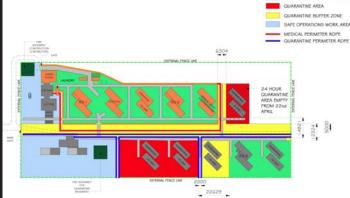




Inside Bradley's



Charges in 'nuisance sheep' case dropped





Historic St Helena Flight Brings Valued Cargo



Yesterday, the Magistrates Court dealt with a case of rather high public interest in which Mr Brian James Williams, better known to all as 'Ben', faced charges as a result of his visit to Jamestown with a sheep on the afternoon of 28th February.

Mr Williams was charged with being drunk in a public place, causing a nuisance by allowing a sheep to wander in Jamestown, resisting lawful arrest by a Police Officer and failing to meet bail requirements. On all counts, the charges were withdrawn. Mr Williams was represented by Lay Advocate Ivy Ellick. The case which caused some public concern at the time of the incident was heard by newly appointed Chief Magistrate Duncan Cooke.

Historic St Helena Flight Brings Valued Cargo

The Titan Airways A318 touched down at St Helena airport just before 1pm on Tuesday, making it the first plane to land here for one month.



The Titan A318 on the apron at St Helena airport with the cargo of Covid-19 medical equipment being unloaded. The unliveried plane can be painted in the colours and design of the company chartering the luxuriously fitted out aircraft, if they are prepared to pay for it. Officially, this was flight AWC001C.



Before flying to St Helena, the plane landed at Wideawake to deliver medical supplies and a passenger for Ascension Islanders.



The Titan Airways plane is the first A318 to land at St Helena. The plane is passing King and Queen Rocks as it makes the spectacular descent the St Helena airport offers to passengers. After disembarking passengers and cargo the flight crew made further take-off and landing test flights



An aircraft tracking website shows the route taken by the A318 from Stansted airport in Essex, UK via Accra, Ghana for re-fuelling.

Historic St Helena Flight Brings Valued Cargo



The moment when the Titan A318 is about to touch down at St Helena



The extensively refurbished Bradley's Camp which is now home to the passengers on the Titan Airways plane until 5th May when they complete the mandatory 14 days isolation

Why is flight AWC001C special?

As the global coronavirus pandemics have left commercial passenger airlines largely on the ground, part of their previous capacity has been switched to repatriation and special cargo flights. Many of them are unique in their own right, like the Air Tahiti Nui flight TN064, which broke the distance record in March 2020.

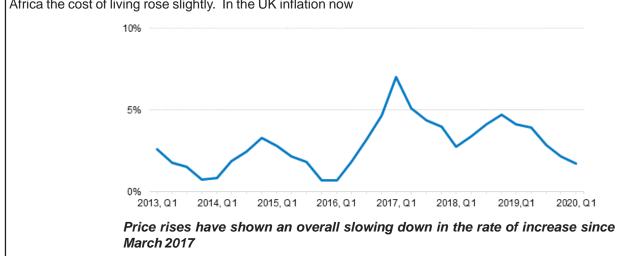
The flight AWC001C, has caught aviation geeks' attention for several reasons, starting with the destination and its frail links to the aviation world.

Prices rise more slowly

Prices rises slipped backed to 1.7% compared to this time last year. The previous year-on-year price inflation measurement was in December last year when it was calculated at 2.1%.

Road vehicles, cars and fuel increased most in price while eggs and local fish helped to bring the overall cost of living down by 0.4%. Inflation in the UK and South Africa has a big effect on how much we pay for what we need as most of what we buy is imported from those two countries. In the UK prices fell back a little, as they did in St Helena, while in South Africa the cost of living rose slightly. In the UK inflation now stands at 1.5% while South Africans are paying 4.6% more than they did twelve months ago.

The largest increases were in the Transport category. The main reasons being the increases in petrol prices and increases in vehicle import duty. The Alcohol and Tobacco category also took a hit, again, with SHG tobacco levies increasing. The rate of increase in food prices, on the other hand, slowed down to 0.9% compared with an increase of 1.4% over the twelve months to December 2019.





I was wondering what to write to start the editorial this week and it took me a bit of time to find the inspiration. The inspiration came from an email I received about the long awaited Control of Artificial Light at Night legislation. I was involved with what is otherwise known as dark sky legislation as far back as 2011, or was it 1811? A long time ago anyway. Progress picked up in 2015 or thereabouts and draft legislation and regulations were hammered out as the months flew by. The email received this week is about whether the legislation should form part of the Environmental Protection Ordinance, as was decided some time back or part of the Land Planning and Development Control Ordinance, as is now being discussed. Originally it was to be quite simply the Control of Artificial Light at Night Ordinance - but that is too simple. I do not know what material difference it makes having the dark sky legislation combined with planning instead of environmental legislation or standing as a separate Ordinance. The result, in law, will surely be the same. It is too often said, in an accusing way, that our government is too much concerned with process and not very much concerned with achieving results. This painfully long process provides ammunition for the accusers.

On the other hand, the development and implementation of measures to keep out that nasty virus does show that SHG can react quickly and flexibly to a situation that changes daily in the fight against an unknown as well as invisible enemy. And they can include with it some fairly fancy footwork. When push comes to shove, SHG can move fast, even when the situation is complex and so much relies on what other people do or don't do. I just wish we could see more of that fancy footwork.

Figures from the Statistics Office tell me there were 78 reported road traffic accidents last year; that's one less than in 2018. In 2017 there were 88 accidents and in the years before that the yearly accident totals were in three figures. In fact, 78 is the lowest annual road traffic accident total since records started to be kept in 1985. In the 1980s and 90s the annual accident total was often in three figures with a high of 180 accidents in 1991. Criminal court cases for 2017, the most recent year recorded, are also at the low end of the range with a total of 127 for the year. In 2015 there were 322 criminal cases before the Bench, the highest annual total of all. Of those 322 cases in 2015 there were 209 convictions; in 2017 there were 81 convictions from the 127 cases brought to Court.

The Seas Rescue service was called out 11 times in 2019 and the Fire Service called out 86 times. The Fire Service was called out twice for oil spills and twice for 'vehicles' which presumably was involved in accidents. The other 82 call outs are classified as 'other'. But surely they all can't be cats stuck up trees? I find out all sorts of things when searching everywhere for news to keep you informed and entertained. Did you know that in 1805 Napoleon had more than 150,000 men, between 10,000 and 15,000 horses, 500 artillery pieces, 1,000 flat bottomed boats and 750 barges lined up along the coast of northern France for an invasion of Britain? The missing piece of equipment was the French Navy to transport all of that across the Channel. The problem was the French ships were blockaded in different ports across Europe by the British Navy and could not join the party. When the largest of the French fleets attempted to break out of Cadiz harbour the Battle of Trafalgar ensued; which put an end to any plans for what Napoleon liked to call a 'descent' upon England. All he wanted to do, he said, was to get rid of the "obnoxious and despotic" English aristocracy. Anyway by the time Nelson led his fleet into battle at Trafalgar, Napoleon and his armies had left the northern coast of France and marched to what is now the Czech Republic where he waged a victorious battle at Austerlitz; probably the most famous victory Napoleon ever had.

I'd like to introduce you to *Venus* the dog. He was the mascot on HMS Vansittart, a Destroyer that saw action on both World Wars.



Well, I've done it. I've managed to get to the end of this editorial without mentioning the number that comes before 20 and the word that so often goes with it.

Enjoy the weekend Vince

Coronavirus contagion from virus carriers who show no symptoms

Widening the criteria for testing gives the opportunity to identify what early research indicates is the much larger number of people who are infected by coronavirus but show no symptoms of it.

Now, at last, we have in St Helena testing capability to help identify people who have Covid-19. At a press conference held on Wednesday of last week it was stated that the 960 test kits we now have will be used on "those people displaying COVID-19 symptoms". This is a huge advance on the situation prevailing before the test kits arrived. There remains an issue related to the 'prevent' stage of Covid-19 preparedness which focuses on keeping the coronavirus from spreading among the island's community. How do we isolate and treat any coronavirus carriers who may arrive here who do not show any of the known Covid-19 symptoms?

The World Health Organisation (WHO) offer advice on their website on this subject. They say the risk of contracting Covid-19 from an asymptomatic carrier is 'low'. This is their full website entry on the question **Can CoVID-19 be caught from a person who has no symptoms?**

"The main way the disease spreads is through respiratory droplets expelled by someone who is coughing. The risk of catching COVID-19 from someone with no symptoms at all is very low. However, many people with COVID-19 experience only mild symptoms. This is particularly true at the early stages of the disease. It is therefore possible to catch COVID-19 from someone who has, for example, just a mild cough and does not feel ill. WHO is assessing ongoing research on the period of transmission of COVID-19 and will continue to share updated findings."

