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It was standing room only yesterday for the 'Discovery to Discovery' conference organised by the St Helena Research Institute at the St Helena Community College. After speeches of welcome, seventeen speakers were lined up to give updates on work which is either underway or has been completed on the astonishing variety of research subjects contained within the 47 square miles of St Helena.

In the morning session Michel Martineau gave a presentation of what is involved with historical research. Michel was followed by the Curator of the Museum of St Helena, Adam Sizeland, Zedella Young then spoke about tourism marketing research in the digital age and Martin George whose presentation focused on what we buy says a lot about ourselves, for better or worse. The presentations continued with Edward Whitton speaking about the particular problems faced by small scale farmers followed by Joe Hollins who spoke about the research needed to fully understand St Helena's own special species such as Jonathon the oldest known animal in the world and the St Helena bee. Annalea Beard's presentation was in the red-billed tropic bird in St Helena. The research subjects widened even further with presentations from Dr Kamar Tanyan and Dr Tara Murphy on studies and plans in the sphere of health.

The afternoon session was led by Liza Fowler, Natasha Stevens and James Fantom of the St Helena National Trust. The presentations featured the research and work involved in the two big projects recently started to control invasive insects and rabbits, rodents and mynah birds. The research boundaries were pushed further with Jordan Clingham explaining a project he undertook to build a robot with as many legs as the average spider and Murray Henry who spoke about the St Helena Climate Change and Drought Warning project which draws on the resources of several national organisations both here and the UK. Shayla Ellick summed up the work of Landscape and Ecology Mitigation Programme which winds up in March next year. Of the many impressive statistics produced to indicate the amount of work done. about 85 acres have been planted on land disturbed by the airport project involving the planting of thousands of plants and shrubs and even



Chief Secretary Susan O'Bey with the Opening Address

Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, Co-ordinator for the St Helena Research Institute (SHRI)

Some of the Speakers at the Conference yesterday



Michel Dancoise-Martineau





Edward Whitton

Adam Sizeland



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more seeds. The more established areas are already showing signs of selfseeding and self re-generation. The presentations concluded with Leeann Henry outlining research of shallow inshore marine habitats and Kenickie Andrews on the continuing research with Bone Sharks as attempts to discover their many secrets continue.

The day finished with a panel discussion on the role of science, research and innovation in St Helena.



Angela Benjamin



Dr Kamar Tanyan





James Fantom – culling rabbits, rodents and mynahs and measuring the benefits of doing it

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I would like to thank the Editor of the Independent, Vince Thompson, to spare me space to address Governor Rushbrook's contributions to this newspaper and its Editorial staff. Most of the Governor's concerns were measuredly addressed by Mr Thompson last week and I will not make any attempts to develop these concerns any further.

However, on the main point of concern for most letter writers and columnists have been addressing the topic of 'what is good for the goose is good for the gander', ie. all people should be treated equally. It appears that the Governor and I have different view on this matter.

In a letter called "Retraction Request" the Governor states that "It is untrue the "St Helena Executive Council had approved the exemption from the rules' for this member of the Governor's Office. The Governor continues "However, ExCo discussed the request from FCDO in London for FCDO staff posted from the UK (and families), as Crown Servants, to quarantine at home. They will still be subject to a legal obligation to quarantine and stringent home quarantine requirements as set by SHG".

It would be difficult to believe that 'Crown Servants' are less prone to Covid-19 infection, or less prone to spread Covid -19, than any other human being. Therefore, the same rules as for everybody else should obviously apply.

Even if it in this particular case it has later been claimed by the Governor that the home-isolation was offered as an alternative to quarantine on medical grounds it is no dispute about that a decision was taken to exclude certain people from the official quarantine policy. The latest official quarantine policy was published on 26th October headed 'No Changes to Quarantine Arrangements" and it states that "Following Tuesday's IEG meeting, it was agreed by Members that there will be no changes to the existing quarantine arrangements at this time". It appears that this was not quite correct.

It is also clear that both pressures of possible financial repercussions and diplomatic immunity were applied on the Elected Members in the ExCo/IEG meetings.

At no time any accusations made against the Governor's members of staff or their families and finally I would like to wish the Gibson's a speedy recovery.

It is also worth mentioning, this discussion between the Governor and the Independent is about points of principle, not people or individuals. *Mike*



The political editor at BBC News wrote an article on the BBC News website on Wednesday describing the chaos surrounding the UK Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, which seems to persist because he cannot manage his staff. It seems an almighty battle surfaced from long-standing and increasing tensions when Johnson made it known he wanted to promote his communications director to chief of staff. Modern Prime Ministers like to surround themselves with special advisors of all kinds. It appears to be the special advisors, and Johnson's fiancé, who voiced strong opinions about this latest prime ministerial idea which ended in the dust.

The striking thing about the BBC News political editor's report on this sorry affair is that she did not and could not use information from official sources. No official statement is ever likely to be made about the unelected officials in top jobs who spend their days fighting each other. "The prime minister's management of his private office is his own private affair" is the best any enquiring journalist is ever likely to get.

The article therefore depends on what can be described as 'informal information' from 'reliable sources' who want their names kept right out of it because they want to get their pension when they retire and not be sacked by an angry boss for being honest.

The article tells its readers, "several sources have told me" and "One Tory source even suggested". It continues, "One insider told me" and "None of the people involved will comment officially about what is going on. So I'm afraid that it is extremely difficult to know what is really happening." And so it goes on. "One insider, who until now has kept their counsel, spoke out in frustration saying: "I just can't describe to you how much of a mess it is." Some may ask, is this gossip? Where are the official facts? The main issue is that this situation is a matter of public concern and it is not a reputable journalist's job to say nothing and write nothing, because the officials do not want to give the facts.

That was Wednesday, the following day, yesterday, the communications director departed. He left his job with a strange and stressed expression on his face; recorded by ever vigilant photographers. The departing person said he jumped before being pushed; but who really cares. As the BBC News political editor rightly points out, "This is about who is running the country. It's not just about whether a man, who you probably haven't heard of, has fallen out with a politician." And we all have a right to be aware of situations such as this because they affect the standard of public service we all very reasonably expect. The suggestion is now that some more special advisors recruited by Boris Johnson will jump ship.

In another piece in this edition the chairman of the British Medical Council complains bitterly about the incompetence of the UK Government in handling the coronavirus pandemic. This infighting around the UK Prime Minister is, at the very least, a distraction from the job he should be doing; and maybe it is significant contributory factor to the performance of the UK Government falling below expected standards.



Please come back – all is forgiven

Time for a HOT weekend Vince

Bradley's Camp – Mixed Reviews

We have two relatively positive reviews from people being quarantined at Bradley's Camp. They were the only two who put pen to paper. In all fairness, the experiences from the ones who have not written in have been somewhat different. I have spoken to about half a dozen of the 'newly released' and they gave their accounts of the spell at Bradley's.

Some complained about the food which is something I don't take notice to as it is all up to individual taste and others had praised the fare at the camp.

The main complaint from the guests at Bradley's was the malfunctioning sewerage system and that some guests could not get any hot water. Blocked sewerage drains and poorly connected toilets, together with showers spraying water and sewerage over the floors marred some of the guest. Maybe a major overhaul of the plumbing could be a good idea before the next batch of guests arrive. The picture here shows a poorly installed and leaking toilet at Bradley's. *Mike*



Saint Helenian promoted to Captain in Her Majesty's Armed Forces

Congratulations to Captain David Leo, son of Cyril and Delphia Leo, who commissioned as a British Army Officer in July 2020. David left Ascension Island at the age of 16 years old to join the British Army and progressed through the ranks as a soldier of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME).

I think David was around 13 when he voiced an interests in joining the British Army and I told him to work hard in school as the first step.

David was quite young on leaving for the UK and face such challenges, but I was satisfied with his level of maturity and confidence for the journey in the British Army. In addition to the fantastic teachers our children had at Two Boats School, the advantages our youth had on Ascension was the Scout Group. The group of some 20 young boys at the time did all the usual scouting activities on Ascension but they were also taken on group visits to other countries. All the parents at the time appreciated the positive contribution Scouting on Ascension made towards our children growing in maturity and confidence. The uniformed youth organisations can do wonders for children's development.





All three of our sons chose to join the REME. The initial Army recruitment team came out to Ascension to do the various assessments.

Shaun and David left for the UK on the same plane (the first Saints to be recruited from Ascension). Shaun was 18. When Benjamin (10 years younger) voiced an interest in trying for the Army, I was against it because I knew by then what it was like for Delphia in particular when Shaun and David was in conflict areas – especially Iraq and Afghanistan. I would say things to him like imagine losing your limbs or your sight......, but one day Ben said that I was always trying to put him off joining the Army and doing what he wanted to do – so I gave in and supported his decision; Ben also joined at 16. Shaun reached the rank of Sergeant (now retired) and Benjamin is now a Staff Sergeant.

Cyril Leo

Help to Find a Friend



I hope you may be able to help. The photo above is of my Father Harry Ogden with his friend and comrade from St Helena a member of the Rifles.

It was taken 1944/45 in Crossroads, Keighley West Yorkshire England.

