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Dear Editor,

Let's be totally honest about it. St Helena's air service is a joke. The island has no chance whatsoever to establish itself with a tourism-led economy as long as the present Airlink departure lottery continues. With a reliability factor of Nil, word has travelled fast among providers of cancellation travel insurance - many of whom are already declining to take the risk of covering passengers to St Helena. Meanwhile, negative reviewers on social media are having a field day, stuck in Johannesburg for 3 days "weather delay" whilst the island basks in glorious sunshine. Something is radically wrong with what the Saints are being told. Can we please expect to hear the truth, now that Basil Read's Airport Cowboy Gang have overnight become SHG's 'Team of High Quality Aviation Professionals' . Could somebody start by explaining why the arbitrary policy of the Airport being closed on Mondays takes precedence when there are paying customers marooned in JoBurg from a Saturday cancelled flight? Who decided that Monday should be the Airport's 'Day Off''? Wasn't that a poor choice, once Saturday was selected as the Flight Day? Wouldn't Thursday have been a better idea? Or just accept that service to passengers must come first and keep the airport open and staffed on a Sunday or a Monday when the Saturday flight hasn't operated. Presently it's all too easy and casual to just make the travellers wait for 3 days. Even the worst third-world airlines with the worst possible punctuality records would feel embarrassed to postpone flights for 3 whole days at the drop of a hat. Over all the years when the airport was being proposed and then built, nobody ever contemplated such a shocking attitude towards the possibility of weather-induced delays, with 3-day postponements occurring as a regular thing. We all thought that very occasionally when bad weather really closed in, that the aircraft might have to go on to Ascension, but no-one foresaw a situation whereby on a perfectly fine Saturday afternoon, the Airport management would announce whilst keeping a straight face- that no

flights are possible until Tuesday. How do they have the gall to do this? Surely when you have got an airport full of people desperate to board and travel, the weather assessment should be a continuous rolling process - as it is with any proper airline anywhere else- with re-assessments made every six or twelve hours until it is clear to depart.

This is why the island's commercial sector is falling apart before our eyes. Weekly arrivals of bona fide tourists have been in pathetic single figures for months now, and an even bigger shock is just around the corner: twice-weekly flights from Johannesburg and the so-called 'summer season' aren't going to make for any significant difference in the trend. Yes, a cohort of Saints will show up for Christmas as they always do -which may mask the downward spiral for a month or so, but in terms of actual tourist numbers we are in a nosedive and nothing is happening which addresses the fundamental problem of the air service being unreliable, too expensive and operating from the wrong hub.

The unreliability of the Airlink service is nowadays blamed on the incidence of low cloud rather than wind shear. At least this is progress of a sort, as the possibility of a low cloudbase inhibiting Final Approach was always foreseen, and was the reason why DFID paid out undisclosed extra millions in 2014 to order and install the Honeywell 'Smartpath' GBAS [Ground Based Augmentation System] which is a specialised landing aid using the latest technology to refine GPS signals to pinpoint an aircraft's position to an accuracy tolerance of one metre in height or heading. At the time this system was announced for St Helena, avionics giant Honeywell proudly stated that St Helena Airport would be one of only 15 GBAS enabled sites in the world, alongside such major airports as Houston, Newark, Sydney, Frankfurt and Zurich. Honeywell's Press Release said:

Honeywell Aerospace's SmartPath® **Ground-Based Augmentation System** (GBAS), which reduces weather-related delays, lowers air traffic noise, improves flight efficiency and increases airport capacity simultaneously, has been selected by the U.K. Department for International Development for St Helena's airport, due to open in 2016. The Honeywell SmartPath GBAS will be used to augment navigational aids to help minimize delays and diversions and maximize landing safety and efficiency.

SmartPath is the world's only U.S. Federal Aviation Administration-certified GBAS, a technology that augments Global Positioning System (GPS) signals to make them suitable for precision approach and landing. It overcomes many of the limitations of Instrument Landing Systems (ILS) traditionally used by airports to guide aircraft as they approach the runway, including susceptibility to signal interference from weather, other aircraft and rugged terrain. Honeywell's system also increases operational efficiency, enabling aircraft to fly either complex or straightin approaches and helping to reduce overall fuel burn and unnecessary flight delays. "By installing Honeywell's SmartPath GBAS at St Helena's airport, we are taking the opportunity to use one of the industry's most advanced technologies to help beat the challenge of delays and improve landing assurance," said Janet Lawrence, director of St Helena's Airport Project."SmartPath will deliver a better passenger experience, improve flight operations, lower noise at ground level, and ultimately help to transform everyday access to St Helena."