Why the risk is low is not explained by WHO so it can only be assumed a coronavirus carrier displaying no symptoms is not going to cough all over you so the virus is unlikely to be transmitted. The logic in this only available assumption appears extremely fragile.

Cause for concern heightens that Covid-19 could enter St Helena through a person with the virus but showing no symptoms when information published by BMJ is considered. BMJ used to be called the British Medical Journal but followed the fad to use only the initials when it became global rather than British.

The BMJ reported in an article dated 2nd April, "New evidence has emerged from China indicating that the large majority of coronavirus infections do not result in symptoms.

Chinese authorities began publishing daily figures on 1 April on the number of new coronavirus cases that are asymptomatic, with the first day's figures suggesting that around four in five coronavirus infections caused no illness. Many experts believe that unnoticed, asymptomatic cases of coronavirus infection could be an important source of contagion.

A total of 130 of 166 new infections (78%) identified in the 24 hours to the afternoon of Wednesday 1 April were asymptomatic, said China's National Health Commission. And most of the 36 cases in which patients showed symptoms involved arrivals from overseas, down from 48 the previous day, the commission said.

China is rigorously testing arrivals from overseas for fear of importing a fresh outbreak of covid-19."



Covid-19 tests, taking samples of mucus from the nose

This report looks at the early information from new data and, as usual, more information and data is needed to confirm the early results. But, the high number of people infected by coronavirus and not showing symptoms is very worrying and should be included as part of any Covid-19 preparedness strategy.

The latest report, so far available, showing numbers and percentages for asymptomatic coronavirus carriers appeared on Forbes magazine website dated 14th April and used figures published in the New England Journal of Medicine. Once again it is early days using a small testing sample. In this case it was pregnant women admitted to one particular medical centre where all those admitted are tested for Covid-19.

The testing involved 215 women over a two week period. Four women tested positive after showing Covid-19 symptoms but a further twenty-nine who did not show symptoms also tested positive. Also, one woman developed Covid-19 symptoms after testing negative.

Once again it is a small sample over a short period but the high number in the sample who were infected with coronavirus but showed no symptoms does set alarm bells ringing.

In St Helena apart from now having testing kits we also now have Bradleys Camp open as an isolation unit for incoming passengers off flights or yachts. This too is good news and an important addition to the coronavirus prevention facilities available. At the end of an SHG communication describing the prevention and containment measures in place for arriving passengers and aircrew at the airport, during transport to Bradley's Camp and while in isolation it is said, "Quarantining all arriving passengers at Bradley's Camp ensures that anyone who presents with COVID-19 symptoms are identified quickly and can be contained. This means they can be

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treated early in isolation without risking spread to other members of the community. By keeping the potential infection in one place, we greatly increase our chances of avoiding any spread of the virus beyond the Camp. We are still in the Prevent Stage and will continue to do all we can to prevent Coronavirus from coming to St Helena and affecting our community."

These claims may be optimistic while use of the Covid-19 test kits are limited to people arriving here who show coronavirus symptoms while in isolation. From the limited statistical evidence available there is an indication that it is possible for an arriving passenger infected with the coronavirus to complete the 14 days of isolation at Bradley's Camp and show no symptoms of that infection. On completion of the isolation period that infected person would then be free to circulate around St Helena with potentially very harmful consequences.

Annex A: Summary of Phased Action Plan

 Prevent: To implement proportionate measures to prevent Coronavirus coming to St Helena and to educate public on proportionate safety measures.

 Actions available to implement:

 • Legislation and Regulation review and implementation

 • Media campaigns and advice on good hand hygiene and Social Distancing

 • Pragmatic immigration restrictions and reduction of non-essential travel

 • Screening/quarantine for arrivals to identify and contain possible cases

 • Restrictions to Airport terminal building

 • Preparation of quarantine facilities and development of procedures

 • Financial, business continuity and resource planning

 Trigger point to escalate: Suspected or confirmed case (based on medical evidence) in an isolation location

up any close contacts and prevent the virus from entering the wider community

The 'Prevent' phase Action Plan in St Helena's coronavirus preparedness strategy

To quote the BMJ report once more, "Tom Jefferson, an epidemiologist and honorary research fellow at the Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine at the University of Oxford, said the findings were "very, very important." He told *The BMJ*, "The sample is small, and more data will become available. Also, it's not clear exactly how these cases were identified. But let's just say they are generalisable. And even if they are 10% out, then this suggests the virus is everywhere. If—and I stress, if—the results are representative, then we have to ask, 'What the hell are we locking down for?' Jefferson said that it was quite likely that the virus had been circulating for longer than generally believed and that large swathes of the population had already been exposed."

Also in the BMJ report it is noted, "since that WHO report other researchers, including Sergio Romagnani, a professor of clinical immunology at the University of Florence, have said they have evidence that most people infected by the virus do not show symptoms. Romagnani led the research that showed that blanket testing in a completely isolated village of roughly 3000 people in northern Italy saw the number of people with covid-19 symptoms fall by over 90% within 10 days by isolating people who were symptomatic and those who were asymptomatic."

If St Helena is to keep the coronavirus away from our shores it appears everyone arriving here must be tested and we just have to pray there are no test results which give false positives. To maintain the high degree of preventative protection, if we run out of testing kits then we do not accept any further incoming air passengers or allow yacht crews ashore until further test kits arrive. Is this possible? Is it realistic?

Tom Jefferson, (quoted earlier), together with Carl Heneghan, director of the Centre for Evidence Based Medicine wrote an article stating, "There can be little doubt that Covid-19 may be far more widely distributed than some may believe. Lockdown is going to bankrupt all of us and our descendants and is unlikely at this point to slow or halt viral circulation as the genie is out of the bottle. What the current situation boils down to is this: is economic meltdown a price worth paying to halt or delay what is already amongst us?"

The view expressed by Jefferson and Heneghan differs considerably from the experience described by Sergio Romagnani (quoted earlier in this report) in an isolated village of 3,000 people in northern Italy. But the central issue is that widespread testing has been shown in many locations and in various situations to help contain the spread of Covid-19. Restricting covid-19 testing to people who are showing the symptoms offers the limited usefulness of confirming something you already have guessed. Widening the criteria for testing gives the opportunity to identify what early research indicates is the much larger number of people who are infected by coronavirus but show no symptoms of it.

There is a joke circulating in Germany: "What borders on stupidity?" "Mexico and Canada!"

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Dear Editor

Firstly, may I say a sincere thanks to all those people who have tirelessly been working to put the necessary preparations in place should Covid-19 reach the shores of our precious island. Taking lessons from the tardiness of the UK Government and other countries, this has been a golden opportunity. I pray that this monster will not come to you.

I don't need to remind Islanders I am sure of the chaos that continues in the world as this pandemic rages. People are being pushed to the brink of physical and emotional stability.

I have my first online streamed funeral to 'attend' this week. A new way of living.

Just this morning, I spoke to a couple on the steps of the Liverpool Museum as I went out for my daily exercise and I asked the question, "how are you coping?" With as much of a smile as they could muster they said "not very well". Sole business traders in the retail sector, the bills keep coming in for products and services purchased and what the Government is giving doesn't cover the cost of the footfall that should be there at this time. But things could be worse.

Liverpool was anticipating the end of the Premier League and the tourists associated with that if LFC were to win the trophy. They were hoping for the regular tourism. A busker on the Quay told me how much he would have expected to make playing next to the Beatles Statue. That day he had made £5.

Things could always be worse though. There will need to be so much damage limitation done within our societies when this is through. The emotional repair work goes hand in hand with people being able to rebuild their physical lives. So whilst Trump makes me laugh (very loudly at his lunacy and lips)I believe that the healing of our economy is part of the healing of our people.

I have a saying that I love, "everything will be ok, when we are ok with everything".

Spiritually, I feel I continue to grow and one of the things that I like to remind myself is that I have been invited to live in this world by some greater force and with the invitation comes the need for resilience and gratitude of all things. All things. Very often, we will expect life to give us a dollop or two of honey all the time. We don't like the taste of raw lemon. I've heard it said so many times, "Why is this happening to me or how can this be happening to ME?" I ask the question....."why not?"

I accept what comes my way every day, good or difficult because I want to be a part of this world. Life is not a shopping trip where we can select all the things we want. Yet, we can certainly go some way to laying the foundations for a grateful, resilient and peaceful one.

We are all in Covid-19 together.

I try not to look at social media unless it is for spiritual podcasts or funny stories. The photo of someone in Walmart (USA) with a full diver's suit on and tank to protect themselves, cracked me up. I barely look at the news now but when I do, I see the amazing work that is being done by individuals on the frontline. I am sure we have islanders here in the UK who are playing their part too in the Medical, Care or Supply Services. Three cheers to you.

I hope that when the temporary hospitals are in place in Liverpool, I too will be able to help with Meals on Wheels until I can start the next phase of my life.