Sadly his name has been lost in the mists of time and I wondered if you could help identify him?

Thanks David.

If you know, contact Mike at the Independent.

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Whales, sharks, seals, tens of millions of seabirds, and just under 300 humans inhabit the small islands that make up Tristan da Cunha.

, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BY SARAH GIBBENS

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THE WATERS AROUND one of the world's most remote inhabited islands, in the middle of the South Atlantic Ocean, are set to become the fourth largest completely protected marine area in the world, and the largest in the Atlantic.

Tristan da Cunha, a British territory, is 2,300 miles east of South America and 1,600 miles west of South Africa. To reach it requires a seven-day boat trip from South Africa, and once you're there, "you feel so much like you're at the edge of the world," says Jonathan Hall, the head of the U.K. overseas territory unit at the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).

Now, this four-island archipelago will be the site of a marine sanctuary that spans 265,347 square miles, making it almost three times larger than the United Kingdom. Announced today by the Tristan da Cunha government, 90 percent of the waters around the island chain will become a "no-take zone" in which fishing, mining, and other extractive activities are banned.

Not only will this help bolster a small lobster fishery outside the sanctuary, say conservationists, but also it will protect foraging grounds for the tens of millions of seabirds that roost on the islands, such as yellow-nosed albatross and rockhopper penguins, and habitat for seals, sharks, and whales.

The new protected area will join the U.K.'s Blue Belt Programme, which, as of today, safeguards 2.7 million square miles of marine ecosystems around the world. The new sanctuary is the result of a collaboration between the Tristan da Cunha and U.K. governments, and a number of other conservation groups, including RSPB, which has worked in the region for 20 years, and the National Geographic's Society's Pristine Seas initiative.

A 2017 report by Pristine Seas used satellite data to track fishing vessels in the area from 2014 to 2016. A majority of the 253 vessels logged appeared to be passing through, but 11 showed activity consistent with fishing. Industrial fishing can lead to seabirds, sharks, and other important species inadvertently caught in nets or on fishing lines.

Under the protection of the U.K.'s Blue Belt Programme, Tristan da Cunha will receive more resources for patrolling its waters for illegal fishing activity, says Hall.

Marine protected areas (MPAs) are seen by experts as a conservation silver bullet. A study published on Tuesday in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* further corroborated established scientific evidence that MPAs worldwide protect food supplies by producing larger catch yields. Fisheries that are left undisturbed can produce a "spill over" effect in which an abundance of fish from a protected area "spill over" into fishing hotspots. Expanding the current network of protected areas by just 5 percent, the study found, could boost global fish catch by at least 20 percent.



Remembrance Sunday Service 2020 Submitted by SHG

The annual Remembrance Sunday Divine Service, in honour of those who lost their lives or had been injured during active duty, was held at the Cenotaph in Jamestown on Sunday, 8 November 2020.

His Excellency, Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook, arrived at 10.55am, and the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of St Helena, Dale Bowers, welcomed and invited the many in attendance to pray. He reflected on the fact that St Helena remained COVID-19 free which allowed full participation in the service without any restriction, unlike others around the world. The Governor and a member of the Jamestown Scout Group then gave the Remembering before a two-minute silence was observed, signalled by the Last Post.

A wreath was laid for the Territory by the Governor. Further wreaths were laid for the French Republic, the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force, the Merchant Navy, the St Helena Police Service, and for the St Helena Fire & Rescue and Sea Rescue Services. Members of the public, including ex-servicemen and Island schoolchildren, also laid wreaths. Prayers were led by Pastor Paul Millin, Major Priscilla Ziqubu, Canon Clive Duncan, Deacon Edgar Crowie, Deacon Jonathon Green and Deacon Ernest Fritz.

The Act of Commitment was made and acts of peace were then offered. The Service concluded with the National Anthem and Blessing, followed by the traditional March-Past outside the Court House.

Alongside the service on-Island, St Helena Government's UK Representative, Mrs Kedell Worboys MBE, attended the UK's Ceremony of Remembrance in London and laid a wreath on behalf of all UK Overseas Territories.

Kedell said:

"It was an honour to be nominated by my fellow Representatives in London to lay the wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of all of the UK Overseas Territories. It is important to acknowledge the contribution made by the people of the Overseas Territories to both World Wars and subsequent conflicts."





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The 2nd Remembrance Day Flag Ceremony

Vince Thompson

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month marks the moment when the First World War ended in 1918. Together with several nations across the Commonwealth as well as Britain's allies we commemorate the anniversary of that moment to remember all men and women who were killed or wounded in the many armed conflicts since the 1914-18 war in the service of the Queen. 11th November is Remembrance Day; we also have Remembrance Sunday. Other countries have Memorial Day, Veteran's Day or, in New Zealand, ANZAC Day.

In St Helena the 2nd Remembrance Day Flag Ceremony was held outside Plantation House on Wednesday, followed by a reception for ex-Service and Island Representatives. The simple ceremony lasts about half-an-hour. The absence of grandeur and splendour gives poignancy to the commemoration of lives lost and survivor's lives destroyed in military conflict. On Wednesday thirteen people, in addition to the Governor participated in the ceremony in the presence of ten ex-service personnel who are Saints or resident in St Helena.

The service included poems, prayers and short speeches honouring the ultimate sacrifice made by military personnel. Fr. Jack Horner and Sgt. Joseph Phippard read "In Waters Deep" by Eileen Mahoney;- the first of four verses set the tone for the rest of the ceremony.

"In ocean wastes no poppies blow, No crosses stand in ordered row, Their young hearts sleep . . . beneath the wave . . . The spirited, the good, the brave, But stars a constant vigil keep, For them who lie beneath the deep."

Nigel Dollery read the words from "For the Fallen" penned by Robert Laurence Binyon and used at many Remembrance ceremonies:-

"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old, Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn, At the going down of the sun and in the morning **We shall remember them**"

A poem written by Emilia Neale, a 12 year old on Ascension was the last of four poems used. It was read by Patricia Williams and Major Priscilla Ziqubu. Called "The Power of One Poppy", here is an extract:-

"One poppy saw more than all, Saw the love and desires fall. As the silence fills the land, we will remember, hand in hand, The men that sacrifice hope and love as they rest in heaven up above.

Father David Musgrove gave the address and closing blessing. Like Emilia Neale Father David spoke of Hope; but hope with peace. Michel Dancoisne-Martineau gave an international perspective to the occasion; recalling that British troops are supporting the French led Operation Barkhane in Mali and pointed out this Anglo-French co-operation is just one part of the wide ranging agreement reached between the two countries at the UK-France Summit in March 2016. Bishop Dale's address brought to mind Winston Churchill's exhortation on the front page of his History of the Second World War, "In War, Resolution; In Defeat, Defiance; In Victory, Magnanimity; and in Peace, Good Will." Bishop Dale emphasised the need for magnanimity in victory; not suppression and subjugation. Deacons Ernst Fritz and Jonathon Green lead prayers and Bugler Graeme Beckett sounded the Last Post and the Reveille.



Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

Re: Misleading and inaccurate reporting by the Independent newspaper

We read with interest your extended editorial in last week's Independent and noted its measured commentary on the weaknesses in the article on home quarantine written by your reporter (Mike Olsson) the week before. It was therefore a great pity the commentary was undermined by the publication of letters at the same time, without any correcting editorial comment on their content, that had drawn upon the unchecked and untrue information published by the Independent in its original article. As Editor you must be aware of your responsibility for the veracity of everything in an edition of your newspaper including the content of opinion pieces and letters to the editor.

We presume you are aware that a freedom of speech is not a freedom to distort or mislead without challenge.

Mike Olsson's article was a regrettable example of how gossip (passed off as 'informal information') and misplaced opinion by the writer are dressed up as false facts. They, in turn, lead to misplaced comments in other media forums by a few people misled by the content of the original article.

As a responsible Editor, we and your readership, would expect the Independent to do proper research before publishing material written in a style likely to generate adverse reactions. The erroneous and misleading article by your reporter has unfairly subjected a member of my staff to inaccurate and unfounded criticism. We hope as an Editor you would recognise this is unacceptable. You also received last week an itemised request for a genuine and fulsome retraction of the Olsson article. Consequently, we look to you to do the right thing and correct the misrepresentation in the information published in the Independent over the past two weeks.

The general public also deserve an assurance from the Editor that the Independent will avoid a repeat in the future of the poor practice displayed on this occasion. There is a Code of Conduct that applies to all media on St Helena. It should be an essential requirement in the your working arrangements for your reporters to fact check and obtain balancing comment in advance of publication from those people referred to in future articles.

We look forward to your positive response.