About the St Helena Airport Project The island of St Helena, an overseas territory of the U.K., currently has no airport and is accessible only by ship. Critical to the success of the new airport will be air traffic control's ability to land aircraft in the challenging weather conditions the island experiences. Given the isolation of St Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean, diversions due to weather could be extremely costly in terms of additional fuel burn. Because SmartPath uses a digital broadcast, GPS Landing System-equipped aircraft flying into St Helena will be able to fly a greater range of approaches and land in more challenging weather conditions than they otherwise could, reducing the need to divert.

"By using GBAS, aircraft approaching St Helena will have a higher assurance of a safe landing in all weather conditions around the island's varied terrain, which is critical considering the distances of more than 700 miles to the nearest

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possible emergency diversion and 1,100 miles to the African mainland." Installation of the SmartPath system, which will supplement an ILS localizer at the new airport, is planned for later in 2014.

A pioneer in GBAS technology, Honeywell has demonstrated the benefits of the system at more than 15 airports around the world. Other airports to have selected the system include Houston, Texas; and Newark, New Jersey, in the U.S., as well as Bremen, Germany; Malaga, Spain; and Zurich, Switzerland, in Europe." It all sounds wonderful, doesn't it? Thank goodness those clever experts in 2014as endorsed by our own Janet Lawrenceforesaw the possibility of low cloud affecting landings at HLE and invested in a high-tech system to overcome the problem. Oops -sorry. St Helena doesn't actually use its GBAS Smartpath system because Airlink declined to install the relevant compatible avionics in their Embraer aircraft and the geniuses from DFID and SHG who cooked up the Operating deal with Airlink in 2017 did not insist that GBAS equipment should be installed in their planes as a condition of securing the contract. It is said that Airlink's own Chief Pilot at the time was in favour of having the GBAS-compatible units installed but this was overruled on costsaving grounds by Airlink's management and Nigel Kirby and Simon Walker didn't have the gumption to insist upon it.

So, :Lawson Henry denies there is any crisis but how about SHG's Councillors getting together to insist that Airlink install the appropriate GBAS equipment in their aircraft so that landings don't have to be cancelled for 3 days continuously at the first sight of a low cloud? Are DFID even aware that all the money they forked out for a GBAS installation has so far been wasted as it can't currently be used? As I stated at the beginning, the whole situation is a very poor joke. Yours sincerely Joe Terry Youngs Valley

Editorial Note:

As emphasised many times, letters to the Independent do not necessarily reflect the editorial stance on a specific issue.

This letter contains factual inaccuracies when it comes to the capabilities of the GBAS 'Smartpath' equipment and other technical issues.

Still, we have decided to publish it as some views and opinions are valid and in the public interest.

A Bit About Containers

After the news this week that dry-cargo containers could not be supplied for MV Helena by AW Ship Management this statement turned up after Saint FM/Independent and SHG intervention

"AW Ship Management would like to comment on the current reports regarding container stocks in Cape Town. Due to the change in dry dock location, it was not possible to ship any empty containers back to Cape Town on Voyage 7, however the empty units shipped on Voyage 8 will alleviate the current shortage in Cape Town.

When AWSM became aware of the issue on Cape Town, arrangements were made to lease some twenty additional 20' dry containers. The effect of this will be that no shippers will now be asked to ship dry goods in refrigerated containers on Voyage 9. For voyages subsequent to Voyage 9, stocks will return to normal levels.

Where Cape Town shippers had been provided with refrigerated containers for dry goods, these will be exchanged for 20' dry containers as required by the supplier, with all associated costs borne by AWSM in full. As a result, no additional costs will be passed on to suppliers and customers on St Helena."



VACANCY FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTRATOR

The Education & Employment Directorate has a vacancy for a Public Examinations Administrator on a fixed term contract for 10 months in the first instance. The successful post holder will be based at Prince Andrew School and will be responsible for the registration and administration of all external tests, public examinations and vocational assessments for students. Some of the key tasks and responsibilities will include:

Applicants should have a grade C or above in GCSE Maths and English. A recognised qualification in IT is desirable. The ideal candidate must be self motivated and have good interpersonal skills.

Salary for the post is Grade C, £8613 per annum. For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Miss Kerry Lawrence, Acting Head Teacher, Prince Andrew School, on telephone number 24290 or e-mail klawrence@princeandrew.edu.sh

Application forms which are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Human Resources Officer at the Education Learning Centre or

e-mail gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Monday, 22 October 2018.