After four weeks in isolation, with a further 3 weeks, I feel I am through the worse of it. I have many things I have to manage as someone living on their own, away from family and friends but this is combatted by the many things I have to be grateful for. I know, once this is over, I will have grown from the good and the difficult. I just remind myself to get back onto the positive-grateful train when I fall off (and believe me, I do). I am relishing this time alone.

Part of my isolation is making sure that I am in contact with the right people and doing the right things. As my travels concluded, I realised that I wanted a different approach to life. I wanted an approach of positivity and gratitude. As the Old Addie marched out the door 'in a huff', the New Addie found that a lot of the Old Addie's life also marched out the door.

I have now been free of alcohol for four weeks. (I hear you say...... "ahhhh wait till the bars open"). This has been key to my survival. Alcohol is a depressant and I dread to think how my psyche would have been if I had been drinking here alone. I don't miss it. I look forward to the day I can walk into a bar and order a non alcoholic drink. I have more energy, my head is clearer (especially when the difficult times do come,I bounce back quicker) and my processing of information is much better. My relationships with people are better (not perfect, just better).

Living in Britain where the drinking culture is rife meant that my love for binge drinking increased threefold. Whilst not an alcoholic, I certainly drank too much and paid the price. Bouts of lost memory, sickness, foolish acts, hurting other people, an expensive hobby, sluggish days and the list goes on, all for a night of drinking. I realise that I don't need alcohol as a friend (because it's not actually) and I don't need to drink to 'fit in'. I have watched too much damage caused to people's lives through it. Drinking and Trauma is a bad cocktail.

So the people who drank excessively with me in my life (and I mean getting together and just getting smashed 90% of the time) seem to be floating away. Abstaining during this period has given me incredible growth and insight into the idiot that I was when I drank and how it held my life back. I took a call on Friday night from an old friend who was 'tipsy' on the other end of the phone. I took the call because I know we are all going through difficult times. I thought I should be there. For over an hour, I listened to her rant on, bad mouthing people and then toward the end of the call she said "So how are you?" More fool me. I should have cut the conversation short. I gave her a platform to moan because I thought I was being helpful during this difficult period.

Folks, during this period it is important to support one another. However, pe-Continued on NEXT PAGE

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riod, it is not ok for us to constantly dump negativity on others or have to listen to the negativity of another. We must save ourselves first from an unhappy life before we can help others. I'll ask you, "when we moan....what's the solution?" What have we done to try and deal with our gripes?

Negativity is a disease. It is contagious, just like Covid19. It can also result in sickness and death. There are many people in our society who live positivity and we meet them with a smile. They hardly ever complain and when they do, we listen because they have something meaningful to say.

Then there are the people who just love to complain. Grudges and moaning. Fun and positivity are two words that doesn't come in to their vocabulary very often. Be careful of these people. They alienated (unless surrounded by superficial people because they have something to give in that sense) everyone from them and instead of looking deep and saying, "its time to get my act together", they continue to play the victim. dump on you, ask them "what's the solution then?"

Writing and exercise has been my Saviours. I have a few things on the burner at the moment to keep me occupied but writing has bridged the gap between loneliness and communication. I turn my phone off for long periods of time now too. I've come off Instagram as I really I don't have much to add to it at this time. It helps to focus on the projects I am working on. Writing has enabled me to bare my soul but I have encouraged my readers to click 'delete' where necessary. Some of the subjects that I wrote about were very personal to me.

With exercise, I get to see people from a distance, I get to workout on the green grassy areas which are free of lots of people. I get to discover new places of peace. Normally, there wouldn't be much free space, so buildings have turned into opportunities for me. The more steps the better. Buildings have 'come alive' even though they are not occupied.

So this has been my coping and I will never forget this period of my life and indeed celebrate physical freedom once this is through. I don't know where my steps will take me next but I know that I will be stronger for having been 'weakened' at this time.

Finally, may I now through your column pose a few questions to SHG that I still have some confusion about: (1) Can I please have the name of the test kit and the manufacturer as well as their percentage of success rate with regards to accurate test results?
(2) What fumigation measures are being carried out on the arriving supplies to ensure that surfaces do not bring the killer virus into the island?

(3) With the arrival of more people on the island, there seems to be grave concern around 'the silent carrier' of the virus. Is a questionnaire sufficient to mitigate this concern?

(4) Why has DFID/FCO only sent us 920 test kits on a flight that must surely be costing a bit to charter?

(5) How are our hospital, care home and supply chain (including immigration and airport) personnel being tested and equipped? (Gloves, Gowns, Masks, Goggles - disposable or reusable and if reusable, how are they cleaned?)

(6) Has there been a consideration that this virus seems to be affecting ethnic minorities particularly? I do feel some concern for the island in this regard.

I look forward to the Government's response.

Thank you once again for allowing my thoughts to be aired and to the readers for taking the time to read my letter.

God Bless

Addie Thomas Liverpool

This week folks, if someone tries to



Patricia Williams was a beloved Daughter, Wife, Mother, Sister and Aunt. Pat lost her battle with cancer on 15 March 2020 in Chichester, UK surrounded by her dearest Husband, Mark and three Daughters, Xavya, Zianna and Soraya. Pat was proactive and creative and enjoyed sharing her love of crafts with her daughters and her five grandchildren. Larry and I were overwhelmed with the many messages, cards and calls received from everyone. Your condolences are a comfort during this sad time.

Our thoughts are with Mark and the family in the UK. With fondest thanks, Maisie (Priscilla) Thomas. May God bless you all.



HEALTH DIRECTORATE

VACANCY FOR SENIOR STAFF NURSE – GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Health Directorate is looking for dedicated and hardworking Senior Staff Nurse to join their nursing team. Offering excellent levels of nursing care, utilizing evidence based practice, supporting and mentoring junior staff are key requirements of this role.

Shift work is required but we offer some flexibility within our shift allocation. There is ongoing training and support to ensure best practice. We have a large and engaging team, who work together and support each other every day.

The post holder will be responsible to the Hospital Nursing Officer and Sister/Charge Nurse for the provision of high quality nursing patient care. A full job description and responsibilities are available on request.

The applicant must have proven recent Senior Staff Nurse Experience or completed competency levels 2a, 2b and started with 2c.

Salary for the post commences at £12,690 per annum. With the competency framework this role is eligible for enhancement to Senior Staff Nurse level 2c £14,138.

Enhancement is applicable when able to successfully and consistently demonstrate competency at the required level. The competency based salary enhancement is pensionable. There is the potential for career progression to Specialist Nurse and or Sister/Charge Nurse.

For further information and a copy of the job profile, contact Mrs Daniella Marlow, Hospital Nursing Officer on telephone No 22500 or email daniella.marlow@sainthelena.gov.sh;

Application forms which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable, to Brenda Thomas, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate on telephone no 22500 or email brenda.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh by 4pm, Wednesday, 6 May 2020.

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.



VACANCY FOR STAFF NURSE – GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Health Directorate has a vacancy for a Staff Nurse to join their dedicated, hardworking nursing team. A preceptorship programme for newly qualified or returning nurses is available. This includes supernumerary shifts, training and education. Competency books are available to guide your return to work which are linked to pay enhancements.

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The post holder will be responsible to the Hospital Nursing Officer for the provision of high quality nursing patient care. A full job description and responsibilities are available on request. Essential qualifications for this post are:

"h St Helena Nursing Certificate or equivalent and an Up to date Nurse Registration.

Salary for the post commences at £11,034 per annum. With the competency framework this role is eligible for enhancement to Preceptorship Staff Nurse level 2a £11,586 and then Staff Nurse level 2b £12,690.

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For further information and a copy of the job profile, contact Mrs Danielle Marlow, Hospital Nursing Officer on telephone No 22500 or email danielle.marlow@sainthelena.gov.sh

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The Health Directorate is seeking to recruit a Healthcare Assistant to work at the General Hospital. The successful applicant will be responsible for assisting in the provision of care in the hospital nursing service. He/she should have GCSE Math's and English at Grade C or above or an equivalent qualification (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).

Salary for the post is at Grade B1 commencing at £6,722 per annum. However, staff will qualify for a competency based salary enhancement when they are able to successfully and consistently demonstrate competency in accordance with the competency levels relevant to their post.

The competency based salary enhancement is pensionable and the post of Health Care Assistant has been mapped to competency level 1a, £8,067 per annum.

Interested persons requiring further details regarding this post can contact Mrs Daniella Marlow, Hospital Nursing Officer on telephone no 22500 or email daniella.marlow@sainthelena.gov.sh

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ST HELENA WATER LEVELS

Stored water volume across all Island reservoirs has continued to steadily increase over the past week with the total stored water now surpassing the 62% mark.