Yours faithfully Governor and on behalf of my staff members

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Dear Editor, Bradley's – An insider's view

I think it is true to say that I was not terribly concerned about having to spend two weeks at Bradley's. The time leading to my departure from the UK was fairly frantic and in some respects I was guite looking forward to the forced rest and downtime. I found the accommodation basic but acceptable. Yes, there is room for improvement (a few hooks on walls to be able to hang things and better storage space – more than just one narrow locker) but on the whole it was fine. Anything I needed was immediately dispatched from the office - an extra blanket, a fresh towel. This, combined with regular parcels and treats from island friends, meant that I was well looked after

The logistics of providing food to the camp must be a nightmare. Not only are the dietary needs incredibly diverse, but everyone likes different kinds of foods. So there were the usual inevitable moans and groans. I had phone calls from both of our meal providers, (Derek Richards for the first week and Rosie Bargo for the second) making contact and inquiring about my satisfaction with what they were supplying. During our second week Rosie even offered me a daily menu with choices! My only criticism would be the packaging. Far too much polystyrene and plastic, all of which I presume will eventually go to landfill. I was forced to dispose of two bags of rubbish every day more than I do in two weeks back home. Rather like trips on the RMS, I found that I ate too much! I am not used to eating

three meals a day but because they are a distraction and because they are there.....

The only real let-down for me was the poor internet connection. While I realise that internet access is not important to everyone, it is the single most important thing to me. To be able to be in touch with my family overseas at this difficult time is vital. I spent many hours of every day staring at a disconnected screen, repeatedly punching the network button and trying in vain to connect to the internet. For the first few days, I regularly phoned both Sure and the Bradley's office to report the fact that the internet wasn't working but soon realised that these were not isolated incidents - it happens all the time and most of my fellow 'detainees' had the same problem. I estimate that the internet did NOT work for at least half of my time at Bradley's. Unacceptable.

The 'inmates' got to know each other during the two weeks and there was a fair amount of gossiping. Feelings about 'Diplomatic Immunity' ran high for a while but then thankfully softened. Time was spent chatting at the communal washing line or during the many hours spent taking exercise - doing laps around the perimeter fence. Time passed slowly and the small daily tasks of washing up your single set of cutlery and cleaning your room, assumed vast proportions. I was unable to receive a listenable signal to the BBC World service radio broadcasts in spite of trying two different radios - this disconnect from the outside world was a difficult one for me.

Matt did a good job of managing the camp during my time there – an unenviable task. Without exception I found all the staff to be helpful and cheerful and I looked forward to my daily visits from Iris, Kyle and all the others. I feel I have to make special mention of two: Barry Francis, on the late shift, who supplied me with reading material, internet help and general friendly conversation, and Loretta Coleman who took the trouble to bring me treats and flowers from her garden when I was having a bad day. Lovely, kind and generous people. *Lyn Rattle – A Bradley's Survivor*

Dear Electorate,

THE CONSTITUENT

Having heard via local radio that Councillors Ellick, Scipio and Ellick were

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holding a public meeting at the Half Tree Hollow Community Centre on Wednesday, 4th November, I made a special effort to attend with the intention of being informed.

Some 113 constituents attended the public meeting (5 percent of the Electorate). The concerns raised at the meeting were mainly related to Covid-19 and the apparent lack of public confidence in Governor Rushbrook and elected representatives serving on Executive Council and there were also calls to dissolve Legislative Council. One of the questions I was asked during the meeting was if I would be willing to resign from Legislative Council to help effect change at Council level. Such serious suggestions and proposals to effect change at the highest level of local government required serious consideration. Consequently, I have had time to consider my position and response. Personally, I have no desire to resign from Council during the remainder of my tenure. My objective, as an elected representative, is to continue working for good in the best interests of St Helena and the local community with future generations of Saint Helenians in mind.

I have decided to reserve commenting on the majority support, expressed on the night, for demands to force Governor Rushbrook out of office and remove the elected representatives from Executive Council. Just one or two of us present did not indicate partiality. Constituents who did not attend the public meeting are invited to discuss the matter and provide me with your points of view for consideration.

Locally, this is an unprecedented difficult and uncertain period in time that we are experiencing as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Under the circumstances there will be differences of opinions; accordingly, it is all the more reason to constructively work together and find common ground for the common good of our community.

The matter of the local "fisheries saga" came up at the public meeting. Constituents questioned my failure to inform the public of my related points of view. According to the current committee system of government, three elected members of the Economic Development Committee were required to advise Executive Council on the most appropriate course of action in response to the Petition organised by the St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association. Two options were presented to the EDC members for consideration.

Option 1: Agree with the petition and stop the investment proposal led by PQT (SH) to set up the SHFCO.

Option 2: Do not agree with the petition and continue with the investment proposal led by PQT (SH)

After carefully considering the pros and cons of the two options, I made my decision based on what I believe is in the best interest of the local community. In reality, after many years of trying, St Helena is still struggling to develop a sustainable and successful fishing industry. So far, all attempts have failed and the island just cannot afford to have more of the same. Here we are in the year 2020, situated in the middle of the South Atlantic Ocean, surrounded by a 200 mile Exclusive Economic Zone which includes the major seamounts Cardno and Bonaparte, and we are still struggling to develop a successful fishing industry. We need off-shore research into the true potential of sustainably exploiting and harvesting tuna, lobster and crab resources. Therefore, I believe it is pertinent to take a new approach and support potentially promising visions and ventures for the future development of a local fishing industry for the people of St Helena.

Furthermore, as some local fisher stakeholders had been specifically voicing their concerns to me on not being engaged within the current negotiation process between SHG and PQT (SH), I purposely included an additional recommendation for Executive Council to consider. Please see a copy of the statement and recommendation, dated 24th September 2020, elsewhere in this newspaper. Cyril Leo, LegCo



Dear Electorate Recommendation from the Economic Development Committee to Executive Council – Cllr Leo – 24 September 2020

Mr Chairman,

"Fishing is Everybody's Business" In St Helena that is not a slogan - that is a fact.

It has taken a considerable length of time for EDC to engage on the Petition item, but that time has allowed me to be informed and be fully satisfied with my considered opinion and my proposal. I cannot support Option 1, because I do not believe by doing so is in the best interests of the people of St Helena.

I can support Option 2 but not without the inclusion of my proposal as a recommendation for Executive Council to consider.

As we seek to establish a sustainable and successful fishing industry for the people of St Helena, the continued input into the process from the St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association has been essential in my opinion. The Petition organised by the Association is clearly based on their determination to contribute to the creation of a viable, sustainable and ultimately successful, local fishing industry that the people of St Helena can consent to.

Through various forums and engagements with members of the Commercial Fishermen's Association I have been reassured by the supreme wealth of relevant local knowledge and experience of the members. The people who signed the Petition and the local community in general, cannot afford to have such valuable local knowledge, experience and energy struggling to input from the sidelines and not be represented at the very heart of developing a sustainable and successful local fishing industry.

The Fishermen's Association has convinced me that members are for working in the very best interests of the people of St Helena and they are not just focused on the present or the medium term. The Association is also about representing and protecting the inter-**Continued on PAGE 31**

Falklands under increased vigilance following the first civilian positive case of Covid



MLA Leona Roberts, CMO Dr. Rebecca Edwards and Chief Executive Barry Rowland during the Press Conference

A period of increased vigilance will begin in the Falkland Islands after one positive case of Covid-19 was confirmed. Falklands' lawmaker MLA Leona Roberts delivered the news at a Tuesday afternoon press conference, joined by Chief Medical Officer Dr Rebecca Edwards and Chief Executive Barry Rowland.

MLA Roberts stated those at risk of severe illness may be asked to self-isolate and routine health services may alter.

"This does not mean that we are going into lockdown or that we intend to instigate a period of lockdown in the near future," said MLA Roberts. "Schools, the library and college will remain open along with nurseries and child-minders. Businesses and services are to stay open and will be encouraged to work in ways that limit the spread of infection."

Changes to quarantine legislation agreed by Executive Council Tuesday morning were announced by Mr Rowland. The Chief Executive said, "if a person in quarantine does not stay isolated from other people staying in the same accommodation, then all those people must stay in quarantine together." This change to legislation tightens up the current system where people living with someone who is quarantining do not have to quarantine along with them.

Passengers arriving at Mount Pleasant Airport will have three options to travel to Stanley. People can use the FIG mandated transport between Stanley and the airport, leave an empty vehicle at MPA to drive back to Stanley to enter quarantine, or be collected by friends or family who will have to enter quarantine with the passenger upon return to Stanley.

CMO Dr. Edwards at the media conference confirmed that the Falklands had received the first civilian positive case of Covid 19 in the Islands, which was discovered following a positive surveillance swabbing result processed by the KEMH laboratory. The individual in question has been in quarantine since their arrival in the Falkland Islands on 5 November. They will continue to remain in quarantine until their 14-day period of exclusion is complete and they will also need to test negative for the virus twice before they can leave quarantine. The individual has not been in need of hospitalization.



Dr. Edwards .said that since their arrival, at no point has this person ever had contact with the wider community, they have been in quarantine with other family members who also remain in quarantine. Besides everyone who travelled on the same flight as the person who tested positive has already been contacted using the approved track and trace protocols. They are all in quarantine and are being offered the opportunity to have three swabs taken during that 14-day period.

Because the program is not mandatory as it is an invasive procedure, but it is encouraged as it provides people with the personal assurance that they are not infected with the virus. To date the uptake has been, and continues to be, very high. Track and trace protocols have also been applied to other people who came into contact with passengers from the flight, including those working in customs and immigration, and transportation.