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.

Mrs. Shirley Wahler, Director of Education & Employment 12 October 2018

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Vince Thompson has gone off the Island for a few weeks and I am sure that his witty editorials will be missed for a while. I have a more direct approach that sometimes upset people but might also amuse some.

I am silently amused by the article from the EconoTimes (on page six of this newspaper). There are many true words in this piece. I agree that making vast areas of ocean into Marine Protection Areas (MPA) is beneficial to the future of the marine environment but it, as the article suggests, the management of the scheme, mainly executed by non government organisations in UK without any input from the small vulnerable islands it will be governing. To me it is strange that UK NGO's have a stronger influence over UK Government than the Governments of the Overseas Governments. I think I said on a news broadcast on Saint FM this week that the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) has more power in the corridors of power in London to decide the future of the people in St Helena than St Helena Government. This might be a sinister observation but hopefully it will raise an eyebrow from somebody within the power to actually include the people who are affected by all the fancy policies.

At the moment, with St Helena having no money to sustain itself we do not have much choice other than to cling on to any piece of income we can get.

On a positive note, the sunshine is outside my window which might be indiating that we have normal flight operations this weekend.

Mike

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Leslie Charles Brooks



16 February 1931 – 22 September 2018

We would like to thank the family and friends who helped us, in the time leading up to and, after Leslie's passing. It was comforting to have so many messages and cards and to know that people were thinking about us.

Our thanks and gratitude to the First Jamestown Troop of Scouts and the Gettogethers Orchestra, who were such an important part of Leslie's life and whose contribution to the service and at the graveside would have meant so much to him.

Thank you to Bishop Elect Dale Bowers for conducting the service and for his support to us, to Bobby Essex (Scouts) and Geoffrey Benjamin (Gettogethers) for reading the Eulogy and Lesson and to Roy Williams and his team. Our thanks are extended to all those who so readily offered assistance to us at the time. We would like to make a special mention of thanks to Trevor Stevens (Trevor Buck), and Vida Clarke, whose assistance to Leslie will always be appreciated. Leslie has left us treasured memories.

Laura, Gillían, David, Marío and Mírela

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Thank You - Ma Flo

The Families here and overseas of the late Ma Flo would like to say a very special Thank You to all the staff from the Haven to the Princess Royal Community Care Centre for their kindness, care and attention given to Ma Flo over the years she spent there, Dr Rhys for his kindness and attention to her during his visits to the Princess Royal Community Care Centre, Fr Dale and Fr Clive for conducting the funeral service, Mrs Joy George for reading of the lesson, Mrs Ivy Ellick the organist, Roy Williams and his team, Davina and Colin for the wreath making, all who catered and helped in any way at the wake, all those who attended the funeral, paid floral tributes, sent messages of condolences in person, through cards, telephone calls, and social media. Your help and support was greatly appreciated and may god bless you all.

Ma Flo has gone from our lives but will always remain in our hearts forever, being the kind and thoughtful Mum, Grandma, Great Grandma, Great Great Grandma, Auntie and Friend she was.

An Eternal Memory.....

Until we meet again..... Those special memories of you Ma Flo will always bring us a smile

If only we could have you back for just a little while

Then we could sit and talk again just like we use to do You always meant so very much and always will do to us The fact that you're no longer here

with us will always cause us pain But you're forever in our heart until we

meet again.

Love your Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & Great Great Grandchildren here and overseas.

Thank You

The family of the late Keith Brian Fowler of Sandy Bay would like to thank, Arch- deacon Father Dale for his prayers at the seafront. Cannon Clive and father Jack for conducting the funeral service and the interment. Mrs Joy George the organist, Mrs Gavie Williams for the reading, Mrs Milly Stopforth for the making of the wreaths. To Roy and his team who did a wonderful job, to all those who attended the funeral, gave flowers and sent messages. Keith was a warm, kind helpful person always with a smile, who was taken from us suddenly, but will always live on in our hearts forever. Thank you and god bless

Thank You

Molly would like to thank Donald and Gay Fagan, Ian and Belinda Rummery,Dr Stapleton and his medical team at Christaan Barnard memorial hospital.

Sergent Toura, Joanne Mayhew lance and the saints at the Panorama Lodge who supported her at the time of Keith's passing in Cape Town.

Thanks are also extended to son Phillip, Daniel Constantine, Ian and Gavie Williams, Julie Thomas, Ann and Campbell Buckley, Sally and Dennis Young, Tammy and Dale Constantine.