Red Hill is still the most problematic area in terms of stored water, but an increase in volume from 39% to 45% over the past week has resulted in restrictions being lifted for areas fed from both Red Hill and Chubbs Spring Water Treatment Works.

While this is the case, restrictions remain in place for the untreated areas of Blue Hill, Head O' Wain, Burnt Rock, Horse Pasture, Thompson's Hill, Guinea Grass and St Paul's – which all remain under the hosepipe ban.

The community of St Helena has been instrumental in improving the Island's water situation by reducing water consumption over the past 10 months following the implementation of an Island-wide hosepipe ban in June 2019. While water levels continue to gradually rise, consumption levels have remained within the targeted 1000 cubic metres for five days during the past week, with the other two days being just marginally above the mark. The public is commended for this and are urged to continue to use water responsibly.

The St Helena Resilience Forum said:

"We would like to thank the community for their efforts during the drought, it is reassuring to see how the community pulled together to increase St Helena's resilience."

Connect Saint Helena Ltd (CSH) is continuing to optimally pump water to Red Hill to improve stored levels despite restrictions being lifted.

Please contact CSH on tel: 22255 if you are unsure whether the hosepipe ban applies to you.



Water Ordinance

Water Regulations

Notice of Variation

NOTICE is hereby given by Connect Saint Helena Ltd, the Utility Provider under the Water Ordinance that with effect from 21st April 2020 the water restriction Notice ("the Notice") dated 18th June 2019 is hereby varied as per Regulation 15(2) to remove certain areas from Schedule I (prescribed areas) effected by the limitations on the Use of Water as per Schedule II of the Notice.

The areas removed from Schedule I (prescribed areas) are the treated water supply to areas served by Red Hill and Chubbs Spring Water Treatment Works. These areas as of 21st April 2020 are no longer under the restriction prohibiting the use of hosepipes or sprinklers.

Warning

A person who fails to comply with the Notice of 18th June 2019 as varied is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a maximum fine of £2,000 or imprisonment for up to 6 months or both.

NOTE the restrictions in Schedule II of the Notice, **namely** the prohibition on the use of hosepipes and sprinklers for any purpose, including but not limited to, the watering of gardens and plants; washing of vehicles and washing down of hard-standing areas **continues** to apply to:

• The untreated water supply areas of Blue Hill, Head O'Wain, Burnt Rock, Horse Pasture, Thompsons Hill, Guinea Grass and St Pauls.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2020.

Barry Hubbard Chief Executive Officer Connect Saint Helena Ltd



For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer on telephone number: 22380 or via email address: HRO@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, By 28 April 2020 Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for a part-time

eaner

Within the Main Office Building in Jamestown

Job Outline To maintain a high standard of cleanliness and retain total confidentiality within the Company.

> Interested Persons Should: Be physically fit, as the role requires regular manual handling • Have knowledge of Health & Safety and Hygiene

Be able to work independently, with minimum supervision

Hours of work will be 13 hours per week

Salary will be £4.81 per hour



ROAD CLOSURES

LADDER HILL ROAD AND SHY ROAD

The Highways Authority has given approval for Ladder Hill Road and Shy Road to be closed from Monday, 27 April, to Friday, 15 May 2020, from 9am to 3pm (weekdays only).

This closure is to allow the installation of rockfall protection measures above Ladder Hill Road.

During this closure, only Emergency Services and funeral processions will be granted access. Other drivers needing to travel in and out of Jamestown during this time must travel across country via Side Path or Constitution Hill Road.

CAN France would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank the public in advance for their continued understanding and cooperation. SAINT HELENA LTD

TIP OF THE WEEK

Fridges and freezers work more efficiently when full. Fill space in your freezer with empty boxes.

Place bottles of water in empty fridge space – the cold water will help keep the temperature down and you have the benefit of cold water to drink when you want it.





END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS AND INSURANCE RENEWALS - REMINDERS

End of Year Accounts

Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to remind all Commercial Lending Clients who have not yet done so, that you are required to submit a copy of your End of Year Accounts for the financial year 2019-2020, by no later than 30 June 2020. This should include a minimum of:

- \Rightarrow Income and Expenditure Accounts / Trading, Profit and Loss Accounts
- \Rightarrow Balance Sheet
- \Rightarrow Depreciation Schedule

Insurance Renewals

Commercial and Personal Lending Clients who have loans secured on assets such as property, vehicles, plant or machinery are reminded to submit a copy of your updated insurance receipts.

Please submit all necessary documentation to the Lending Section, Bank of St Helena Ltd, Market Street, Jamestown. For further assistance or information, contact the Lending Section on (+290) 22390 or email <u>commerciallending@sainthelenabank.com</u> or <u>personallending@sainthelenabank.com</u>.

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RECRUITMENT – Marine Officer

An exciting opportunity exists to join the Saint Helena National Trust's Marine Team, which has the overall mission of championing and supporting the development and delivery of St Helena's IUCN Category VI (Sustainable Use) Marine Protected Area (MPA).

As Marine Officer, you will be joining a small, dedicated team, working across a wide range of projects under our core work areas, including whale shark research. You will lead on our marine debris and plastic projects and assist with our dynamic island-wide education and outreach programmes.

The successful candidate must have an enthusiasm for the marine environment, strong communication skills and experience coordinating projects. We are looking for a self-organised, reliable team player that is keen to develop their own practical field and office based skills. The successful candidate will be trained and supported in the role, with the aim that they develop and take on more responsibility over time.

The starting salary for the full time post is £8,402 per annum (NB* contract initially until the end of March 2021), with the possibility of a salary increase and contract extension based on performance and availability of funding.

To receive a full recruitment pack, please contact our Office Manager, Amanda Constantine, on 22190 or <u>amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh</u>

Please submit your CV and cover letter to Amanda, by no later than 01 May 2020.

Bank of St. Helena Ltd.



A ST HELENA Welcome WITH A DIFFERENCE 11 ARRIVALS BEGIN THEIR 14-DAY QUARANTINE AT BRADLEY'S CAMP

The Camp Bradley's Camp, initially used to house overseas workers during the construction of St Helena Airport, has been transformed into a dual purpose medical and quarantine facility. This has been done as part of our preventive measures in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

19 passengers arriving on a humanitarian charter flight from the UK on Monday, 20 April, were the first residents to use the camp. Eight crew departed the Island on Tuesday, 21 April, but 11 residents remain at the Camp where they are staying for 14 days in quarantine.

Waking up to views overlooking the Millennium Forest and St Helena Airport, residents are settling into life in guarantine.

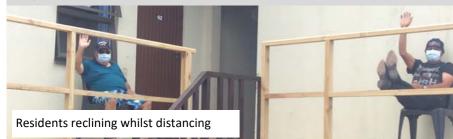


Residents have the space to walk around and exercise but must maintain the 5m distancing

Angelique Johnson said: "Everything's fine. Nobody has complained, we can walk within the confines and many of us exercise regularly. I've worked out it's good to have a routine based around breakfast, lunch and dinner – it's just like being on the RMS. I really appreciate the one hour free Wi-Fi each day to stay in touch with family and friends who I call every day. We've struck up some good friendships within the Quarantine group while maintaining our distance - you could say it's a long distance relationship.'

Saints who returned to St Helena, having been stranded in the UK with no alternative way of getting back to the Island, have also remarked that they are comfortable and happy with their accommodation - a testament to the hard work, commitment and dedication of all workers involved in getting the Camp ready in time for this flight.

Barry Brooks said: "I'm doing fine. We are well looked after and just counting down the days."



From the Equality & Human Rights Commission, Catherine Turner, commented: "The transformation at Bradley's Camp on Monday was amazing. While the rooms for residents are small, they are well organised and well equipped and residents will be allowed out of their rooms at will, so long as they observe the distancing rules. Added to this the access to news. internet and communications with family and friends have all been well thought through and will mitigate the room size. It is genuinely awe-inspiring to see how everyone has worked together and transformed a building site into something that is fit for purpose.

While residents are not confined to their rooms they are restricted to their immediate area and are required to stay in their rooms at certain times to allow staff to safely operate and for some of the remaining construction work on the medical facility to be completed.

Bradleys Camp is split into two sections: guarantine, and medical, isolation site and treatment facility. The Camp is made up of three intensive treatment units, a hospital and theatre, 14 isolation rooms, and staff quarters. When fully completed it will be able to house up to 64 residents in guarantine at one time.

Project Manager, Rhys Hobbs, said: "It has been a real challenge to develop the site beyond its original purpose, but what we have achieved in such a short time, with limited materials is nothing short of phenomenal. The willingness of everyone to help out, both within Government, the private sector and members of the public has been tremendous and everyone involved should be proud of their efforts. It's really demonstrated how the whole Island can pull together in times such as these."



A 14-day Stay Before making the journey to the Island, residents at the Camp knew they were arriving to 14-days of compulsory guarantine, introduced by Government to ensure that anyone arriving to the Island who presents with COVID-19 symptoms are identified quickly and can be contained and treated early in isolation without risking spread to other members of the St Helena Community.