Because of the recent circumstances surrounding the airbridge, it has also been necessary to instigate track and trace protocols for passengers who would have come into contact with the person who tested positive, but who did not arrive on the same flight as them. For example, everyone who arrived on the flight Monday night are also being contacted and the same applies for anyone involved in processing passengers from that same flight. KEMH is offering everyone the opportunity to be swabbed as a precaution, even those not in quarantine.

Finally it was always expected that regular testing would produce a positive result and this has demonstrated that surveillance swabbing during quarantine is working in the way intended. This is very important as you can be a carrier of Covid-19 without exhibiting any symptoms or becoming unwell. It also means that we will now enter a period of increased vigilance as per our emergency planning procedures. Increased vigilance means that we know there is a case of Covid-19 in the Falkland Islands and that, if the situation becomes more serious, the government may change its guidance.



St Helena Nature Conservation Group



Dedicated to protecting and promoting St Helena's unique natural environment

will hold its **Annual General Meeting** Thursday 19th November 2020 at 5.30pm at the Museum, Jamestown

Including a number of presentations on conservation on St Helena

Light refreshments will be provided

All interested persons are invited to attend. Please could all current members please try to attend to ensure that the meeting is quorate.

PASSPORT SURGERIES

The St Helena Immigration Service would like to advise the public that they will be holding Passport Surgeries outside of the Canister, Jamestown, between 9am and 12noon on Thursday, 26 November, and Friday, 27 November 2020.

The purpose of these surgeries is to highlight the importance of holding a valid passport and to provide information as well as assist anyone wishing to make an application for either a British passport or a British Overseas Territories (St Helenian) passport.

The St Helena Immigration team look forward to engaging with the public.

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SAINT HELENA NATIONAL TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Date: Monday 23rd November 2020 Time: 6.30 - 8.30 pm Where: Education Learning Centre, Jamestown

Join us for our AGM to hear achievements of the 2019-20 year and our plans for the future.

Followed by a presentation: 20 Years of Millennium Forest

Those wishing to join the Trust CounciPare kindly requested to inform the Secretary in advance of the AGM. Society members must, by notice in writing to the Secretary, nominate the person who may vote or stand for election on its behalf at the AGM.

Details online: http://www.trust.org.sh/impact/

Or contact Trust Council Secretary, Kelly Whitton kellyfranceswhitton@gmail.com C/O Broadway House, Jamestown

"St Helena's heritage for all, forever"



DRAFT IMMIGRATION POLICY 2020

KEY CONSULTATION POINTS

The draft Immigration Policy 2020 is currently out for public consultation until Friday, 11 December 2020. Members of the public are being invited to provide their views and comments on key points for discussion in the draft Policy.

Each week we will focus on a key consultation point. This week we look at proposed changes to the Short Term Entry Permit:

Currently, foreign national individuals are allowed to work for up to six months when they hold a Short Term Entry Permit.

> It is proposed that all individuals seeking to work on St Helena be required to acquire a Work Permit, sponsorship by an employer or approval to participate in a temporary employment scheme.

> > This change will ensure that all individuals who work on St Helena receive appropriate approval first, with reference to the Shortage Occupations List.

Anyone wishing to make any comment on this consultation point or other points in the draft Policy may do so in writing to Executive Assistant, Nicole Plato, at the Castle, Jamestown, or via email: nicole.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Friday, 11 December 2020.

The draft Policy is available in hard copy at the Customer Service Centre, Public Library, from the Castle Reception in Jamestown and can also be obtained from Nicole Plato via the above email address or on tel: 22470. An electronic copy is available on the Public Consultation page of the SHG Website: https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-consultation/

Please check local media for dates and times of upcoming public meetings and drop-in sessions. Also check out the promo TV channel, listen out for radio interviews and view posters in key locations.

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Also See Consultation Schedule on NEXT PAGE

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT IMMIGRATION POLICY REMINDER

The Draft Immigration Policy is out for Public Consultation until 11 December 2020.

The Draft Immigration Policy establishes the framework through which St Helena Government (SHG) will provide a high quality, customer oriented Immigration Service that facilitates and supports SHG's principles of economic growth whilst continuing to ensure effective border control.

During the consultation period the Immigration Working Group is conducting a series of public consultation meetings and drop-in sessions to discuss the draft Immigration Policy.

Public consultation meetings in the various districts are taking place at 7pm. Upcoming meetings are:

Date	Venue	
Monday, 16 November	Blue Hill Community Centre	
Tuesday, 17 November	St Mary's Church, The Briars	
Monday, 30 November	Guinea Grass Community Centre	
Drop-in sessions are sch	duled to take place from 2-4 pm on the following dates:	
Date	Venue	
Friday, 20 November	Drop-in Surgery – Jamestown Market	
Friday, 27 November	Drop-in Surgery – Museum of Saint Helena, Jamestown	
1 hday, 27 hovember	Drop-in Surgery – Museum of Saint Helena, Sainestown	

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meetings and drop-in sessions to discuss and provide feedback on the draft Immigration Policy. Also check out the promo TV channel for a slideshow highlighting the key consultation points and look out for posters placed in key locations around the Island.

Anyone wishing to make written comments on the draft Immigration Policy may do so in writing to Executive Assistant, Nicole Plato, at the Castle, Jamestown, or via email: nicole.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **Friday, 11 December 2020.**

The draft Immigration Policy is available in hard copy at the Customer Service Centre, the Public Library and at the Castle Reception in Jamestown and is also available on the SHG Website via: https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-consultation/.

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ST HELENA COMMUNICATIONS LICENCE MARKET ENGAGEMENT

St Helena Government is looking to licence an international Communications Provider to provide a comprehensive portfolio of communication services to residential, business and Government bodies on the Island. The licence will be for a period of 10 years, commencing on 1 January 2023.

SHG has appointed Telecommunications Technical Consultants, CubeUltra, to assist in the review of the new licence and future procurement exercise.

CubeUltra on behalf of SHG are now approaching potential market suppliers to present the scope of the Telecoms licence opportunity and inviting comments on the scope and the commercial attractiveness of the proposition.

This is the precursor to issuing full tender documentation. A formal process to compete the licence will follow in the next few months. Any comments or suggestions received during the market testing stage may be used to inform the final documents that will form the invitation to apply.

The proposition document is available on the Public Information, Reports and Policies Page of the SHG website: https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/

Interested parties should contact CubeUltra via Tom Allen: tom.allen@cubeultra.com for further discussion and to register their interest.

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DENTAL HEALTH MATTERS





HM Customs Clearance Process for Collection of Goods for Non-Commercial Persons — Six Steps





The St Helena Independent Volume XV, Issue 49, Friday 13th November 2020



INVITATION TO TENDER

The St. Helena National Trust warmly welcomes expressions from interested persons for tenders of a boat(s) to help facilitate research and data collection during the 2020/2021 Bone (whale) shark season.

Tenders should be able to provide:

Boat trips to and from Bone (whale) shark aggregation spots around the Island, (including - but not limited to -Barn Cap, Barn Ledge, Dawson's fishing grounds, Flagstaff Bay, Egg Island and Speery Island).

- Start date Dec 2020, (However, date can be postponed until sightings have increased significantly)
- End date 31 March 2021, (or when sightings have dropped off significantly)
- Half day (3 to 4 hours) and full day (5 to 6 hours) trips
- Minimum of 2-3 trips per week
- Maximum of 4-5 trips per week
- Deck space on board capable of storing research equipment



For further details please contact the Trust Marine Team on 22569 or email <u>Kenickie.andrews@trust.org.sh</u> Interested persons should submit tenders in a sealed envelope addressed to Miss Amanda Constantine, Office Manager by no later than 16:00hrs on Friday 27 November 2020.

INVITATION TO TENDER

The Saint Helena Government (SHG) wishes to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the construction of a **Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)** at the General Hospital.

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from

Miss Shelley Thomas Executive Assistant Programme Management Unit The Castle Jamestown Telephone No 22470 Ext 246 or Email – shelley.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh



A site visit to view the proposed works will take place on Tuesday 17 November at 9.30am, meeting at the Main Entrance to the General Hospital. It would be appreciated if those attending would avoid parking in the immediate Hospital areas.

Contractors should note that site visits requested after the 17 November will not be entertained unless there is a relevant reason why the contractor could not attend the scheduled site visit.

If you require any further details, please contact EDIP Consultant, Mr Paul Scipio, on telephone number 23850 or email paul.impresascipione@helanta.co.sh

A hard copy of completed tenders should be submitted in the tender box located in the main Castle Foyer, Jamestown by 12 noon on Thursday 26 November 2020.

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

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BANK OF ST HELENA OPENING HOURS - NOVEMBER 2020

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	Longwood Ent	erprise Park	Thursda	iy	26 November	09:30 - 14:00	
Head Office: Market Street · Jamestown · St Helena Island · STHL 1ZZ T. +290 22390 · F. +290 22553 · email. <u>info@sainthelenabank.com</u> · web <u>www.sainthelenabank.com</u> Established and regulated under the Financial Services Ordinance, 2008, the Financial Services Regulations, 2017 and the Company Ordinance, 2004							

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



Roof Safety Ladder Sea Rescue Building

The St Helena Police Directorate invites Expressions of Interest to provide the construction of a Roof Access Safety Ladder for the Sea Rescue Building in Rupert's. The installation works will be carried out under the direction of the client or the client's nominated representative.

