationship Strategy, to complement the Bank's Strategic Direction.

The successful candidate must be proactive, flexible, be able to demonstrate courtesy and have good leadership skills. Have a creative flare, be insightful and innovative along with being decisive to deliver quick solutions to marketing concerns when necessary.

The Marketing Manager will form the foundation from which the Bank will be able to respond to market opportunities by renewing and reinvigorating products and services, attracting new customers and retaining existing customers and must have an excellent understanding of customer expectations and demands.

Skills and experience that candidates should have includes:

- Proven work experience in a marketing position at management level;
- Recognise qualification/s in Marketing; preferably at degree or equivalent.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills;
- Web-site design and web-site maintenance skills, ideally in WordPress
- Knowledge and skills in a wide range of marketing techniques and concepts.
- Good customer services and networking skills.

Interested persons can contact Mrs Leeanne Henry, Assistant Managing Director on ext 215 or Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources & Customer Services Manager on ext 213 for more information.

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

Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources & Customer Services Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to <u>hr.csm@sainthelenabank.com</u>

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, 13TH DECEMBER 2019

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Transport Service Provider

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc are seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from existing or new businesses to provide a service to transport their employees to and from work in Jamestown.

The service will consist of transporting staff from outlying districts, with each journey starting from either Thompson's Hill, Blue Hill, Sandy Bay, Levelwood, Longwood or Rupert's Valley into Jamestown. The return leg of the journey at the end of the working day will be from Jamestown to each outlying district.

EOIs must demonstrate capability for providing and sustaining such an efficient transport service. Please provide as much information as possible about your business and the benefit to the Company of the service you can provide.

This is an ideal opportunity for existing service providers to grow their businesses or for a new business start-up.

EOIs should be aware that Solomons is also open to considering requests to acquire the existing vehicle assets (i.e. the current staff home to duty buses) as part of the overall package and may feel free to factor this into their submissions.

> For further details, contact Ian Gough, General Manager (Services & Properties) at Solomons Main Office on 22380 or by emailing <u>gm-services.properties@solomons.co.sh</u>

Formal EOIs should be sent to General Manager (Services & Properties) and may be submitted by email as above.

The closing date for EOIs is Friday, 20 December 2019.

Registered Office: Blue Fin Building, 110 Southwark Street, London, SE1 0SU, England Registered in England and Wales, Reg No. 496276



JOB VACANCY

Wolf Creek Federal Services Inc. invites application for the following job positions at the American Base, Ascension Island.

GROWER

Summary/General Description of Job:

The Grower will work in two (2) Hoop Houses and in a three bay Hydroponic Greenhouse with Bato (Dutch) Bucket Vine Crop System and Nutrient Film Technique (NFT) Leaf Crop System at Ascension Auxiliary Air Field (AAAF). These systems produce a variety of fruits and vegetables in support of the Base Dining Facility.

Essential Duties & Job Functions:

- Manually plant, cultivate, and harvest fruits and vegetables in 6,500 sq.ft. Hoop houses.
- Use hand tools, such as shovels, trowels, hoes, pruning hooks, shears, knives, and operate a diesel powered tiller to perform tasks needed to ensure successful crops to supplement the vegetables and fruits sent to Ascension.
- Duties include soil preparation, tilling, seeding, transplanting, weeding, thinning, and pruning crops.
- Performs work in an 8,600 sq. ft. greenhouse designed for 2 bay Dutch Bucket System and 1 bay NFT channel system. Work includes, plant maintenance, nutrient and pH management, water management, positive airflow, temperature and humidity control and pest and disease control. Monitor plants for pests and take appropriate action.
- Monitor and maintain soil moisture content and adjust irrigation system as required.
- Maintain organization and cleanliness of facility while performing job duties. Wash and sanitize all equipment and ensure all tools are free from pests, viruses and/or disease.
- Maintain gardening tools to prevent rust, corrosion, and sharpen as required. Request replacement of unserviceable tools.
- Record weight of harvest, wash vegetables, package, and deliver to onsite dining facility.
- Construct, maintain, and repair support structures, such as trellis' and Bamboo bean teepees, for crops as needed.
- Performs related work as assigned.

Preferred

- Associate's degree, preferably in Horticulture, or equivalent work experience in agronomy.
- Previous experience working on a military installation.
- Previous experience working in a remote location.
- Basic computer data entry skills.

WCFSI provides free Accommodation, Food (3 meals per day) and Round trip passage to home of record after completion of a 1 year contract. Laundry and MWR facilities are free of charge. Must have a valid Passport/Visa minimum of 18 months to be able to sign an Offer Letter. Should not have any major offences with any law enforcement agency.

For further details or questions please contact Wolf Creek Administrration on 247-62225 or e-mail

E-ROS.WolfCreek.Jobs@us.af.mil

Any interested persons should send Resume to E-ROS.WolfCreek.Jobs@us.af.mil_no later than 16 December 2019

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Job opportunity in the Falkland Islands as Retail Purchaser

The Falkland Islands is a British Overseas Territory and offers a unique lifestyle for all, balancing work and recreation is made easier in the Falkland Islands owing to its short commute times, with amazing wildlife right on your doorstep you can experience our stunning natural environment that's sure to take your breath away along with the wind. If you desire a new lifestyle encounter and seek a new challenge in a small community then hopefully we can offer an exciting new chance

If you are already working within procurement or a purchasing environment or maybe you just have a desire to passage your skills to a different role, then come join the team at the Chandlery Supermarket

Responsibilities for this role will include

- Ensure planning, monitoring and generating of purchase orders in accordance with company policy
- Pursue new products and continue to review all existing products as to remain competitive
- Set up all necessary purchase documentation related to product arrivals
- Reacting to change in local market demands and trends
- Monitoring stock levels in store and warehouse
- Packaging and transport awareness
- Date management
- Maintaining a healthy relationship with new and existing suppliers
- Competent record keeping skill

Key skills for the role

- Ability to work under pressure and to strict deadlines
- Good communication skills
- Strong attention to detail
- Ability to work unsupervised
- Numeracy and computer literacy
- Strong record keeping skills

If you would like to apply for this opportunity, please submit an up-to-date C V including a covering letter. For further information please email <u>samantha@chandlery.co.fk</u>



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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – HOME SUPPORT SERVICES

Reference: SAF-0245-SHG

St Helena Government (SHG) is seeking Expressions of Interest from experienced individuals/organisations for a contract to provide Home Support Services.