Now a few days into their guarantine period residents are getting used to quarantine conditions helped along by guest services provided at the Camp by the Hospitality team. Residents have access to a limited room service menu where they can open an account to purchase items to be charged to their room, which they will then be able to settle on 'check out'. Linen and blankets are provided and additional items can be requested if required to enhance the comfort of their stay. Tea, coffee and water are also provided in each room.

service is provided and laundry will be undertaken using strict safety and hygienic practices. Residents keep their supply of crockery and cutlery and wash this in their rooms.

Each resident will receive a daily health check from a member of the Health team who will monitor their situation and condition during the guarantine period, check on their welfare and discuss any questions, concerns or requests. This check is either carried out by telephone or a five-metre apart face-to-face conversation outside of residents' rooms.

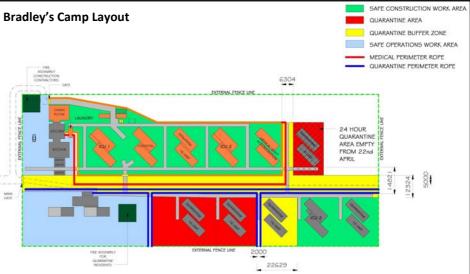
Anyone feeling unwell outside of these Health checks can contact Doctors on call directly or ask the Duty Manager to alert a Health professional.

For health and safety reasons, residents who smoke will not be able to smoke inside their rooms but are able to use the designated smoking area, always keeping five metres apart from each other

SURE South Atlantic Ltd has sponsored a voucher for each guest that provides an allowance of one hour free Wi-Fi each day with the option of purchasing additional data if residents exceed their daily allowance. A free SIM card has also been provided and those without a mobile phone can borrow one for the duration of their stay.

All rooms have also been equipped with a radio so residents can enjoy music throughout the day and keep updated. Why not play a song for someone you might know who is in quarantine.

Operations Manager, Matt Joshua, and his team strives to provide the best level of guest care they can for residents. Matt said: "We have recruited and appropriately trained a full team to provide around-the-clock hospitality services to our 11 residents. There have been no major issues with the accommodation block and we have received positive remarks from the St Helena community on the scale and quality finish of the Project to get the facility operational given the very limited timespan and resources available. Everyone seems healthy and happy. All receive a daily health check and 24-hour access to communications with the Duty Manager and staff members. If you have friends, relatives or colleagues staying at Bradley's, stay in touch with them. You could make someone's day by sending them a gift."



Camp Safety 'It's better to be safe than sorry' is the basis of the safety measures that have been put in place at the Camp with specific social distancing measures in place for each type of service provided to residents.

While residents can move around outside of their rooms, they must do so five metres apart from each other and cannot venture beyond the blue rope perimeter.

All workers on site including the Operations Manager, Night Manager, Security and Health workers follow a process for dealing with requests from residents including the safe delivery of all meal services and other room items including gifts and packages from family members. During this delivery residents are required to stay in their rooms ensuring there is no contact as staff go about their duties. Anyone wanting to leave a gift or package for any of the residents are kindly asked to leave this at the Bradley's Security Gate between 10 and 11am each day. No visitors are allowed to visit the Camp.

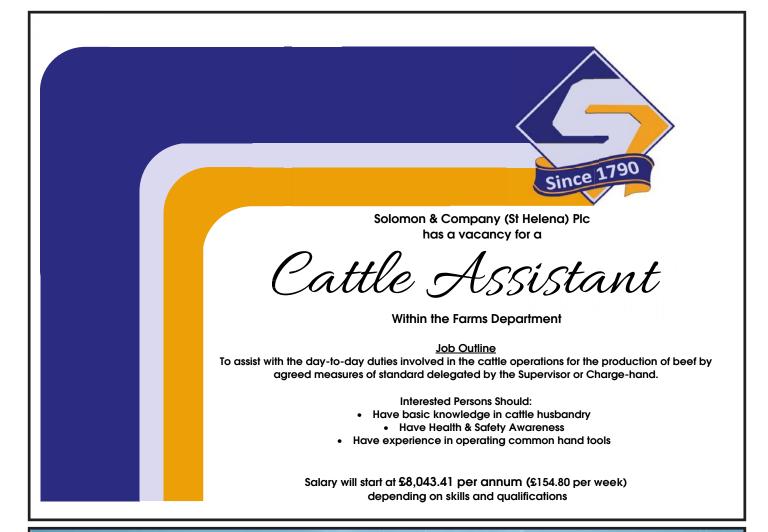
While works continue at the Camp to be able to complete the rest of the facility, residents will also catch a glimpse of various contractors around the Camp carrying out essential works. At no time will any of these contractors or other staff members come into contact with the residents during the 14-day guarantine period.

These procedures have been put in place to make sure that staff working at the facility are safe and will not be able to bring any potential threat of COVID-19 out into the community.

Thank You Getting Bradley's Camp ready for the 19 passengers arriving on Monday's flight would not have been possible without the sheer amount of hard work put in by a number of people.

Chief Secretary, Susan O'Bey, says: "The transformation at Bradley's has been possible due to the collaborative and community spirit which St Helena is renowned for. I took the opportunity to visit the work site during the Easter Weekend and witnessed first-hand, the hard work, dedication and camaraderie, of all involved. I would like to thank everybody who made this Project possible, the SHG Project Manager and Technical and Works Teams, IT and HR staff, Health staff, private contractors and their teams, merchants who were prepared to provide materials outside of normal opening hours, SURE SA Ltd, Connect Saint Helena, the hospitality team, the cleaners, the volunteers who turned up to assist with making the rooms ready to receive the first residents, and the general public who responded so positively to our call for additional equipment. We now have a facility that forms our first line of defence in keeping our community safe during the current COVID-19 Pandemic and for this we are truly grateful."

Residents are responsible for cleaning their own rooms and have been provided with appropriate cleaning supplies to last the 14 days. A laundry



Community Development Organisation

Enterprise St Helena



Through funding collaborations from both the CDO and ESH, all Non Government Organisations (NGOs) and Registered Charities have a unique opportunity to either solely or jointly, submit proposals or ideas for a Legacy Project through the Community Development Organisation (CDO) to a total value of £10,000 or more.

<u>REMINDER:</u>

Closing date for submissions is by 4pm, Thursday 30th April 2020 For further information or a form please contact Jeremy Johns, CD0 Officer,

For further information or a form please contact Jeremy Johns, CDO Officer, Tel: 22791, E: shcdo@helanta.co.sh or community.sthelena@gmail.com Alternatively any one of the CDO Committee members: Shayla Ellick, Mia Henry, Tara Wortley, Danielle Anthony, Cynthia Bennett, Patrick Henry and Gillian Brooks.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, 27 APRIL 2020

The following is a public announcement from the St Helena Public Accounts Committee:

A formal session of the St Helena Public Accounts Committee (PAC) will take place at 9.30am in the Council Chamber on Monday, 27 April 2020.

The programme of business includes the following Performance Audit Reports:

- Procurement of the Sea Freight Service Contractor
 - Procurement of the Fuel Management Contractor

Members of the public and interested persons are invited to attend.

The meeting will be broadcast live via SAMS Radio 1.



VACANCY FINANCE ASSISTANT

The Children & Adult Social Care Directorate has a vacancy for a **Finance Assistant** to work at Brick House. This post is key in supporting the directorate in providing effective and efficient finance functions with the assistance of the Assistant Director and Management Accountant.

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;
- Proficiency 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.

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

For further information and a copy of the job profile for this post, interested persons should contact Gavin Thomas, Senior Manager and Public Guardian on telephone number 22713 or e-mail: gavin.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and the Children & Adult Social Care Directorate and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Sharina Williams, Human Resources Officer, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday 5 May 2020.

Appointment is 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.



VACANCY CORPORATE PROCUREMENT FACILITATOR

Corporate Finance has an opportunity for a self-motivated individual to join their Procurement team on a fixed term contract for the period May to December 2020 to effectively and efficiently support and assist in the delivery of all SHG's Procurements, in accordance with SHG's Procurement Regulations.

The successful applicant will be responsible for delivering Procurement Projects through appropriate compliance of regulations and effectively managing internal and external communications in terms of SHG requirements and delivery timescales.

Some of the main duties of the post will include:

- Ensure Directorates comply with Procurement Protocols and Processes as well as compliance with Procurement Regulations;
- Ensure Procurement Projects meet the agreed deliverables such as time, cost and quality. This
- includes identifying and reporting any variances on projects to the Procurement Executive and Project owner;
- Responsible for drafting and advertising Expressions of Interest (EOI) and Invitations to Tender (ITT) documentation in consultation with the relevant directorate;
- Responsible for Tactical Procurement Exercises. This will involve stakeholder management and understanding customer requirements from a cost, service and quality basis and marrying up the appropriate procurement strategy to deliver the results.
- Responsible for managing communications to the market and will have full ownership of the tender exercise, negotiations, contracting and delivery.