The contractor will be responsible for Designing, Manufacturing and Installing a ladder system to allow safe and easy access to operational equipment positioned on the roof spaces. The ladder is to be designed in accordance with BS 4211:2005 and in compliance with relevant St Helena Building Regulations.

For further information, please contact Sea Rescue Manager, Simon Wade, on telephone number: 25052 or email: simonwade@helanta.co.sh

Completed Expressions of Interest should be sent to the Sea Rescue Manager by Friday, 27 November 2020.

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

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VACANCY

Risk & Compliance Manager

Commencing at £14,964 per annum (depending on qualifications and experience)

Bank of St Helena Ltd is seeking to recruit a suitable person on a two year fixed term contract to fill the new and exciting position of Risk & Compliance Manager.

Reporting to the Managing Director, the Risk & Compliance Manager will be required to compile and implement policies within the Bank to ensure compliance with the governing laws, regulations and policies, and advise internal departments on how to meet compliance requirements. Therefore, an excellent understanding of anti-money laundering, fraud prevention and detection are important along with the need to stay informed on changes in laws and regulations that relates to banking.

In addition the Risk and Compliance Manager will be required to advise, oversee and train bank staff on compliance procedures; lead investigations of suspicious activity, recommend corrective actions and work closely with both internal and external auditors.

Candidates for this role should have excellent interpersonal skills and ideally have a minimum of three years proven work experience in a middle management role and/or relevant experience in Banking/ Finance, Auditing and/or Risk Management. Candidates should also possess:

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Good financial and accounting skills, ideally be a Certified Accounts Technician or FIA, or working towards a qualification;
- · Have good analytical and problem solving skills;
- Have experience writing policies and procedures;
- experience of working with regulators.

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 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, 27 November 2020.

Head Office: Market Street \cdot Jamestown \cdot St Helena Island \cdot STHL 1ZZ

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End Date Bespoke Agricultural Grant Scheme

Calling all farmers!

Please note that the Bespoke Agricultural Grant Scheme that has previously been advertised will end on 30 November 2020. This means that no applications will be accepted after this date.

This funding is being offered on a non-contributory basis, however terms & conditions will apply.

For further information please contact Delia Du Preez, Business Development Co-ordinator on 22920 or on email delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh.

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DISPOSAL OF SHG VEHICLES & ITEMS

The Transport Section of the Infrastructure & Transport Directorate wishes to dispose of the following vehicles & items by public tender:

VEHICLE TYPE

Land Rover Defender 110 Pick-up Vauxhall Brava Van Vauxhall Brava Van Vauxhall Brava Van Ford Focus Estate Toyota Hilux Double Cab Pick-up Ford Everest Ex Ambulance Box Unit Ex Ambulance Box Unit

FORMERLY REGISTERED

SHG 219 SHG 288 SHG 124 SHG 119 SHG 66 SHG 144 SHG 91 - A - B



These vehicles/items will be sold on an "as is" basis; viewing will be at the Garage Complex, Donkey Plain on Saturday 14th November 2020, between the hours of 11am and 2pm and also on Wednesday 18th November 2020 between 1.30 pm to 3.30pm. Tender forms will be available on the days of viewing.

All tenders must be submitted in a plain sealed envelope marked Tender Reference SHG Vehicles and placed in the Tender Box, at Essex House by no later than 4pm on Friday 20th November 2020.

Nicholas George Senior Transport Manager 2nd November 2020



Encompass Digital Media Services Ltd BBC Atlantic Relay Station English Bay Ascension Island, ASCN 1ZZ South Atlantic Ocean

Tel + (247) 66800 Fax + (247) 66117

Vacancy for General Maintenance Assistant

Encompass Digital Media has a vacancy for a full-time General Maintenance Assistant.

The post holder will form part of the team that is responsible for the Maintenance of HV Diesel Engines for Electricity Generation, Water Production & Distribution and other mechanical maintenance related duties under the Power Station functions.

This post will be offered either on a single or accompanied status, fixed-term contract, with single en-suite room and shared catering facilities or bungalow accommodation, depending on personal circumstances.

Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- Good understanding of Safety procedures and Safe Working Practices, particularly in the Mechanical area.
- Competent in the use of hand tools, power tools and workshop machinery within the Mechanical area.
- Basic Knowledge of Vehicular maintenance.
- Manual Handling Training and other Statutory Safety Training specific to role.
- Knowledge of working with hazardous substances used as part of function.
- Strong self-motivation and ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Ability and willingness to work flexible hours and be available for call-outs and faults outside of working hours.
- Possession of current driving licence up to B category.
- Basic Computer/Keyboard skills.

Desirable Qualifications / Experience

- Experience of Power Stations' operations and maintenance work.
- Experience in Diesel Generators Engines overhaul and maintenance.
- Knowledge of Power Generation Systems, using large diesel engines and wind-turbines.
- Basic working knowledge and understanding of RO Plants Operation and Maintenance.
- Understanding of Water Testing and Sampling.
- Ability to work at heights with reference to maintenance of Wind Turbines.
- Operation of vehicles such as Cranes or Fork Lift Trucks.
- Competent in corrosion control
- Use of Email, Microsoft Word and Excel at Basic Level.

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the Job Description.

Please contact the Administrative Officer on + 247 66800 (Extn 102) or email <u>glen.yon@encompass.co.ac</u> for a **Job Application Form**, **Job Description** and for further information regarding the post.

Applications to be sent to:

Admin Officer BBC Atlantic Relay Station English Bay Ascension Island (or email <u>glen.yon@encompass.co.ac</u>)

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, and must be received by **Friday 20**th **November 2020.**

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Vacancy for Electrician

Encompass Digital Media has a vacancy for a full-time Electrician.

The post holder will form part of the team that is responsible for the Electrical Maintenance functions of the Power Station and other Electrical work related duties under BBC Atlantic Relay Station's portfolio.

This post will be offered either on a single or accompanied status, fixed-term contract, with single en-suite room and shared catering facilities or bungalow accommodation, depending on personal circumstances.

Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- Excellent timekeeping
- Good understanding of safety procedures and safe working practices, particularly in the Electrical area.
- Electrician qualified to City & Guilds level 3 or equivalent, in a relevant subject.
- Consistent application of Electrical skills & developed experience in an Electrician's role.
- Must be capable of achieving HV Authorised Person status under Encompass Safety rules.
- Willingness to work flexible hours, at short notice, when required.
- Manual Handling Training and other Statutory Safety Training specific to role
- Proven experience in fault-finding, rectification and repair of faults.
- Basic knowledge of instrumentation
- Good interpretation of Electrical diagrams.
- Knowledge of High voltage Power Generation Systems, using large diesel generators and windturbines.
- Experience of electrical installation and maintenance.
- Basic Computer/Keyboard skills: (IT Literate, particularly in use of Email, Microsoft Word and Excel at Basic(Level

Desirable qualifications and experience

- BS2391 Electrical Inspection and test certificate
- Authorised to climb Wind Turbines or have experience of climbing
- HV AP (AP15) authorisation
- BS7671 18th Edition wiring regulations trained
- Experience on Allen Diesel control and Excitation system

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the **Job Description**.

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Camp Bradleys Diary Addie Thomas

Clarence ('Snout') cracked a joke, Brian Isaac was the subject of the joke, a new friend from Switzerland doesn't quite understand Clarence, the laughter subsides, only to be followed with more laughter. This was Bradley's Isolation Camp, St Helena Island. Whilst we practiced social distancing, we also embraced the spirit that made me content to be among these folk, *from all walks of life*.

The days flew by. Life has been very strange in a mask-wearing world. Expression, interpretation and understanding have been challenging. I only realised how restrictive mask wearing can be when I saw someone from afar in the camp without their mask on for the first time and her smile was so radiant.

There were maintenance and dietary challenges, there were questions around isolation measures, however, I can only attest to the experience through my own findings. The aesthetics of the yard area hadn't been pleasant to the eye, beyond the fence line, beautiful backdrops.

The food provided for me was excellent. Where at times I needed certain things 'twigging', this has been done without any fuss and first class customer care. Three cheers for Derek and Linda and Rosie and their teams. Each morning as I awoke, I was greeted with images of rolling green hills, cactus, wirebirds and rabbits. On occasions, I thought that perhaps like Mary Poppins, the wind will lift me and the room I sleep in off the ground, yet, it is only the odd stray undergarment that gets 'lifted' from the washing lines provided.

The staff at Bradleys provided a first class service, working within the parameters that they are required to. All things are working progress, including our approach to life. Immigration was thorough and a lot quicker apparently than previous times.

During this period, Biden won the US Presidential Election, thank you to Amanda Currie-Brown for keeping us all abreast of events as they unfolded. We hounded Amanda for details and she was very patient with us. Vice President, Kamala Harris. The first female VP of colour. How often has gender or race been used like a pawn in a chess game in politics? I like to believe that Kamala deserves this promotion and that she and Biden will lead with tenderness.