You all were a tower of strength and your support was greatly appreciated at what was a very difficult time.

Keith was taken from us suddenly but will never be forgotten.

Thank you all and God bless.

Protecting marine areas seem a good idea – but they may have insidious political effects

Zones of ocean known as Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) are all the rage. They have no single or agreed definition, but essentially they are areas of sea in which human activity is restricted or prohibited in order to preserve and protect marine habitat and species. They may be small coastal areas or very large off-shore expanses of ocean. MPAs are established by local or national governments in order to address actual or potential threats to the marine environment, to create "blue corridors" and to safeguard the breeding and feeding grounds of various marine species.

The thrust for large-scale MPAs is driven by global targets tied to international obligations under the Convention on Biodiversity 1992. Currently the global target is to protect 10% of the world's oceans by 2020. But in September, at a side event to the United National General Assembly, the UK environment minister, Michael Gove, proposed that the global target be increased to 30% by 2030. This is not a new idea but it is a big ask, given the current conservative estimate that only around 3% of the world's oceans are protected.

The strongest advocates and lobbyists for large-scale MPAs are conservation charities, research institutes and individuals who catch the attention of the media, such as WWF, National Geographic's Pristine Seas Initiative, Pew Trusts, and the DiCaprio Foundation. Arguments are made that the most effective MPAs cover large areas (including reefs and the breeding and feeding grounds of open-ocean species such as sardines or tuna), in which all marine activity by humans is prohibited, and which are maintained as no-take areas for an extended period of time.

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The case for creating such protected areas seems like an obvious win in environmental terms. But the science supporting such arguments is inconclusive and mixed, not least owing to lack of sufficient data, especially studies that take a longer-term view. Very large MPAs are also difficult to patrol, despite promises of using satellite and drone technology. Some appear to be little more than "paper parks", protected in name only with overfishing and so on still happening.

The global commons

The oceans are regarded as part of the "global commons" and the heritage of mankind. And indeed they should be treated as such. But in the "blue" credentials race between nations seeking to declare ever bigger MPAs, there are a number of real political problems.

Large-scale MPAs tend to be declared in areas where there is least likely to be major opposition, especially from fishers. Overseas dependencies and territories are particularly popular. It is much easier to declare large no-take marine protected areas around remote island overseas territories with small, economically dependent, politically weak, communities than coastal areas where articulate, well-resourced commercial interests voice opposition.

The UK, for example, has declared large MPAs around the British Indian Ocean Territory and Pitcairn and it is proposing to do so around Ascension Island, South Georgia, St Helena and Tristan da Cunha. It has pledged to safeguard over 4m square kilometres of ocean around the territories by 2021. While there may well be noble environmental reasons for doing this, there are also significant political effects. One 2010 Wikileaks cable suggested that the motivation behind the MPA around the Chagos islands was to prevent resettlement of locals to their homeland. The locals sued the UK government – and although the UK's Supreme Court has since rejected that this was a motivation, it was generally accepted that making the area an MPA still had the same effect.

The UK not alone. France, has declared a large MPA around New Caledonia; the US around Hawaii; and Chile around Rapa Nui Rahui (Easter Island). The largest protected areas are all in such distant waters. The legal procedure for declaring an MPA, meanwhile, often skips parliamentary debate. They are achieved by presidential fiat or a prerogative order.

Lack of representation

All this means that those whose livelihoods are likely to be impacted by restrictions or prohibitions on human activity in an MPA may have little or no involvement in the decisionmaking process. Elsewhere, promises are made about the benefits of the MPA to local inhabitants that are either not delivered, or remain elusive – such as employment in ecotourism, better fish size large catches in the longer term, or profitable visits by teams of researchers and scientists.

Linked to this is the fact that the management of MPAs is frequently not representative, often marginalising local or indigenous people. It is normally dominated by the organisations that lobbied for the creation of the MPA is the first place.

MPAs are also sometimes used as a trade-off by small states surrounded by large seas to reduce their financial burdens and attract inward investment as well as international approbation. An example is in the Seychelles, where a US\$22m national debt owed to overseas lenders was traded to an American based NGO (The Nature Conservancy) in return for an undertaking that future repayments by Seychelles will be paid into a trust fund directed at the conservation of two extensive MPAs.