Applicants should possess the following qualifications and experience:

- GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above (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);
- Good IT Skills and proficient in the use of Microsoft Applications including databases;
- At least 2 years' experience in a post that deals with the public on a regular basis.

Prospective candidates should have good communication skills, both verbal and written, in order to communicate effectively with members of the public, suppliers and Directorates.

Salary for the post is at Grade B1 commencing at £6,722 per annum.

For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Nicola Young, Deputy Head of Procurement telephone number 22470 or e-mail: nicola.young@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Dianne Venning, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 5 May 2020.

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.



VACANCY ACCOUNTS EXECUTIVE

Are you looking for an employment opportunity in Finance and Accountancy? Corporate Finance is seeking to recruit a highly motivated individual to join their Accounting Services team as an Accounts Executive.

The Accounts Executive will have the opportunity to contribute to the effective operations of the financial accounting system and is responsible for the accurate and efficient entry of data. This is a diverse role which involves the monitoring of transactions for all directorates within the St Helena Government.

Applicants should ideally possess the following qualifications and experience:

GCSE English Language and Mathematics at Grade C or above (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);

GCSE Accounts at Grade C or above, or ACCA Diploma in Financial and Management Accounting (RQF Level 2) or equivalent;

- · Possess intermediate IT skills in Access Dimensions or similar package;
- At least 1 years' experience in an accounting role.

Corporate Finance provides an environment for professional development in the field of Finance and Accountancy. The starting salary for the post will be £6,722 per annum, and will be reviewed on the achievement of competencies in line with the Finance and Accountancy Cadre.

For further details regarding the duties of the post and for a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Sarah Greentree, Business Support Manager on email: sarah.greentree@sainthelena.gov.sh or on telephone no: 22470.

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SHG OFFERS INTEREST FREE LOAN TO BUSINESSES FACING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DUE TO MATERIAL SHORTAGES

St Helena Government (SHG) has received feedback from businesses, primarily in the construction sector, that the current shortage of raw materials such as cement, timber and steel has prevented them from undertaking work and led to cash flow issues. Recognising the importance of maintaining a strong private sector and supporting employment in the private sector, SHG is offering an interest free loan to businesses that demonstrate financial hardship as a result of material shortages.

The owner of a business or sole proprietorship in any sector would be eligible to apply provided they can demonstrate that shortage of a key production input will prevent them from undertaking work and that this will result in financial hardship. A key production input would be a raw material used by the business. It must be an input into production and therefore would not be stock or assets. Applications must be made by Thursday, 14 May 2020. The application form and guidance on eligibility can be found on the SHG website at: https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/.

In addition, SHG is still accepting applications for support for businesses impacted by COVID-19. 'Hardship Support for Highly Impacted Sectors' remains available to owners of companies and sole proprietorships for whom more than half of their annual income is earned in one of the following sectors:

- Tourist accommodation providers
- Tour operators, including both land and marine-based
- Eateries
- · Bars and clubs
- · Other tourism-related businesses.

Any business that has an employee required to quarantine can also apply for 'Extended Sick Leave Support'. Details for both programmes are also available on the SHG website at: https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/



ST HELENA CORONAVIRUS STRATEGY

Introduction

The current novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, which was identified in China in December 2019, presents a challenge for St Helena.

St Helena Government has planned extensively. The approach taken is:

- 1. To be prepared and respond in a practical way to prevent Coronavirus from reaching St Helena
- 2. To minimise the likelihood of transmission to the public; and
- 3. To maximise the safety of employees involved.

A defensive line of physical precautions and legal requirements have been and continue to be put in place. The implementation of quarantine at a specific location is one of the measures now in use. If a case should be found at the quarantine facility its function is to contain the virus and provide treatment all in one place. SHG also have the options available to require additional precautionary measures should the circumstances require it. If this was unsuccessful and the risk of spread within the community was identified, further substantial protection measures are now available to be implemented.

The exact response to COVID-19 will be tailored to the nature, scale and location of any threat. As the scientific understanding of this virus increases then the measures available for use by SHG will be updated accordingly.

What is Coronavirus?

Coronaviruses are a family of viruses common across the world in animals and humans. Certain types cause illnesses in people. Some have no effect on people.

COVID-19 is the name of the illness seen in people infected with a new variant of coronavirus not previously seen in humans. Based on current evidence, the main symptoms of COVID-19 are a dry and persistent cough, a high temperature and, in severe cases, shortness of breath.

Data suggests that of those who develop an illness, a large majority will have only a mild-to-moderate illness and fully recover. The majority of people with COVID-19 recover without the need for any specific treatment, as is the case for the common cold or seasonal flu.

It has been found a small minority of people who get COVID-19 will develop symptoms severe enough to require hospital care. In a low proportion of these cases, the illness may be very serious and lead to death. The possibility of serious symptoms, calculated by the World Health Organization (WHO), increases amongst elderly people and those with certain underlying health conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease).

Transmission

This coronavirus is a respiratory virus that spreads primarily through droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose. These droplets generally travel only a short distance before falling onto a surface. People could catch COVID-19 by being very close to other people and by touching contaminated surfaces or objects – and then touching their eyes, nose or mouth. To protect from spread, people should keep a larger distance from each other than in normal times, clean hands frequently with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or wash them with soap and water, and clean surfaces regularly.

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Coronavirus Planning Principles

Prevent Coronavirus coming to St Helena

Emphasise the new disciplines of Social Distancing, good hand hygiene, being more watchful and cautious in public
 Minimise the potential health impact by containing possible spread and reducing likelihood of community infection by requiring a period of guarantine at a specified location. Ensure key public services continue

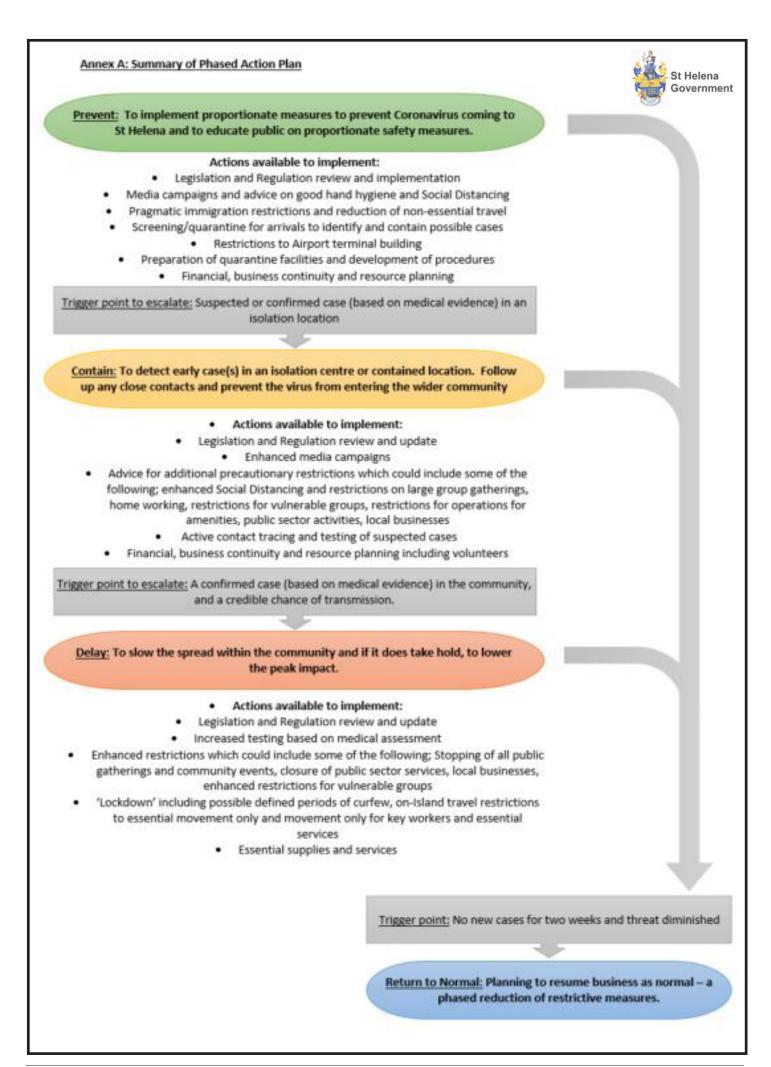
• Maintain clear communication with the organisations and people who provide key public services, those who use them and the wider general society

• Ensure dignified treatment of all required to go into quarantine and those who may develop symptoms

• Ensure the Health Directorate are ably resourced, and protected, within the constraints of availability, access, materials and skills present on the Island.