The opportunity is for the provision of homecare support within the community supporting vulnerable adults and, where required, children to meet their basic care needs within their own homes.

Home Support Services is the provision of support within people's homes to enable them to remain living independently. The Support will range from domestic tasks such as meal preparation, shopping, house cleaning and laundry and/or personal care medication supervision, toileting, bathing/washing and dressing.

Suitable organisations will need to meet the following criteria:

- Be able to effectively work in partnership with St Helena Children & Adults Social Care Directorate to achieve the best outcomes for service users
- Must have experience of providing flexible and responsive domiciliary care services
- Staff are respectful and promote dignity at all times
- Be able to provide services 365 days a year to a wide spectrum of vulnerable adults who have differing service needs
- Be able to operate an efficient and effective out of hour's service
- Be willing to provide frequent assurance and feedback updates to the commissioner, that being St Helena Social Care
- Meet all vetting checks, and ensure that all employees have requisite Health & Safety, safeguarding
- Adoption of appropriate policies and procedures and ensure staff development plans are delivered.

Expressions of Interest should be registered on the St Helena Government e-procurement system In-tend which can be accessed via: <u>https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena</u> following registration on the system.

User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective suppliers registering on the e-Procurement system.

Any assistance required in registering should be addressed to the Procurement Office for the attention of Noleen Herne. E-mail: noleen.herne@sainthelena.gov.sh or telephone number (00 290) 22470.

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 12:00 GMT on Friday, 17 January 2020.

(Please note that this opportunity will only be open to on-Island parties and only parties expressing an interest will be considered for progression to tender.)

SHG 2 December 2019



Vacancy – Trainee Network Plumber

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking to recruit a Trainee Network Plumber to join their team in the Water Division.

The successful candidate will work with a team responsible for the day to day planned and reactive maintenance operations of the Island's water network systems. Some of the duties will include excavating and laying new water lines, installing new fittings and equipment, responding to customer calls and emergency response to burst water pipes.

Interested persons should be physically fit, motivated to learning all aspects of plumbing, have good communication skills, basic Maths and English, ability to follow instructions and work as part of a team. A commitment to Health and Safety in the workplace is also a requirement. On satisfactory completion of the training programme, the successful applicant should expect to be promoted to the position of Network Plumber

This is a permanent position within the Company. For further information, a full job description and further details on the Company's benefits package please contact Annalisa Young on 22255 or email <u>annalisa.young@connect.co.sh</u>

Completed application forms should be emailed to Annalisa Young at the above email address or handed in to the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, 11 December 2019.





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

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within the Bulk Fuel Installation

As the BFI Manager you will:

- Be responsible for managing fuel stocks and ensuring accurate records are maintained
- Be responsible for managing 'ship to shore' fuel operations
- Be responsible for maintaining Health & Safety standards within the BFI operation, including undertaking Risk Assessments as necessary
 - Manage all staff within the BFI and the shift rotation

Interested Persons Should:

- Have proven experience working within bulk fuel storage, distribution and handling or similar
 - environment, and related Health & Safety knowledge
 - Demonstrate good managerial and technical skills
- Demonstrate strong interpersonal skills, be self-motivated, organized and innovative and able to lead
 - a team
 - Be in possession of a valid driver's license

Salary will start at £16,969.92 per annum, (£1,414.16 per month)

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For further information,

including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies)

on telephone number: 2<mark>2523</mark>

or via email address:

GM-Agencies@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be c<mark>ollected</mark>

from Solomons Reception Desk, in

the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy

can be requested via e-mail

and should be completed and

returned to Anya Thomas, Human

Resources Development Officer,

Solomons Office, Jamestown,

By 13 December 2019

address: hra

VACANCY FINANCE ASSISTANT (CHILDREN & ADULT SERVICES)

The Children & Adult Social Care Directorate is seeking to recruit a versatile person to fill their vacant post of Finance Assistant. The post holder will be required to assist the Assistant Director and Management Accountant with maintaining an efficient and effective finance function for the Directorate.

Some of the key tasks and responsibilities are:

- Preparation of the Directorate's payroll data for submission to SHG Central Payroll. This includes checking pay sheets, bank transfers ensuring accuracy and processing home allotments;

- Prepare invoices for payment by completing customer and supplier invoice returns in accordance with financial procedures;

- Responsible for ensuring that all billing information for the directorate is promptly captured and accurate customer invoice returns are generated;

- Ensuring that all journal vouchers are prepared as necessary;

- Maintain the directorate's master inventory and asset registers and conduct spot checks as directed;

- Assist the Management Accountant in accounting duties as follows:

a. Provide financial information to assist with the preparation of the Directorate's annual budget;

- b. Assist with creating and maintaining appropriate spreadsheets to aid analysis to inform budgeting and decision making;
- c. Researching and reconciling financial data as required.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- GCSE in English, Maths or Accounting at Grade C or above or equivalent (applicants without a Level 2 qualification in Maths and English may still apply and can undertake a functional skills assessment as part of the recruitment process);

- Driver's License Class A;
- Proficient in IT skills including Microsoft Applications and Access Dimensions;
- Experience working in a finance and customer focused environment

Applicants should have good organisational skills and the ability to prioritise workload to meet deadlines. They should have good communication and customer care skills, with the ability to deal with customers from diverse backgrounds. It would also be ideal for the applicant to be willing to complete ACCA FIA Foundation in Accountancy.