I hear that there was an up-roar about the Acting Governor's home isolation. I experienced something which is far more magical than a dispute over an individual's isolation. I don't want to be presumptuous about how this thing grew into a bit of a storm. I am not going to judge as I like to remember when others have been deemed to have made mistakes.....that mistake could be mine next. I hope Greg and his wife and the rest of the folk who isolated at home had as much moments of gratitude as I did.

After my travels, I spent seven months in tier-three Liverpool. What a great city, football team (*cough*) and people. I was welcomed with open arms and my adventures are too many to capture in one article. It's such a free, vibrant and friendly place.

On occasions, I became so tired of conspiracy theories, moaning and griping. Getting through isolation in Britain often meant a need to zone out from what 'the mob' was touting. Pierce Corbyn and his followers came to Liverpool and there were some passionate exchanges as people reminded them of loved ones lost without their dearest by their side. I learnt that when the world is in the grip of uncertainty, unhelpful groups and individuals will use this as an opportunity to project their own agendas to those who are feeling 'lost'.



Bradleys Camp may not have been

ideal for some, it may not have been fully-functioning on occasions but I got to have some incredible conversations, share some interesting ideologies and opinions, make new friends, reignite relationships with old friends, appreciate the beautiful backdrop of Sandy Bay (my favourite part of the island) and experience people for their human content as opposed to job titles, wealth differences, social standing, gender, colour of skin, origins, qualifications etc. I have learnt to listen more. *There is great knowledge in listening,* but how to stop our minds from racing forward with our own agendas on the tips of our tongues, so we never hear what others are saying? What I learnt about the quarantine folk will ensure greater understanding and empathy for future liaisons. It was never an 'us and them' scenario.

Questions were posed such as "what makes a good leader or what is the currency of life that can effect change? How important is money and for what purpose?" A lot of people mentioned travel and a change of life perspective. I get that. There are many folk on this island who have not travelled, yet do not have limited viewpoints. How is this? Could it be that travel has come to us via visitors, returning Saints and the expat community? St Helena has always been a haven for the traveller since its discovery and like Britain, we enjoy a mixture of all cultures. I recently followed David Olusoga (book and documentary) and his research into Black British history. This information provided sufficient thought when considering the future of St Helena and the integration of many different cultures. I like to learn about people's origins but more importantly, hope that we can live with a respect for equality, cultural values and the progress that has been made to date. Forcing own ideologies and culture through the system is not something that is ever going to bode well with the rest of the community. I am open to change with healthy outcomes.

What was compounded in the camp was that all human beings come with a level of conditioning and a past, and to judge, to gossip, to criticise, to label is to miss the opportunity of personal evolvement through the journeys of others. I care deeply about St Helena but I care as deeply for everyone I come into contact with because this is our world, *not my world*. The conversations we shared were probing and honest. Often people ask me a question and I may be partially honest in my answer because I am not sure, but then I go away later and I reflect on the conversation and answer the question *honestly* within my soul. Whenever I consider progress and development, I remember that it starts right where I stand, with me.

Have a great weekend. I look forward to continuing life on St Helena and embracing new challenges and relationships.



DO YOU FISH? Yes? Then you may need a licence

From <u>4 January 2021</u> all vessels used to

fish will require a Fishing Licence.

This includes commercial fishing,

recreational fishing or sport fishing.

Commercial and sport fishing application

deadline is 23 November 2020.

Application forms can be collected from;

- ANRD Scotland
- Port Control Office, The Wharf, Jamestown
 - Customer Service Centre, Jamestown

For further information contact:

Gerald Benjamin (Senior Fisheries Officer), ANRD Scotland

E-mail: gerald.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh Phone: (290) 24724



Sustainable fishing on St Helena



Sustainable fisheries will allow future generations to experience the ocean and its life

as we do now. This means:

- not taking too many fish, too many young fish, or fish that are filled with eggs during their spawning season
- respecting habitats
- ensuring people who depend on fishing can maintain their livelihoods

For St Helena this means some new rules have to be put in place for fisheries e.g. Total Allowable Catch limits, Minimum Landing Sizes, logbooks and no take.

Q Why do we need **Total Allowable Catch**

(TAC) limits?

A TAC uses best available scientific data to calculate what percentage of a fish stock can be

'harvested' or taken whilst minimising the risk from short and long term over fishing

${f Q}$ Why do we need Logbooks?

A Stock assessments (how much fish we have) need lots of data. Fishing effort and catches vary from year to year, and location. The logbooks will provide the Marine Section with continued data to allow us to build a true picture of the Island's marine environment and its fisheries. This will inform any increase or decrease of the TACs.

Q Why do we need Minimum

Landing Sizes (MLS)?

The idea behind MLS are to protect

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immature fish by giving them time to grow and produce offspring of their own.

 ${f Q}$ Why are some species listed

as No Take?

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Over time some species have been

fished heavily so their population size has been greatly reduced. Over fishing may not only damage the target fish/ stocks, but lead to the collapse of other life which are part of the same food chain.

The support of the local fishing industry has been and continues to be crucial in assisting with data collection (i.e. logbooks/tagging). The Marine Section is grateful for the continued support from the local fishing community so we can have a sustainable future for St Helena. Contact us for more information: Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section, Essex House, Tel: 22270 or email: marine@sainthelena.gov.sh

Armchair Supporters View



by Nick Stevens

From a neutrals point of view the big clash of the weekend between Manchester City and Liverpool played out to a boring 1-1 draw. The first half was quite watchable; Liverpool took the lead when Salah scored from the penalty spot before Jesus scored a good goal to equalise for City. The normally reliable Kevin De-Bruyne shot wide from the penalty spot just before half time.

The second half was quite uneventful except for a chance for Gabriel Jesus who headed wide. Liverpool would possibly be the happier with this away point.



De Bruynes penalty miss cost his team 2 points against the Champions

The best performance of the weekend saw Aston Villa beat Arsenal 3-0. This score line was kind to Arsenal as Villa was totally dominant; the score could have easily being 5 or 6 nil. Villa had a brilliant goal scored by McGinn rule out for offside 47 seconds into the match. Villa has 3 players in Grealish; McGinn and Barkley who can carry the play with menace at any defence and now has a striker like Watkins who can get on the end of crosses. These four players will be crucial to Villa finishing in the top ten this season.

Arsenal who according to the pundits and their fans had an impressive win against Manchester United in their previous game; Ok they were better than United in that game but created nothing of substance. The lack of passion from key players was evident in this match. Talisman Aubameyang had a poor game.



Man of the match Jack Grealish was awesome against Arsenal

Leicester City is now top of the Premier League after a Jamie Vardy penalty against Wolves gave the 'Foxes' a 1 nil win. Tottenham Hotspur sits in second spot after a late goal from Harry Kane gave they a 1 nil win over struggling West Bromwich Albion. This was Kane's 150 Premier League goal for Spurs; days after scoring his 200 goal from his club in the Europa league.



Harry Kane keeps Spurs good run going

On Saturday under fire Manchester United went into their match against Everton knowing that another loss would certainly bring much more criticism for the club and their manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. However despite going behind Manchester United showed immense character and played some of their best football in ages with Bruno Fernandes scoring 2 and Cavani scoring his first goal for the 'Red Devils' in a 3-1 win against the 'Toffees'. This was Everton's third defeat in a row. A win could have put them top of the table.

This is becoming a strange season as no team is showing consistency. Despite this it seems only Ole get criticised.



Fernandes equalise for Manchester United with a brilliant header.

In other matches on Saturday, Crystal Palace beat Leeds 4-1 in an impressive performance. Chelsea also scores 4 against struggling Sheffield United and West Ham picked up another win as they defeated Fulham 1-0. Fulham's had a last minute penalty to force a point by 'Lookmans' try the Panenka-style penalty which backfired as his chip lacked power and despite going the wrong way Fabinaski had time to save the ball.

Fulham's manager Scott Parker was left fuming with not only the penalty miss but West Ham's goal could have being easily ruled out for offside. Even West Ham's manager David Moyes confirm that their goal should have being ruled offside. On Friday Brighton drew 0-0 with Burnley. Southampton beat Newcastle 2-0. This win for the Saints put them top of the table for 48 hours. This was the first time Saints has topped the table in the top flight since 1983.

There are no Premier league fixtures this weekend

Armchair Supporters View

by Nick Stevens

Junior Football Results 7th November 2020

Yellow Devils 3 v Predators 1 G/S Yellow Devils: Harry Winfield 1 & Aden Thomas Stevens 2

G/S Lebron George 1 POM: Harry Winfield & Levi Williams

Ranglers 1 v Blue Arrows 0 G/S Ranglers: Dirk Peters 1 POM: Callum O'Dean & Lukas Robbertse

Fugees 2 v Rastabouts 1 G/S Fugees: Blake Peters 2 G/S Rastabouts: Macoy Williams 1 POM: Blake Peters & Macoy Williams

Fixtures:

Junior Football Fixtures Sun 15th Nov

9.15am 9 aside Ref: Nick Stevens 10am 9 aside Ref: Gareth Johnson 9.15am Ref: Owen Richards Ranglers v Predators

Yellow Devils v Blue Arrows

Fugees v Galacticos





SHFA District Results and Fixtures

Going into the final week of the District League 3 out of the 4 districts can be crown District Champions.