To deliver these principles, there is an **Action Plan around four phases** (Prevent; Contain; Delay; Return to Normal). A summary of the phases are attached in Annex A. (N.B. The Return to Normal action list is still being developed and is not yet ready to be issued).

The different phases, types and scale of actions depends on how the course of the Pandemic unfolds over time. SHG monitors international data continuously to model what might happen next, over both the immediate and medium time periods.





AIRPORT THANKS THE PUBLIC

Following the arrival and departure of the Titan Airways charter flight this week, St Helena Airport Limited (SHAL) would like to express its appreciation and thanks to the public for their cooperation and understanding by adhering to SHAL's request not to come to the airport.

This allowed the operation to proceed smoothly and safely, and therefore SHAL wishes to thank the public for respecting our requirements.

Operations were successful and SHAL will be receiving further debriefs from the Titan Airways crew once the flights have completed.

Please note that the airport will remain closed to the public on flight days until otherwise notified.

For photographs and footage of the Titan Airways visit with their Airbus A318, please see the SHAL Facebook page.

NOTIFICATION

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

"The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 6th May 2020, at 10 am at the Council Chamber, The Castle, Jamestown.

Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors.

The Agenda and redacted versions of the Handling Reports will be available on the LDCA Web Page on the SHG Web Site.

Should you require assistance, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 22270.

Applicants and objectors may speak at the meeting providing that a summary of the points to be raised has been submitted to the Secretary at least 24 hours before the meeting".

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Clinic: The Veterinary Service would like to clarify that although weekly clinic has been temporarily cancelled, we are seeing <u>all</u> cases as normal. Please telephone to make an appointment and we will arrange a time that is mutually convenient.
- Shortage of poultry feed: Please note that Ewe & Lamb cube and pig feed, should not be fed to laying hens because of chemicals in the feed that then accumulate in the eggs. Any such eggs should not be eaten but thrown away.
- Animal deaths: ANRD would like to remind animal owners that under the Animal (Diseases) Ordinance & Regulations all deaths of pets, poultry and livestock (apart from those slaughtered for meat) should be reported to the Veterinary Section within 24 hours. This allows us to monitor for disease.

Thank you.

VETERINARY SECTION: Appointments & Enquiries Tel: 24724

Out-of-hours Emergencies Tel: 26162/62039



WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY WILL RECOMMENCE THEIR ACTIVITIES FROM THIS WEEK AS FOLLOWS:

WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL – PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY AT THE HALF TREE HOLLOW HALL AT 7.30PM.

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL – 'QUALITY SECONDS' THRIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN FROM 10AM TO 1PM.

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL – 'QUALITY SECONDS' THRIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN FROM 10AM TO 1PM.

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL – MORNING SERVICE AT THE HALF TREE HOLLOW HALL AT 11AM. THIS SERVICE WILL BE LED BY CORAL YON.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ANY OF THESE ACTIVTIES AND SOCIAL DISTANCING SHALL BE OBSERVED DURING THESE TIMES.

There is always a warm welcome for you at the Salvation Army.

If you would like to know more about The Salvation Army's activities, contact Majors Nhlanhla and Priscilla Ziqubu on telephone Nos 22543/22703. Take care and God bless.

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

There was mention last week that European leagues and European Cup football could return in June and be played behind closed doors. Forty days was given to complete all matches. Most teams in the Premier League have 9 league games to complete and a few have 10 games to complete. There is also FA Cup matches and Champions League and Europa League matches that some teams need to play.

When could football return in European Leagues? English football is suspended indefinitely.



The Dutch Football Association "intends not to continue" the Eredivisie season after the national government extended a ban on major events until 1 September because of coronavirus.



Meanwhile, Belgium's Pro-League made the choice to cancel its season, although the decision to ratify this is still pending.



Earlier this month, German clubs became the first in Europe to return to training following the suspension of their league. Champions Bayern Munich were among a number of Bundesliga teams to resume work on the training ground, albeit with precautionary measures in place, such as working in groups of five, with contact.

Germany's top flight was suspended on 13 March, until at least 30 April, with most sides having nine games still to play and Bayern top, four points clear of Borussia Dortmund.



A resumption to play in La Liga on 28 May in the best-case scenario, says its president Javier Tebas.

All football in Spain, including La Liga, remains on hold indefinitely while the country deals with the continued spread of coronavirus.

And Tebas says training will not return until emergency measures - in place until 26 April - are lifted.



The Italian Football Federation (IFF) president, Gabriele Gravina, has said a Serie A return could happen in late May or early June.

The country's sports minister Vincenzo Spadafora will meet officials from the Italian Football Association on Wednesday but has refused to give assurances that players will be able to start training again on 4 May, the day after Italy's general lockdown is due to lift.

The IFF hopes to begin testing players for the virus at the start of May, in preparation for the season to resume and on Monday, the country's top flight, Serie A, insisted it was committed to finishing the season.

Serie A was suspended on 9 March, with 12 full rounds and four outstanding fixtures still to play. Juventus are top, a point ahead of Lazio.

Italy has been one of the countries worst affected by coronavirus, with a number of players having become infected.



What's happening at New Horizons?

Due to the Social Distancing campaign New Horizons is finding it difficult to operate as normal. Our Committee and staff didn't think it would be wise to open unless we had sanitizers in place at our venues. We now have managed to obtain sanitizers

For the next two weeks commencing Monday 27th April to Friday 8^{th} May, we will open as follows:

Monday's 3pm-4.45pm Activities Francis Plain

Wednesday 3.30-5.30pm School Years 5; 6, 7 and 8

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Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Thursday 4.30-6.30pm School Years 6; & &8 Indoor games only*

Friday 5.30-8.30 School Years 9; 10, 11 & 12 & Longwood members

> Saturday 2nd May Circuit at Leisure Park

Activities and times will change once this period is completed.

*Indoor games includes; Pool, air hockey, Xbox, Computer Games, Board and Card game

New Horizons Gym

For the next two weeks starting Monday 27th April the Gym will open as follows:

Monday- Fridays: 6am-9am and 4pm-8pm

Saturdays: 10am-12 noon

The Gym will be open by New Horizons staff and they will

ensure that all equipment is clean between uses.

New Horizons will add 2 months membership to the expiry date of all existing Gym Members

Football Flashback



Saints 1960's

RESUMPTION OF OFFICIAL GOLFING ACTIVITIES

The committee of management of the golf club is pleased to inform its members that official golfing activities are schedule to resume on Sunday 26th April 2020. All members are thanked for their patience and understanding during the period of suspension of official golfing activities. The decision taken was necessary under the circumstances for the safety and health of the members.

While elsewhere in the world the pandemic continues to wreak havoc even though there is no confirmed case on the island members are advised to continue exercising high standards of hygiene.

Sunday 26th April 2020 the club will host the monthly medal competition. Tee of time is 12:00 and registration is ongoing. You can register by putting your name on the list in the club notice board, leave a message on the voice machine 24421 or drop a message to the club Facebook page @SHGC.org.sh The AGM will be held on 10th May 2020 after a Texas scramble competition that will tee off at 10:00. See below a full competition programme.

Let's go back to swinging our clubs. Great weekend to you all.



DATE COMPETITION FORMAT SPONSOR GAMES MANAGERS APRIL 2020 26 April Monthly Medal Stroke play SHGC MAY 2020 3 May 18 Hole Stableford SHGC 10 May **Texas Scramble followed** John and Anne Colclough by AGM Tee Off 10:00 17 May Par 3 Competition SHGC 24 May Annual Gwyneth Howell Gwvneth Howell Challenge Cup (Format to be confirmed) 31 May Monthly Medal Stroke play SHGC **JUNE 2020** 7 June 18 Hole Stroke play Furrows Jeffrey and Helena Stevens 14 June Presidents Cup Round 1 The Club President 21 lune Presidents Cup Final Round The Club President 28 June Monthly Medal Stroke play SHGC

Golf Competition Programme April to June 2020

Please Note;

- Tee off time is 12:00 unless specified otherwise.
- This schedule is subject to change at short notice.

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MV Helena, Memorial Fountain's Twin and Other Quick Bits

MV Helena cargo

The latest on the next shipment of cargo on the MV Helena gives a departure date from Cape Town on Thursday 14th May. No arrival date is offered yet but it should be around 21st May, assuming the ship leaves Cape Town as planned. The MV Helena will remain in James Bay until 3rd May when it is now scheduled to depart for Cape Town to load cargo. AW Shipping report the transhipments for the May cargo delivery are already at Cape Town docks and being unloaded. This cargo will be at the dockside or on the MV Helena for a month before being delivered to consignees here. The cost of keeping Tesco and Iceland frozen food in peak condition is no doubt alarming. Containers from other suppliers are also being organised now for loading before the planned 14th May departure.