Salary for this post is Grade B commencing at £6,722 per annum.

For further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact Mrs Tracy Poole-Nandy, Director on telephone number 22713 or e-mail: tracy.poole-nandy@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms, which are available from Corporate Human Resources and Children & Adult Social Care Directorate, should be submitted through Directors where applicable, to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Monday, 16 December 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.

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.

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Enterprise St Helena is looking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Investment Manager to work as part of the Investment Team. Reporting to the Director of Investment, the successful applicant will be responsible for working with a team of stakeholders to facilitate economic development and investment in St Helena.

The successful candidate must have:

- A relevant qualification in finance, business administration, accounting, economics
- Relevant experience of working in a senior commercial management role
- Proven experience of developing and managing stakeholder relationships

A copy of the Terms of Reference and an application form can be obtained via email or collected from the Enterprise St Helena Office at Ladder Hill Business Park. Completed application forms should be submitted to the HR and Administration Manager, Ladder Hill Business Park by no later than close of business Friday, 20th December 2019.

For further information please contact Cherie Dillon on telephone 22920 or via email Cherie.Dillon@esh.co.sh



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Expressions of Interest for a Part-Time Proof Reader

St Helena Tourism is seeking expressions of interest for a Part-Time Proof Reader. The Proof Reader must have in-depth knowledge of St Helena Island's products and history. The Proof Reader would be required to check grammatical, text and factual Information e.g. figures, dates on promotional material.

Ideally the successful candidate should be educated to A level or Degree level, preferably with a degree in English.

Expressions of interest should be submitted by no later than 12 noon on 16 December 2019.

The way in which information about St Helena is displayed contributes to the enhancement of the St Helena Tourism product and is aimed to stimulate interest,

For further information, or to submit your expression of interest, please contact Melissa Fowler, Tourism Manager on 22158 or email melissa.fowler@tourism.co.sh



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CHRISTMAS MARKET

Looking for a Christmas gift or some Christmas goodies to eat?

Join us Friday 13th December

Jamestown Market 10am – 2pm

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VACANCY – WATER UPGRADE PROJECT OPERATIVE

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking to recruit a Water Upgrade Project Operative.

The successful candidate must have plumbing or other relevant experience. In addition, we are looking for someone with a flexible attitude to work who will be willing to take on a variety of tasks in order to get the job done. Ability to use and maintain small plant and machinery is required.

Working in all weather conditions, tasks include: replacing old, worn or leaking sections of network piping and fittings;

Re-directing or burying exposed sections of the network to prevent damage or sun exposure; Tree/bush/shrub clearing; upgrading and maintaining water catchments; technical support to the network plumbing teams for major repairs.

Driving Licence is essential as the Water Upgrade Operative will be required to drive and operate a range of vehicles, mini-digger and dumper.

For further information, a full job description and further details on the Company's benefits package please contact Annalisa Young on 22255 or email <u>annalisa.young@connect.co.sh</u>.

Completed application forms should be emailed to Annalisa Young at the above email address or handed in to the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown by 12:00 noon, Monday, 16 December 2019.





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Are you between the ages of 16–26? Do you have a new innovative service or product offering for St Helena? Would you like to be your own boss?

Then the Youth Entrepreneurship Programme may be the answer for you.

The Youth Entrepreneurship Programme provides loan funding to anyone aged 16 to 26 and is designed to be flexible to encourage youth start-ups. The youth loan of £2000 is available at a very low interest rate of 1% per annum repayable over a three year period with a subsequent loan of £3000 available thereafter, on completion of the first loan up until your 30th birthday.

In addition, you will have access to the other ESH Grant funding assistance such as: Technical and Legal assistance and Development Projects.

Simply complete a registration form to sign up for the programme.

Terms and conditions apply.

For further information Mandy.obey@esh.co.sh or delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh or Tel No: 22920



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> St Helena Government

If you spot a leak from a pipe that is not on your property, please report it to Connect Saint Helena on 22255.

This type of leak may not cost you any money but it costs all of us in losing our precious water resources.



RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITES FOR SALE

St Helena Government has three development sites for sale in the Sapper Way area, St Paul's:

Site 1: Parcel Number 627, within the Scotland registration section, measuring 0.184 acres (Open to qualifying local residents for affordable housing plots)

Site 2: Parcel Number 628, within the Scotland registration section, measuring 0.222 acres (Open to all, but preference to first time buyers)

Site 3: Parcel Number 631, within the Scotland registration section, measuring 0.213 acres (Open to all, but preference to first time buyers)

Copies of particulars can be collected from the Castle Reception in Jamestown.

The closing date for tenders will be Friday, 17 January 2020, at 12 noon GMT. Bids to be submitted to the tender box in the Castle Reception, Jamestown, St Helena.



Enterprise St Helena is seeking Expressions of Interest from Graphic Designers/Specialists to provide a range of marketing material that can be utilised across a variety of platforms on an as-needed basis.

The Graphics Designers/Specialists should have at least five years' experience providing the services in question and have the ability to react promptly to requests for work and deliver on tight deadlines.

Expressions of Interest should include a Brand Refresh for St Helena Tourism, a Brand Design concept for Enterprise St Helena and a portfolio of work and client testimonials. The monthly retainer fee will be paid to provide these services as detailed in the ToR's and will need to be included in your submission.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted to the Marketing and Communications Manager by Wednesday, 8th January 2020.

Enterprise St Helena is a statutory body at arm's length from the St Helena Government and is the lead body responsible for economic development on St Helena Island.

For further information and a copy of the information pack and Terms of Reference or to submit an Expression of Interest please contact the Marketing and Communications Manager, Justine Green on +290 22920 or +290 22158 or email Justine.green@esh.co.sh.