Results from week 2:

The first game on Saturday saw Half Tree Hollow and Longwood play out a one all draw.

Goal for HTH – Tyler Brady (p)

Goal for Longwood – Joey Thomas

The second game saw Jamestown register their first win with a four-two win over St Paul's.

Goals for Jamestown - Shane Stroud 2, Jace Williams,

Fixtures for Sunday 15th Nov:

1pm Longwood v Jamestown 3pm: St Paul's v HTH Ref: St Paul's Ref: Longwood



	11 aside Scorers		
Position	Name	Team	Goals Scored
1	Macoy Williams	Rastabouts	3
2	Musa	Galacticos	2
3	Blake Peters	Fugees	2
4	Shaquille Benjamin	Rastabouts	1
5	Callum Youn	Galacticos	1

<u>District</u> Table

	Р	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Jamestown	2	1	1	0	7	5	2	4
Longwood	2	1	1	0	5	4	1	4
HTH	2	0	2	0	4	4	0	2
St Paul's	2	0	0	2	5	8	-3	0

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Name	District	Goals
Brandon Harris	St Paul's	3
Brett Isaac	St Paul's	2
Jace Williams	Jamestown	2
Shane Stroud	Jamestown	2
Tyler Brady	HTH	2
Alister Buckley	Longwood	1
Andrew Yon	HTH	1
Dane Wade	Jamestown	1
Joey Thomas	Longwood	1
Julian Henry	HTH	1
Matthias Young	Longwood	1
Mnqobi	Jamestown	1
Rico Benjamin	Jamestown	1



Formula 1

Turkish Grand Prix This Weekend



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Armchair Supporters View

by Nick Stevens

Bank of St Helena Youth Games day One

On Friday afternoon over hundred New Horizons members and invited guest attended the opening of the 16th Bank of St Helena Youth Games organised by New Horizons.

After speeches by New Horizons' Nick Stevens and Miss St Helena; Alberta Knipe of the Bank of St Helena declared the games open.

The four districts who are split as follows: Half Tree Hollow; Jamestown/Blue Hill/Sandy Bay, Longwood/Levelwood/Alarm Forest and St Paul's took part in the first sporting event which was the Basketball sponsored by Isaac's Contractors.

In the first match St Paul's defeated Half Tree Hollow by 44 points to 2.

Scorers for St Paul's: Tyrone Cansick 26; Cerys Joshua 8, Ethan Harris 2, Jerome Peters 2, Evan Constantine 4 & Macoy Williams 2

Scorer for Half Tree Hollow: Alijah Crowie 2

The second Match Jamestown/Blue Hill/Sandy Bay defeated Longwood/Levelwood/Alarm Forest by 30 points to 6

Scorers Jamestown/Blue Hill/Sandy Bay: Musa 12; Aiden Yon-Stevens 8, Christo Crowie 4 & Lars Williams 6.

Scorers Longwood/Levelwood/Alarm Forest: Renae Coleman 4 & Ethan Johnson 2

Bronze medal match: Longwood/Levelwood/Alarm Forest 14 v Half Tree Hollow 12

Scorers Longwood/Levelwood/Alarm Forest: Renae Coleman 6; Tyranne Henry 4, Jean Claude George 2 & Ethan Johnson 2

Gold Medal match: Jamestown/Blue Hill/Sandy Bay 19 v St Paul's 0

Scorers Jamestown/Blue Hill/Sandy Bay: Aiden Yon-Stevens 9; Musa 8 & Christo Crowie 2

Results:

Gold: Jamestown/Blue Hill/Sandy Bay Silver: St Paul's Bronze: Longwood/Levelwood/Alarm Forest



Jamestown/Blue Hill/Sandy bay Gold Medallist for Basketball



St Paul's Silver medallist

Alarm Forest Bronze medal list

On Tuesday afternoon the Jamestown Rifle club organised the first shooting competition sponsored by Island Images for the bank of St Helena Youth Games. 7 of the 13 registered shooters took part. 4 shot with supports and scores were as follows: Emma-Lee Cochran (JBS) 85.1; Kieran Williams (JBS) 99.5, Pascal Walters (LLA) 93.2 & Zayden Wallace (JBS) 90.1.

3 shooters shot without support: Elizabeth Piek (LLA) 95.1, Tatelyn Royles (JBS) 90.2 & Jacob Williams (SP) 97.2. Thanks to Pat Henry for organising this event. The second shoot will take place on Monday 16th 5pm at the HTH Rifle Club (Red Hill).



Golf Report for Sunday 8th November 2020 Contributed by: SHGC

The 36 hole stroke play competition by our newest corporate sponsor Zedcore got underway on Saturday 7th November 2020 at 12:00. 16 players turned up for the event. At the end of the first round Mr Larry Legg took an early lead with net 64 which is 6 strokes ahead of his closest competitor Mr Douglas Augustus who scored net 70. Mr Larry Legg took all the balls in the two-ball pool home having scored the only 2. On Sunday 8th November the gods of golf were not in their best mood. After an hour delay due to foggy conditions the final round was cancelled for safety reasons.

The final round of Zedcore sponsored competition has now been rescheduled to coming Saturday 14th November. Tee off 12:00. Due to other commitments by the organizers of the three-way Texas scramble which was scheduled for Sunday 15th November 2020 in aid of St Marks and St Mathews church has now been replaced with 18 Hole Bogey competition normal tee off at 12:00. Registration closes on Saturday 14th November at 16:00.

For more information check out our Facebook page @shgc.org.sh

We hope and pray that summer arrives in Longwood soon. Happy swinging.....!



Richard James Give Advice about Fraudsters

Richard James are advising their customers that their Bristol bank have issued a warning about a number of fraud cases which have resulted in some of their customers paying money into false accounts.

Richard James is, in turn, telling its own customers that they will never send amended bank details by email. A change in bank details is unlikely to happen. However if any changes in bank details become necessary, a director or manager at Richard James would advise all account holders of any changes by phone.

Richard James would also like any of their customers who are contacted about anything which causes concern to contact Richard James direct to verify whether the communication they have received is genuine.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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An opportunity for a self-motivated individual to join a dynamic work environment to further develop their accounting skills and experience

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- Experience of working in an accounting role or finance environment
- Experience in the application of Access Dimensions or similar accounting package
- Experience in supervising staff

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Salary for the post ranges from £8,613 - £10,765 per annum as per the Finance and Accountancy Cadre Level B

For further information about the duties of the post, interested

persons should contact Sarah Greentree, Business Support Manager on

telephone number 22470 or

email: sarah.greentree@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources or

the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies 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 Thursday, 19 November 2020

(Interviews will be held w/c 23 November 2020)

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



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THE CONVERSATION

Academic rigor, journalistic flair

This is a well informed article about the recently announced Covid-19 vaccine with a 90% chance of immunising people who use it. For us in St Helena there is a drawback – it does not travel well. Note especially the last section describing the problems Australia faces.

90% efficacy for Pfizer's COVID-19 mRNA vaccine is striking. But we need to wait for the full data

German biotech company BioNTech and US pharmaceutical Pfizer announced on Monday promising early results from their phase 3 clinical trial for a vaccine against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

These early results are what is known as an "interim analysis". It's an early look at the data before a study is complete, to understand if there is any indication of whether the vaccine might work.

Currently, this trial has enrolled 43,538 volunteers, giving half the volunteers two doses of the vaccine and the other half two doses of a placebo. These volunteers then continued their normal lives, but they were monitored for any symptoms that could be COVID-19, with testing to confirm.

Analysis of 94 volunteers with confirmed COVID-19 suggests the vaccine has an efficacy of over 90%.

This means that if you took ten people who were going to get sick from COVID-19 and vaccinated them, only one out of ten would now get sick.

Can we get excited yet?

There is more data to come. This is a press release and the data have not undergone "peer-review" through scientific publication, although it has been assessed by an independent monitoring board. The study also won't be complete until 164 volunteers have confirmed COVID-19, and the estimate of efficacy may therefore change. Finally, the volunteers must be monitored for a defined period of time after vaccination for any side effects and this must be completed.

Important questions also remain. It's unclear how long protection will last, as this study has only been underway for three months. It's unclear if this vaccine protects against severe disease or if this vaccine will work equally well in everyone. For example, a phase 1 clinical trial with this vaccine showed that immune responses were lower in older people. But 90% efficacy is striking. To give some context, the US Food and Drug Administration indicated they would licence a SARS-CoV-2 vaccine with 50% efficacy. The flu vaccine often provides around 60% efficacy and the mumps vaccine, which is currently the fastest vaccine ever made at four years, provides around 88% efficacy.

The BioNTech/Pfizer vaccine could outstrip that, after just nine months of development. This level of efficacy means virus transmission could be very effectively controlled.