Moment de Memoire cancelled

The annual ceremony marking the death of Napoleon has been cancelled for this year. The Fondation Napoleon reports in its latest newsletter that "the annual ceremony of memorial at the tomb on St Helena will not take place this year due to measures of social distancing in place on the island." Also cancelled is the much larger ceremony at Les Invalides in Paris, normally held at the Cathedral of Saint-Louis des Invalides where Napoleon's remains are laid.

New Royal Navy patrol ship arrives at South Georgia

HMS Forth, the new 2,000 tonne Royal Navy patrol ship in the South Atlantic, replaced the smaller HMS Clyde at the beginning of this year. The ship left Falkland waters recently to patrol around South Georgia for the first time. The ship is due to sail to South Georgia several times a year as part of military training and supporting scientists from the British Antarctic Survey. On this voyage HMS Forth carried the Commander of British Forces South Atlantic Islands and two dozen soldiers, air force personnel and civil servants. A few brave souls had a brief swim in the cold South Georgian water around the patrol ship before recovering in the British Antarctic Survey's sauna, conveniently located at the BAS South Georgia centre.

Rockfall Memorial Fountain has identical twin in Hull, Yorkshire

A report in a Yorkshire local paper describes the "thousands of pounds" spent on restoring a Victorian drinking fountain for a local park. The report continues, "The Grade II-listed fountain is being restored as part of a £3.8m project to restore the city's oldest and smallest park, Pearson Park. The stunning example of Victorian craftsmanship stands more than 9ft high, with a dome with a crown at its apex, decorated with griffins and supported by four columns with a bowl in the centre. Little cups on chains used to hang off the spigots for people to drink from. A local councillor said "he would like to see the fountain back in use. However, he added: "It would be nice if we could make it functional as well as beautiful, but the two main objections are meeting public health requirements - particularly at the moment because of the coronavirus outbreak." The report adds, "In 2016 the council loaned the bowl so a new one could be made for a fountain on the South Atlantic island of St Helena where Napoleon Bonaparte was exiled in 1815."



The newly restored drinking fountain at Pearson Park, Hull, Yorkshire

The new DFID minister says "the world must work together"

An official statement from Anne-Marie Trevelyan which was co-authored with her counterparts in Sweden, Germany, Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway, outlined what all them consider to be the best approach to combating the coronavirus outbreak.

The all-encompassing statement includes "A strong, coordinated, early response helping the most vulnerable countries", "An effective global response must include access to a vaccine, new treatments and testing for all", "Together with the UN and other international organisations we must quickly deploy an international, efficiently-coordinated and comprehensive package of economic, as well as health, nutrition and social measures", "We must ensure populations hit the hardest get immediate assistance to develop social protection as well as accessible, quality health and nutrition services", "Important, hard-won lessons from the fight against HIV and Ebola are clear: our efforts and responses must be guided by principles of equality, including on gender, inclusivity, human rights and international law", "Countries have to respond to Covid-19 in their own way, but we will continue to advocate for an open, transparent, responsible, honest approach", "We have a chance to strengthen global health security. Investing in epidemiological surveillance in all countries is an obvious place to start" and "We must take this opportunity to think longer term, focusing on climate and resilience, green jobs and energy, better social protection and governance". This is all very powerful and challenging stuff. It will be worth reviewing it, as Sir Humphrey Appleton would say, "at an appropriate juncture", or "in the fullness of time".

Your Opinion Counts



THE CONSTITUENT C Leo (LegCo)

Dear Incident Executive Group,

Yesterday I accompanied Mrs Catherine Turner of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, on a walkthrough of the Bradleys Covid-19 Isolation Complex; our guide was Mr Matthew Joshua.

Just two weeks ago the Financial Secretary presented an options paper to elected members for urgent decision. Guidance from the Public Health England recommended that we needed to have a fresh think about making Bradleys fit for purpose. Significant funding was required for extensive changes and alterations at Bradleys. Project managers, a large labour force, equipment, resources and materials were all urgently required for the tasks. Achieving the objective was going to be very demanding and challenging for SHG operations, the private sector and all concerned with delivering the project, and essentially what was required on time for the chartered flight.

The work will be ongoing at Bradleys, but when one sees and considers all that has been achieved in just two weeks, from the major to the minor applications and also taking into account the comprehensive organizing and preparations, it was truly impressive. Accordingly, I would like to acknowledge and highly commend the collective efforts of all concerned in building, under such challenging circumstances, St Helena's defence against the deadly coronavirus and helping to protect the local population.

Kind regards

Cyril

IF PROPERLY FITTED, ONE MASK CAN Save Many Thousands of Lives - Dr. Fauci





TO MY BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER REGAN BENJAMIN

Sending lots of love & happiness your way to help celebrate your birthday on Sunday 26th April. I love you with all my heart and always will.

Have a great birthday sweetheart.

Love & best wishes from from daddy on Falklands (and Dianne out there at Longwood).

Fastest St Helena - UK flying time slashed by more than half

David Parker of the UK Hydrographic Office was the unofficial holder of the record for travelling by plane from St Helena to UK in the fastest time. David came to St Helena in November 2018 to work on the seabed surveys. His schedule depended on the Airlink flight from St Helena arriving on time and the airport procedures being completed without unnecessary delay.

As it turned out, it all went like clockwork. The Airlink flight from St Helena arrived on time, giving David enough time to connect with a flight to Amsterdam the same evening. After changing at Amsterdam Schipol for Bristol airport David walked through his front door exactly 24 hours after taking off from St Helena airport.

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Saturday 1 st December					
Depart	Time	Arrive	Time	Carrier	
St Helena International	2:30pm	Johannesburg OR Tambo	9:15pm	Airlink	
Johannesburg OR Tambo	11:55pm			KLM	
Sunday 2 nd December					
		Amsterdam Schipol	10:30am	KLM	
Amsterdam Schipol	12:40pm	Bristol Airport	12:50pm	KLM	
Bristol Airport	1:15pm	Exeter	2:30pm	Car	

Reprinted from a report in the *Independent*, December 2018

David told the *Independent* after completing the journey, "It all went like clockwork! Left St Helena at 1430h on schedule, and was at home with my family in Exeter at exactly 1430h the next day (Sunday). Jo'burg to Amsterdam was easily achieved in time, then Amsterdam to Bristol also had over a two hour buffer. I recommend that route (although it wasn't cheap). It meant I could attend planned work stuff on the Monday."



David Parker, left, is NOT showing how he got home in 24 hours, he's explaining the plan for a marine survey of the British Virgin Islands to the Governor.

Flying to St Helena to start the survey work was a different story; David was stranded in Jo-burg for a week waiting for low cloud to move away from Prosperous Bay Plain.

This week, the result David's slick but risky working of airline schedules was well beaten by the Titan Airways charter plane which completed the journey from St Helena to Stansted airport in the UK in 10 hours 57 minutes. David Parker told the *Independent* "definitely thrashed me! I congratulate them on their achievement, even if they did cheat by using a private plane!" He also said he has been confined to his house for four weeks and that is definitely not normal.

The Titan A318 took off from St Helena at 10:02 hours on Tuesday and landed at Accra, Ghana at 13:16 to refuel. The plane then departed Accra at 14:39 for Stansted airport, arriving there at 21:59 hours the same day.

Cricket Results					
Sat 18 Apr			Fixtures		
HTH 248/2 Andrew Yon 114* David Young 75*	V	Sandy Bay 119 Matthew Benjamin 44 Martin Cranfield 32	Sat 25 Apr 1.30pm Longwood V Jamestown Umpires: Levelwood		
Melvyn Henry 3/23 Chris Owen 2/16 <i>Andrew Yon 3, David Y</i> Sun 19 Apr	Young 2, AJ Be	Martin Cranfield 2/47	Sun 26 Apr 9.30am St Pauls V Sandy Bay Umpires: Longwood 1.30pm HTH V Levelwood Umpires: Jamestown		
St Pauls 190/4 Dax Richards 80	v	Jamestown 145/9 Makyle Fuller 60	Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend		
David George 42 Gareth Johnson 3/19 Jordan Yon 3/25		Scott Crowie 22 Gavin George 1/30 Scott Crowie 1/41	Friday open from 4.00pm till late mix tunes by Kimmy Boom Bang		
Dax Richards 3, Gareth Johnson 2, Makyle Fuller 1		Nakyle Fuller 1	Saturday open from 5.00pm till late mix tunes from the bar		
Levelwood 202/8 Dane Leo 57 Stefun Leo 23	V	Longwood 110/8 Darrell Leo 37 David Pryce 18*	Sunday open from 5.00pm till 800 pm mix tunes from the bar		
Clayton Leo 3/24 David Francis 2/21 Dane Leo 3, Greg Cole	eman 2, Clayto	Ralph Knipe 3/48 Joey Thomas 2/34 n Leo 1	SILVER HILL		

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