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Red, White & Blue MotoMia Scooter for Sale



Offered for £1,100 (or best offer) is this Motomia 125 cc scooter. Very low mileage. Comes with 2 crash helmets (full and half face), 5 ltr jerry can and a set of waterproofs. Excellent runner! Call 24776 to view in High Knoll.

THE ANCHOR SHOPS OPENING HOURS

JAMESTOWN NR THE BAPTIST MANSE:

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: 9:00 AM -2:00 PM.

SATURDAYS: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

SATURDAY NIGHTS 14TH AND 21ST DECEMBER 6:30 – 8:00 PM

MONDAY 23RD 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

THIS SHOP WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER AT 2:00 PM AND WILL REOPEN ON THURSDAY 09 JANUARY 2020.

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OPENING HOURS: MONDAYS - SATURDAYS: 5:00 - 6:00 PM

THIS SHOP WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER AND REOPEN ON 6 JANUARY 2020

Enquiries: Jean Fowler - Tel: 24044

HAPPY XMAS SHOPPING!!!






END-OF-MONTH VETERINARY DRUGS IN JAMESTOWN

The last Jamestown Veterinary Drugs Clinic for the year ending 2019 will take place on Thursday 12th December from 12 - 2 pm in front of the Grand Parade. Normal service will resume on 24th January 2020.

There will be the usual Wednesday afternoon clinic at Scotland on the 18th December between 1:15-3:15pm.

This will be your last chance to purchase flea/ worm treatments and repeat prescriptions before the New Year. As usual if your animal is urgently ill please contact us, do not delay.

Contact details for the Veterinary Team are as follows: telephone 24724 between 08:30 and 16:00 Mon- Fri, *emergencies only* out-of-hours telephone 62039/ 26162.

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES DIVSION, SCOTLAND, ST HELENA, SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN, STHL 1ZZ December 2019



Are you a Livestock Farmer struggling in this drought? If so, ANRD has available a limited amount of "cube" suitable for cattle, sheep and goats which can help as a supplementary feed.

Interested farmers should complete an application form available from the ANRD Receptionist at Scotland. Should you require any further information or advice during this drought period please contact the Senior Veterinary Officer, Dr Joe Hollins, the Veterinary Officer, Dr Rebecca Lawrence or the Livestock Services Officer, Ken Henry on telephone number 24724.

Allstarz, Challengers & Woodpeckers Start With Wins

The 2019/20 Cricket season got underway on Saturday 30 November on a rather parched Francis Plain.

Western A Mustangs and Levelwood Allstarz contested the first match with defending champs Allstarz picking up an 8-wicket victory.

Notable performances in the match came from new Mustangs captain, Travoy Stevens who struck 36 of Mustangs' 118 runs. Ross Henry who took 2/11 and smashed 33 runs while Sanjay Clingham picked up 3/19.

This weeks feature game was Sunday's morning fixture. T20 and Knockout Champions Royal Challengers went up against Sandy Bay Pirates on a dry, calm Sunday morning.

Challengers won the toss and elected to take to the field. Their strike bowler, Andrew Yon produced a fiery opening spell of fast bowling but struggled with over stepping the popping crease and as a result delivered a number of no balls. Despite his struggles he was able to trap Ian Williams LBW in the fifth over.

AJ Bennett enjoyed a return to form and he treated Challengers bowling attack with distain bludgeoning 59 before he was caught behind by Nico Ellick, bowled Jordi Henry.

A few Pirates batsmen got starts failed to kick on as they struggled to deal with Jordi Henry's variations. Henry went on to finish the innings with figures of 6/32 from 5.2 overs. Sean Lee Thomas played a supporting role and took 3/46 from 6 overs.

Spectacular catches from Melvyn Henry and Jordan Yon saw Pirates eventually dismissed for 140 in 18.2 overs.

Challengers were quickly in trouble at the start of the run chase. They lost talisman Andrew Yon in the second over for 7 - caught AJ Bennett, bowled Rhys Francis. Nico Ellick perished in exactly the same fashion in the 8th over. He had made 5 and Challengers were 28/2.

Although wickets were falling around him, Alex Langham stood firm for Challengers. His gutsy innings of 34 proved to be the glue that Challengers need. He formed a match winning partnership with man of the match Jordi Henry who added a fine innings of 60 to the six wickets he had already taken. He took challengers to within touching distance of the required target before he was caught behind by Ian Williams, bowled AJ Bennett.

Challengers' captain Cliff Richards hit the winning runs in the 22nd over.

Jordi Henry collected 3 performance points, Alex Langham 2, and AJ Bennett 1.

The final fixture of the weekend saw both Chris Owen and Asthon Benjamin strike maiden centuries as Western Woodpeckers secured a 161-run victory over Lions.

Batting first Woodpeckers put on 382/4 in 35 overs. Alan Tho-



mas struck 49 during the run chase and Lions made a commendable 221, but Jamie Ellicks 3/37 and Chris Owens 3/43 saw Lions bowled out in the 27th over.

Results Sat 30 Nov 19

Mustangs 118 (27 Overs) Travoy Stevens 36 Antonio Green 10

Sanjay Clingham 3/19 Ross Henry 2/11

Allstarz 120/2 (10 Overs)

Gareth Johnson 46 Ross Henry 33

Liam Adams 1/10 Antonio 1/21

Performance Points

Ross Henry 3, Gareth Johnson 2, Sanjay Clingham 1

Sun 1 Dec 9am

Pirates 140 (18.2 Overs)

AJ Bennett 59 Brooklyn Fowler 16

Jordi Henry 6/31 Sean Lee Thomas 3/46

Challengers 141/7 (22.4 overs)

Jordi Henry 60 Alex Langham 34

Rhys Francis 3/28 David Young 2/20

Performance Points

Jordi Henry 3, Alex Langham 2, AJ Bennett 1

Allstarz, Challengers & Woodpeckers Start With Wins

Sun 1 Dec 1.30pm

Woodpeckers 382/4 (35) Chris Owen 149 Ashton Benjamin 124

Patrick Crowie 2/81 Tyrone Cansick 1/37





Set Aside Saturday 28 December For A Day of Fun & Cricket Lions 221 (27 Overs) Alan Thomas 49 Frazer Stone 29

Jamie Ellick 3/27 Chris Owen 3/43

Performance Points Chris Owen 3, Ashton Benjamin 2, Alan Thomas 1

Fixtures Sat 7 December 1.30pm Pirates V Woodpeckers ... Umpires Allstarz

Sun 8 December 8.45am Mustangs V Challengers ... Umpires Lions 1.30pm Heat V Allstarz ... Umpires Woodpeckers

Submitted by SHCA



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Manchester City's slight chance of retaining the Premier league title all but evaporated in the early match on Saturday as they drew 2-2 with Newcastle.