That has the research community excited. It bodes well for other vaccines currently being tested for SARS-CoV-2 and we could end up with multiple successful vaccines. This would be great because some might work better in certain populations, like older people. Multiple vaccines could also be manufactured using a broad range of established infrastructure, which would accelerate vaccine distribution.

Producing mRNA on a commercial scale

The BioNTech/Pfizer vaccine is what's called an mRNA vaccine. A problem for Australia is that it can't make mRNA vaccines onshore yet.

The Australian government has an agreement for ten million doses of the BioNTech/Pfizer vaccine. Since this vaccine requires two doses, this agreement is sufficient for five million Australians. It's unclear how long it will take until any vaccine is widely available, but we may hear more about this in the coming weeks and months.

The vaccine requires storage at a temperature below -60!. This will certainly be a challenge for shipping to Australia and local distribution, although not impossible. One solution to this problem is to form vaccination centres to roll out the vaccine once it becomes available. In a briefing by Pfizer, the company said it will use ultra-low temperature shipment strategies and the vaccine can then be distributed on "dry-ice". Currently, Australia has no capacity to produce mRNA on a commercial scale given the technology's novelty. But we (the authors) and others have been working to coordinate and build the manufacturing capacity in Australia for future mRNA vaccine and therapeutics. With financial support aimed at private-public mRNA manufacturing collaboration, Australia can equip itself with this vital technological asset.





Dear Editor,

I just received this letter from the Liverpool Football Club U.K and I thought I would like to share this with all the Liverpool fans on the Island. Our precious Gareth was a Liverpool fan since the age of 5, so it was overwhelming to receive such a letter. I would also like to thank Neil Foster when he spoke of Gareth in his radio interview. He called Gareth an unsung hero for his passion as a carer to disability people. As his mum I share this sentiment as well, as there was nothing in the world Gareth wouldn't do for the clients at Ebony View. I also would like to thank the many people who called and stopped me on the street and shared Neil's comments. The last 8 months has been really hard for me. The pain is so raw but along with the rest of the family we'll live in Gareth's beautiful memories.

Warm Regards, Cecily Walton



In Loving Memory

Mylin and Milan has also received a separate letter from the Liverpool Football Club U.K.

Bradley's Recent Residents Raise £253 for Cancer Awareness



As the recent residents of Bradley's were under quarantine restrictions and unable to attend and support the recent carnival fund raiser for cancer awareness, we would like to offer our own contribution towards this worthy cause having raised £253.00. This has now been handed over to Charlie our much loved oncology nurse to go with the amazing amount raised on the day.

Thank You

Sincere Thanks and appreciation to all who helped, donated, and took tickets for the Multi Raffle and attended the Coffee Morning at the Blue Hill Community Centre on 21st October 2020 in aid of Church/Parish funds at which the Multi Raffle was drawn. The winners were:

1 st Pz	Milly Benjamin	Ruperts	Food Hamper
2 3	Hazel Peters	Woodlands	Veg Hamper
3	Coral Moyce	Sapper Way	Bed Set
4	Ebony Stevens	White Gate	Soft Drinks
5	Jackie Richards	HTTH	Picnic Bag
6	Llewellyn Benjamin	HTTH	Bottle Amarula

7	Gillian Francis	Blue Hill	Bottle Whisky			
8	Alwyn Richards	Blue Hill	Xmas Lights			
9	Ruth Pridham	Blue Hill	Bottle Wine			
10	Andy Williams	Thompson's Hill	Scale			
11	Sharon Wade	Cleugh's Plain	£10 topup card			
12	Alfred Stevens	Horse Ridge	Gift Set			
13	Sylvia Johnson	Briars	Pumpkin			
	The amount raised from the Multi Raffle: £220 Coffee Morning Takings £135 Cotal £335					

Your Opinion Counts

Continued....

ests of future generations of St Helenians.

I have satisfied myself that the unrelenting persistence of the Commercial Fishermen's Association is not driven by sour grapes of NEWCO. The Association is a major stakeholder in the local fishing sector and therefore a representative of the Fishermen's Association must be given the option to be involved in the senior management of St Helena's fish resources and all of the related business operations.

Unlike many communities throughout the world who are regretting the consequences of unsustainable fishing, the true potential of St Helena's fish resources has yet to be realised.

The island's fish resources belong to the people of St Helena. The sustainable exploitation of the people's fish resources cannot just benefit the fishermen or the inward investors and their shareholders. The precious fish resource we have at our disposal must benefit all the people of St Helena.

The controversial decision by Executive Council to commit the grant of £500,000 for upgrades to the fish processing factory and equipment has caused serious contention. The seemingly delayed decision by SHG officers and Executive Council to provide PQ Trading with a £500,000 grant, after the bidding process, has only served to reinforce suspicions of the entire bidding and selection process that was carried out by SHG.

However, we must acknowledge that the generous £500,000 grant will maintain full local ownership of the SHG assets in Ruperts and protect the best interests of the local fishermen. Indeed, I believe the decision to change from a loan to a grant was made in good faith by the Executive Council with the sole purpose of assisting the local fishing sector.

I say a generous £500,000, because I am acutely aware of the current financial difficulties local government has to contend with. Elected members are expected to enhance the social and economic development of the local community with serious financial constraints. Whether it be the agriculture, construction, commerce or fishing sector, the workers who are directly involved must make a special effort to understand such financial realities and be prepared, if it is necessary, to change their mindset, their business mindset, accordingly.

A sustainable and successful fishing industry will require collaborative working by all stakeholders, a dependable approach by all stakeholders, and a reliable and consistent supply of the raw resource.

The investment proposal submitted by PQ Trading includes the provision of three additional fishing vessels to help achieve the island's objectives. The additional

expertise and the combined local knowledge and experience will be crucial to successful outcomes.

Mr Chairman, my proposal is for you to consider recommending that Executive Council task SHG officers to revise their approach to finding a fish processing and sales model, and include in the Fisheries working group a representative from the St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association.

I believe it will be a step in the right direction if a representative of the Fishermen's Association is willing to serve in the Fisheries working group, along with a representative from the group who supports the development of the St Helena Fisherman's Co-Operative.

I know the currant Fisheries working group has already carried out some preliminary work. The enhanced Fisheries working group will work constructively on the constitution, financial management and resource management; estimations and marketing; fish processing liabilities, possible revenues, expenditures and potential incomes; tax obligations, returns adequately aligned to inward investments and local investments; and fair profit margins for all within the fishing industry.

Accordingly, I propose you consider recommending that Executive Council arrange for such a working group to establish a sound foundation for the development of a sustainable and successful local fishing industry; preferably without applying preconditions on the two local representatives.



Invasive Invertebrate Project – Ants, Mantis & Competition

The Darwin Plus funded Invasive invertebrate project (Conserving St Helena's endemic invertebrates through invasive invertebrate control) are researching trial and control methods of three invasive invertebrate species which are: the Common Wasp (*Vespula vulgaris*), Ant species and the Springbok mantis (*Miomantis caffra*). Following on from last week's wasp article here is some more information on the ants and mantis.



There are 16 species of ants on St Helena, including two tramp species (spread around the world by accident by human trade) the Big-Headed ant and the Argentine ant which are having negative environmental impacts world-wide. However, the Big-headed ant will possibly be our focus species as it is easier to control.

The ant impacts include reducing populations of beneficial invertebrates such as ladybird and hoverfly larvae which preys on pest insects (aphids, scale, mealy bugs), when they rear aphids for

their honeydew production. Ants can feed on dead and living invertebrates, including our endemics and destroy habitats. The Big-headed ant is assumed to have been one of the causes leading to some of our endemic invertebrates becoming extinct e.g. the Giant earwig by predating on them. The Big-headed ants have been known to attack Wirebird eggs in a nest. The distribution of the Bigheaded ant on St Helena is island-wide, however the Argentine ant is confined to moist environments (see map).



The 'Preying mantis' is found fairly widespread on the island and in a variety of habitats (urban to forest). Mantis are generalist (anything) feeders, often observed feeding on invertebrates attracted to nightlights, including endemic moths.





There will be a citizen science program designed for the public to get involved with the project. Simple activities such as observing for any of the 3 targeted bugs and letting us know could be a way of helping us, or even placing a homemade wasp trap around your home to help with the monitoring of wasp activity.

Competition with the invasive invertebrate project

The invertebrate team is hosting a competition. We would like you to design a logo that will help promote our work.







Primary aged children:

- Choose any one of the 3 invasive targeted bugs, the common wasp, mantis and ant
- Design your logo on A4 paper with the bug that
 you have chosen
- Please write your name, age and school you attend on the back of your paper

Secondary age children and the public:

- Use all 3 bugs to design your logo on A4 paper
 incorporate the title 'invasive invertebrate
- incorporate the title 'invasive invertebrat project 2020' into the design
- Please write your name, school or address on the back of your paper

Thank you for entering. Please hand in your logo to your schools or to the National Trust, Broadway House, Jamestown or email <u>christyjo.scipioodean@trust.org.sh</u> by no later than 1 December 2020

On entering this competition we automatically have permission to use your logo picture for our promotional material, purchased profitable merchandise from the St Helena National Trust and online and print publication.





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