Despite having 24 shots at the Goal City found Newcastle in resilient mood as twice they came from behind to equalised. Jon Jo Shelvey 88th minute stunner gave the magpies an unlikely point.

City is now 11 points behind the leaders Liverpool with 24 matches to go.



Newcastle is now 6 games unbeaten at home

Liverpool was in complete control against Brighton after they scored 2 early first half goals until Allison was sent off in the 76 minute for handling the ball outside the area.

Lewis Dunk scored from the resulting free kick. Brighton pushed for the equaliser and it took a good save from stand in keeper Adrian to give the league leaders all 3 points.

Victory means Liverpool have equalled their longest ever unbeaten run in the top flight, having also gone 31 games without defeat between May 1987 and March 1988.



Van Dijk scored both goals for Liverpool

Leicester City remains in 2nd place as they came from behind to beat Everton 2-1 on Sunday. Everton took the lead with a brilliant header from Richarlison. Vardy equalised in the second half and Iheanacho came up with the winner in the 94th minute. The flag did go up for offside but it was check by VAR and the goal was given.

Jamie Vardy has scored in six consecutive Premier League games for Leicester (eight goals), his best streak since his record-breaking 11-match run in November 2015.

Leicester is now Liverpool's main rival for the title. Maybe we should have a sneaky bet on them.

In other results on Saturday Crystal Palace good away form continues as they defeated Burnley 2-0.

A good goal from Aaron Cresswell earns under pressure West



Iheanacho first league goal since September 2018

Ham all 3 points against Chelsea. Goalkeeper David Martin was "in tears" after a debut where West Ham ended a sevengame winless run with victory at Chelsea.

Martin, the son of Hammers legend Alvin, was picked by boss Manuel Pellegrini instead of Spanish keeper Roberto, who had conceded nine goals in three games.

New boss Jose Mourinho saw his Spurs side go 3-0 up against Bournemouth before 2 good goals by Harry Wilson narrowed the deficit.

Two late goals for Southampton earn them a comeback win against fellow strugglers Watford.



James Ward-Prowse scored a trade mark free kick to earn his side all 3 points and also picked up the man of the match award

The other matches on Sunday saw Aubameyang twice coming to Arsenal's rescue as they could only draw 2-2 with Norwich City. Arsenal is under the new management of Freddie Ljungberg. They sacked Unai Embry last week.

Arsenal fans had goalkeeper Leno to thank as he produce saves that kept the score on par.

Sheffield United took the lead in the 2nd minute against Wolves before Doherty equalised in the 64th minute.

Manchester United fans were again left frustrated after another disappointing performance against promoted side Aston Villa. Villa took the lead in the 11th minute with a brilliant goal by Jack Grealish. United came back to lead the match 2-1 with goals from Rashford and Lindelof. Naïve defending by Brendan Williams allowed Tyrone Mings to be onside to score a deserve equaliser.

United lacked leadership on the pitch. Maguire continues to frustrate me with both his defending and distribution, No way is that player worth 90 million pounds.

With the festive period approaching the games will be coming thick and fast for all the Premier League teams.

On Tuesday Manchester City closed the gap to 8 points as

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens



Man of the match Jack Grealish

they put in a more convincing performance against Burnley beating them 4-1.

Crystal Palace who was reduce to 10 men after just 19 minutes went on to beat Bournemouth 1-0 with a goal from Jeffery Schlupp.

On Wednesday Liverpool trash Everton 5-2 to remain 8 points clear of Leicester who defeated the bottom side Watford 2-0. Manchester United deservedly defeated Spurs 2-1 on Jose Mourindo return to Old Trafford.

Chelsea remains 4^{th} after beating Villa 2-1. Wolves up to 5^{th} in the league table after beating West Ham 2-0.

Southampton is out of the relegation zone after beating fellow strugglers Norwich City 2-1.



Rashford's brace gave Manchester United all 3 points against Spurs

Everton will play Chelsea in the early match on Saturday. 3pm games will see the leaders Liverpool travel to the south



Twenty Six members participated in the 18 Hole Turkey and Ham Stableford competition held on Sunday 1st December 2019. The weather conditions were good and most enjoyable day was had by all participants in the competition. Ronald De Reuck emerged as the winner with a score of 43 points with Arthur Francis claiming 2nd place with a score of 39 points. Congratulations to Ronald and Arthur.

No Two ball winners on the day.

On Sunday 8th December 2019, an 18 Hole Team Competition is scheduled with a fish fry afterwards. The first group tee off time is 12 noon. You may register your name on the signup sheet at the Golf Club or leave a voicemail on telephone number 24421. coast to play Bournemouth; Spurs will host Burnley and Watford will play at home against Crystal Palace. The late game will be the Manchester derby at the Eithad.

On Sunday Villa host Leicester; Newcastle play at home against Southampton and Norwich face Sheffield United at Carrow road. All matches kicking off at 2pm. Brighton will play Wolves at the Amex stadium at 4.30pm.

Monday evening West Ham will play at home against Arsenal.



Game of the weekend ... Manchester derby

What's happening at New Horizons?

On Friday we will have the Youth Games Table Tennis sponsored by the Blue Lantern.

Saturday will be the New Horizons annual Christmas Bazaar at the New Horizons leisure park. Everything on sale will be for £1 or less.

Big thanks to all those people who donated some many great items for this year's sale.

The gates will open at 10am.

We are also currently have our Christmas raffle tickets on sale with great prizes to be won. Star prize is a bicycle donated by Richard James. This raffle as well as our 50/50 raffle will be drawn on Thursday 19th December.



Sunday 8 December 2019

Stroke Play – 3/8 full handicap Start: 12 noon Fee: £3

	Yellow Team	Blue Team
12 noon	Gerry Shannon Christine Scipio	Jeff Ellick Helena Stevens
12:10	Leon Crowie Ronald de Reuck	Lawson Henry Neil Joshua
12:20	Tony Green Pat Henry	Arthur Francis Sean Nugent
12:30	Jeff Stevens Gerald George Peter Johnson	Larry Legg Dougie Augustus Eileen Wallace

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An International Camp celebrating 100 years of Girlguiding in Bermuda

Girlguiding Bermuda hosted an international camp "Branches Break Out Bermuda" on Paget Island from August 19th to August 23rd 2019. UK Overseas Territories attended: Gibraltar, St. Helena, Cayman, Falklands, Scotland, and North East England and of course Bermuda

All campers took part in the Outward Bound Program led by Mr. Anton Gilbert; there was swimming, snorkelling at Tobacco Bay, archery at South Side St. Georges, sailing with USAIL in Harrington Sound, and participating in various activities at Fun Worxs at Clearwater Beach, including swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking, hydro boats, paddle boats, and electric scooters.

On Sunday 11th August 2019, contained with excitement and a tinge of anxiety we boarded our flight to Johannesburg. A new adventure began! Within a few hours we landed in O. R. Tambo International Airport Johannesburg. We spent four days in Johannesburg, accommodated in the Dove's Nest Guesthouse, Kempton Park just 3km from O.R Tambo airport. The 52 room, 2 star guesthouse, offered first and foremost 'safety' putting our minds at ease along with the comfort adequate enough for us and of the course the glory of free internet! During our four day stay in Johannesburg it was a real eye opener, as well as a reminder of the peace and tranquillity we left behind on our beautiful little gem, St Helena Island. We experienced a downside but in unity we were able to overcome this. We also shared a celebration where wine (joking chamdor) glasses were raised. We had a tour and visited the Apartheid Museum capturing some of Johannesburg's fine history. On the 4th day we took our flight and landed in Dubai Airport, a beautiful sight which was only on loan to us for a few hours before flying out to Gatwick. We arrived at Gatwick airport UK, where we were shuttled in a heartbeat to the Lawn Guesthouse, a Victorian house which offered much comfort and superb customer service. Within a two minute walk we were able to scout around the centre of Horley town. Next flight out was for the big adventure itself - Bermuda! Contained with excitement and wonder we took flight with our Falkland Islands Girl Guiding sisters. Upon arriving in Bermuda, we readily took a shine to the place. Bermuda, a tourist island, with its beauty had all to offer and met our expectations.

Sunday 18th August The first day and night we spent at the Cedar Bridge Academy where we were able to become acquainted with some of our sisters prior to start of the camp.

Monday 19th August With growing excitement we were ferried to Paget Island (a 36 acre campsite) where the real adventure would take place. Wow!!! This was real camp for us – the pitching of 12 tents in itself portrayed camping was going to be at its best! Through rain and sunshine campers did a costal tour of Paget Island which was the start of many challenges. Completing the costal tour was a bit nerve wrecking, however, it was a credit to those who completed it. Branches Craft stations were set up and there was a real buzz on camp site. Early evening we were ferried back to the mainland, St George's, for the opening ceremony which took place in the town square. After the closing of the ceremony, the Bermuda



Girguiding's 100th birthday cake was shared amongst all in attendance, followed by the Gombeys dance entertainment. Enthusiasm couldn't be contained and the chance of becoming a gombey presented itself so we joined in. Lead by the Gombeys to the boat (what a lovely send off!) we were ferried back to Paget island for a good night's rest ready to embark on the adventures that laid ahead for the next day.

Tuesday August 20th in selected groups, activities took place in various stations. Thunder and lightning reigned throughout the day and then graced its presence again in the late hours. After dinner some groups did the Fort expedition (stories yet to be told!), whilst others did craft activities and mingled. International Night allowed campers to perform and showcase their culture through songs and dances. A display of each country dominated the marquee and we proudly showcased St Helena's 7 Wonders. A special food treat was shared from each country where we shared St Helena's beloved tomato paste.

Wednesday August 21st with an early rise in readiness for activities, groups were at their stations where busy hands showed off their skills with craft activities. In the afternoon more exciting adventures took place. Groups were ferried for off island excursions to U Sail and Fun Worxs and Tobacco Bay and Archery. Brand new and first time experiences for our team.. In the evening campers were able to showcase their National attributes and heel kicking sure had no limits.

Thursday 22nd August Ferried back to the mainland a Scavenger hunt took place at St Georges'. Mind blowing but fun in

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participating, we were able to discover some of the charms of St George's. The afternoon saw many visitors, (from Bermuda) and this added a buzz of warmth to the camp site. After dinner the ever popular camp fire was lit surrounded by happy campers who performed traditional songs and skits which presented much amusement and the roars of laughter could be heard from miles.

Friday 23th August Final activity: Zipline - Brave it, the closing activity not to be missed! Dismantling the tents meant Camp was over. With heavy hearts we packed up ensuring that we left Paget Island as clean and tidy as we found it. The Closing ceremony, photo shoots and bidding farewell to our fellow guiding sisters emitted emotions but with fond memories engraved in us to last a life time. Ferried back to the mainland for the last time we headed back to Cedar Bridge Academy.

Saturday 24th August Last day in beautiful Bermuda! A quick tour with the School Principal was a bonus for us and a trip to a pink sandy beach was a must! The awesomeness of kayaking and snorkelling at Turtle Beach couldn't have been better experiences. However, it didn't end there as the electric scooters only tempted us further. With good balance, some speed limits were broken!

Sunday 25th August as we bid goodbye to beautiful Bermuda we took our flight back to the UK. Tired and exhausted from the travelling within different time zones, we headed to the Reading Sports. Overwhelmed with the meet and greet of family and friends and using the last of energy within our tired bodies we were able to send live greetings to our family and friends. After a few hours at the Reading Sports and with energy now at the lowest we took the journey to Southampton for a well-deserved good night's rest.

Monday 26th August a bright and early start saw us heading off to Windsor to witness the splendour of the changing of the guards followed by a whip round the shops on the high street. It didn't end there as we were yet to encounter another experience – 'The World's Number One' Water Sports and Activity Park, 'Liquid Leisure' which is home to Europe's Largest Aqua Park, set on one of the most beautiful private freshwater lakes amongst stunning parkland in the heart of Berkshire. If you are not a swimmer then you will lose out! Excitedly we partook in the water sports and it was definitely a Total Wipe-out!

Tuesday 27th August a must on the agenda was a visit to Brownsea Island to capture its history. Situated in Poole Harbour in Dorset, it is accessible only via boat or ferry. Boarding the ferry in the early morning mist we headed off and were able to discover how the island has been shaped over time and its special significance today. Brownsea Island was the location of an experimental camp in 1907 by Badon Powel which lead to the formation of the Scout movement. With the exception of the little chapel which sits prominently and a few other buildings Brownsea Island is owned by the National Trust. Brownsea Island has a small ornamental population of peacocks, which we were fortunate to see however they were not brazen enough to showcase their feathers. There is a large population of non-native sika deer on the island and the girls were fascinated to have spotted one. In 1963 a Scout campsite was opened by Olave Baden-Powell, when the island became a nature conservation area owned by the National Trust. In 1973, a Scout Jamboree was held on the island with 600 Scouts. In August 2007, 100 years after the first experimental camp, Brownsea Island was the focus of worldwide celebrations of the centenary of Scouting. Four camps were set up on the island including a replica of the original 1907 camp, and hundreds of Scouts and Girl Guides from 160 countries travelled to the island to take part in the celebrations.

Wednesday 28th August a visit to Foxes Lease and Brighton Foxes lease is a training and activity centre of Girl guiding near Lyndhurst, Hampshire, UK. The Foxlease estate has been owned and managed by the Guides since 1922. The estate is 65 acres and includes a variety of self-catering accommodation, campsites and a tented village. During the Second World War Foxes Lease briefly became a home for evacuated children. 'Bewilder Box Escape Room' Brighton was a unique experience which offered fun, mystery, teamwork and excitement and of course the feeling of victory – We Escaped!!! Brighton Palace Pier, located in the heart of Brighton was a wind down for us all.

Thursday 29th August Last day in the UK. As we ventured out for a game of bowling, sense of direction was somewhat underrated, yet the game brought out another challenge and yippee we soon mastered some good techniques! Shopping rounded the afternoon off and it was time to pick up our tracks and depart the UK.

Friday 30th August Landed back in Johannesburg where the quaint little Dove's Nest Guest House awaited us and an evening meal of rice, beef stew and pumpkin made it felt like a real 'Home Coming'.

Saturday 31st August In a matter of hours we landed safe and sound on our home ground. Home Sweet Home! Family, friends and our Guiding sisters awaited our arrival. What an exhausting and amazing journey enjoyed by all. Our three weeks allowed us to bond, become exposed, build confidence, engaged in challenges and experiences whilst discovering the world around us. WE SURVIVED! The St Helena Bermuda Jamboree Team would like to extend massive thanks to all who supported us in any way to afford the trip. A huge 'Thank You' to the parents of the girls for entrusting your daughters with us. We brought them home safe and sound! Our deepest gratitude to our Commissioner, Heather Cowdry for her unconditional support throughout and special thanks to our Chief Leader Winifred Thomas for executing the lead and congratulations on achieving the International Camp licence. Thanks to our UK chauffeur, Mike Brown who was at our back and call in the UK (seat belts fasten)!

Pleasing to say that the four girls embraced all challenges with confidence and we sincerely hope that our wonderful experiences will inspire others!

Bubbles Pre-Christmas Lunch

On Saturday, 23rd November at 12:30pm the elderly residents of Sandy Bay was treated to a pre-Christmas lunch organised by Bubbles Charity.

This group was started by the late Mrs. Beverley Francis whose vision was to bring the residents of Sandy Bay together (both the young and the young at heart) with the intention of uniting the community that she became a part of.

Saturday, 23rd the 'Bubbles' Committee was proud to see the vision of their founder become a reality.

Chairperson, Melvina Fowler (Molly) commented "Although we are all residents of Sandy Bay it is seldom that we are able to spend quality time together, so we hope you will all enjoy the lunch that has been prepared for you and take the time to share happy moments and stories with each other."

Molly went onto thank the 'Bubbles' Committee who had worked together to make the day possible. Special thanks were given to their chef, Mr. Ivan Coleman for cooking the meal, Mr. Campbell Buckley for his help in arranging the hall and their junior member Kyle Williams for setting the tables and all other members who had contributed towards the day.

Following the lunch a raffle was organised, whereby free tickets were distributed to all in attendance. All prizes had been kindly donated by committee members as were the assortment of eats to accompany the hot beverages before the event came to a close.

Some of the residents who were unable to join the event due to ill health or being in care, were not forgotten, as 'Bubbles' had organised for a small gift to be sent to each and every one of them.

In Molly's closing remarks she highlighted the importance of community, stating that "the elderly had helped to build and shape our community and today 'Bubbles' was giving a little something back to say thank you".

The event was well-organised and created an air of apprecia-



e nope you will all br you and take the s with each other." Ition and love, truly depicting the strength of community spirit. The committee of 'Bubbles' who are: Melvina Fowler, Deborah Williams, Phyllis Coleman, Gavie Williams, Joyce Clifford, Heather Isaac, Ann Buckley, Olive Henry, Violet Johnson, Shirley Thomas and junior members Nicole Isaac, Kyle, Kian & Khloe Williams are to be admired and celebrated for what they have achieved and continue to do within their community. They are all shining examples of what can be achieved

if we work together.

On Tuesday, 17th December they will organise a similar event but this time focusing on the youth within district, as they tirelessly plan for the Children's Christmas Party.

On behalf of my siblings Nicola, Steve & Rhys, I would like to thank the committee of 'Bubbles' for your hard work and dedication and for choosing to commemorate our mum in such a special way. Her love for the community of Sandy Bay and St Helena will live on because of you all. Thank You!

"Alone we can so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

Julie Thomas Gordon's Post Alarm Forest



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Circumnavigation Plaque Unveiled

At an event at the Museum last Saturday St Helena commemorate a special event. The special event is James and Hannah Herne and their family sailing around the world in their yacht Carpe Diem. It took them four and a half years. It is an amazing achievement for the family and for the Island.

St Helena Independent extensively covered the Herne family's circumnavigation in a series of articles in the middle of last year.





JAMES HERNE, HIS WIFE HANNAH AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN, THE FIRST ST HELENIAN FAMILY TO CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE GLOBE ON THEIR YACHT CARPE DIEM

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The letter that sparked the Napoleonic war! King George III's letter stating his intention to declare hostilities against Napoleon in 1803 sells at auction for £11,430 (more than 11 times its original estimate!)

King George III signalled his intent to go to war with France on May 14 ,1803, four days before Britain formally declared war against Napoleon's forces.

It was sold at to a private collector who bid for it by telephone, fetching more than 11 times its pre-sale estimate of £500 to \pounds 1,000.

King George III, the "mad king who lost the North American colonies" is now thought to have suffered from porphyria, a hereditary blood disorder. One symptom is blue urine.

The letter, sold at Cheffins in Cambridge, was written by King George III to Lord Hawkesbury, then Secretary of State.

Charles Ashton, a director at Cheffins said: 'This letter is a defining moment of history showing the King's intention to go to war with France and Napoleon.'

The King wrote in the letter that he had 'perused the dispatch and private letter from Lord Whitworth', a British politician and diplomat who at the time of the letter was ambassador in Paris. "The conduct of France has been equally unfair to the last," he wrote, "and though conscious of the evils that must be entailed on many countries by the renewal of war. Yet the conviction that by the restless disposition of the Ruler of France this event could not long have been kept off, it seems necessary to attend alone to the best modes of repelling the violence with effect, and the attacking those objects which our present means render attainable. The King will remain in town to execute any steps that the present moment may require." He signs off the letter as 'George R'.

The letter was sold by an anonymous private vendor. https://stockdailydish.com/king-george-iii-letter-signalling-warintent-sells-at/





PRESS RELEASE

Unified Saints will be hosting a public meeting on Thursday, 12th December 2019 at the Half-Tree-Hollow Community Centre, starting at 7:30pm, with the purpose of gathering the views of the community on three important topics. These include:

1. Discussing the reasons why a large percentage of our community do not participate in constituency meetings and the election process. What needs to be done to address this?

2. Acknowledging and understanding the difficulties being faced by our community at present and taking stock of further challenges in the near future if not managed effectively.

3. Ideas and suggestions on how we can improve our channel of communications with our elected representatives ensuring our contributions are relayed effectively to the relevant committees.

Unified Saints extends this invitation to each and every one of you as they need your support to achieve their goals. This meeting will provide you, with the opportunity to have your say about what is concerning you.

Let's make life on St Helena everybody's business!



The Committee and Working Group would like to extend a huge '**Thank You**' to everyone who supported with the fundraising events over the past weeks. Your support is invaluable and much appreciated.

Thank You to the donors - Sure SA, Bank of St Helena, Connect St Helena, Richard James International, Johny Isaac and Mc Daniels. Those who hosted the events - Moonshines, Rosies, Johnny Dillon, V2 and Donny's, and entrance fee collectors.

The various organisations - Printech, GIS, St Helena Red Cross, St Helena Hospital, St Helena Sea Rescue and Solomons Plc.

To everyone who made kind donations and who participated in the various sponsorship activities, including those who assisted with 'the more hands on tasks', which is always very important.

All of the events were a success and we certainly achieved 'Pinktober' with an amazing and overwhelming response from our community. The Pink Walk, in particular was a special day and we trust that it was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the Marshalls, First Aiders and sponsor money handlers.

We look forward to your continued support to this worthy cause. Once again – Thank You.

ST HELENA MAGISTRATES' COURT

28th November 2019

Selwyn Stroud (19) of Botanical Gardens, pleaded guilty to two counts of Common Assault and one count of Using Threatening Words or Behaviour. He also admitted being in breach of a Community Sentence which was a direct alternative to custody. He entered his plea at the earliest opportunity. He was dealt with by way of a custodial sentence for the two assaults and criminal damage of 40 days each and was re-sentenced to the offences of common assault, assault occasioning actual bodily harm and affray to serve 2 months and one week custody. All sentences are consecutive.

Anelka Leo (20) of Trap Cott, pleaded guilty to two counts of theft and one of criminal damage. He entered his plea at the earliest opportunity. He was sentenced to 20 hours Community Service Order in respect of each matter and ordered to pay compensation of £215.00.





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For further information please contact Mark Westmoquette on telephone 23876 or email westmoquette@gmail.com

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