Taking steps to address concerns about our shared marine resources is of course commendable. But "ocean grabbing" through the declaration of MPAs is a worry, especially if nations agree the higher target to be achieved in a fixed time. Already there are calls by those urging caution for advocates and lobbyists to adopt ethical guidelines and suggestions for better and more equitable models of management. The targeting of small island states and the role of charitable organisations in what are, ultimately, political decisions, needs to be questioned.



Plastic waste increases tenfold within a decade on remote Atlantic islands



Accumulation of plastic waste on the remote Atlantic island of St Helena(Credit: Dave Barnes)

Humanity's penchant for single-use plastics is beginning to manifest in some truly ugly ways. As we start to really get a grasp on the magnitude of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, elsewhere in the ocean plastic waste is mounting on the shores of some of the most remote islands, with a new study revealing the true extent of the mess and the threat it poses to local species.

The work was carried out by scientists from the British Antarctic Survey (BAS), who completed four research cruises between 2013 and 2018 investigating the scope of marine plastic pollution in some Atlantic Marine Protected Areas. This involved taking samples of the water surface, water column and seabed in the Southern Atlantic, as well surveying beaches to tally up plastic waste and examining more than 2,000 animals.

Among the findings was a startling rise in the density of plastic waste along the beaches of the East Falkland and St Helena islands. Here, the team recorded up to 300 plastic items per meter (3.2 ft) of shoreline, which is 10 times higher than the figures recorded a decade ago.

"Three decades ago these islands, which are some of the most remote on the planet, were near-pristine," says lead author Dr David Barnes. "Plastic waste has increased a hundred-fold in that time, it is now so common it reaches the seabed. We found it in plankton, throughout the food chain and up to top predators such as seabirds."

Earlier research has previously shown how easy it is for animals to mistake plastic debris for food. One study in 2016 described how seabirds that rely on a distinctive smell to hunt down krill for dinner could easily mistake that for a sulfur compound expelled by floating plastic debris and chow down on that instead. Beyond that, there is also the problem of entanglement, and the BAS scientists raise the issue of nonindigenous and potentially invasive species making their way to these remote islands on these floating plastic "rafts."

This new research calls to mind a similar study published

last year, where scientists discovered the Earth's highest density of plastic waste washed up on an uninhabited island in the Pacific Ocean. And new research expeditions carried out by the Ocean Cleanup Project indicate the Great Pacific Garbage Patch covers an area three times the size of continental France and includes 1.8 trillion pieces of plastic, somewhere between four and 16 times higher than previous estimates.

Currently, millions of metric tons of plastic wash into the world's oceans each year, and most of it is broken down into smaller fragments that are hard to track. These visible representations of plastic waste are therefore stark reminders of the magnitude of the problem and the threat it poses to biodiversity, along with the wellbeing of the planet.

"These islands and the ocean around them are sentinels of our planet's health," says study author and biologist at the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Andy Schofield. "It is heart-breaking watching Albatrosses trying to eat plastic thousands of miles from anywhere. This is a very big wake up call. Inaction threatens not just endangered birds and whale sharks, but the ecosystems many islanders rely on for food supply and health."

The research was published in the journal Current Biology.

Source: British Antarctic Survey The Independent, UK

Namibia follows SA with land reform pledge

Namibian President Hage Geingob vowed on Monday to push ahead with land redistribution, echoing the government of neighbouring South Africa, where the issue has become a fierce political battleground.

Namibia, which was ruled by colonial Germany and then apartheid South Africa until 1990, has large swathes of agricultural land, as well as major diamond and platinum mining industries.

"Many Namibians were driven off their productive land," Geingob said at the opening of a national conference in Windhoek to discuss new land policy.

"The fundamental issue is the inequality... We also share a burning land issue and a racialised distribution of land resources with South Africa.

"This comes from a common history of colonial dispossession. What we also agree to is that the status quo will not be allowed to continue."

Geingob added that "careful consideration should be given to expropriation", but urged that the process remain peaceful.

The conference has been boycotted by several traditional leaders, civil society organisations and political parties for allegedly having predetermined outcomes.

Traditional leaders have called on the government to resettle people on land that belonged to their ancestors.

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, who faces elections in 2019, has said expropriating farms without compensating their owners would "undo a grave historical injustice" against the black majority during colonialism and the apartheid era.

From St Helena Government

2018 BUSINESS SURVEY LAUNCHED

The Statistics Office is conducting a Business Survey from October to mid-November 2018. The last survey of this type was conducted in 2010.

Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, Lawson Henry, said:

"This is an important survey to better understand St Helena's economy, the current business environment, and St Helena's labour market. It is a long time since businesses were surveyed in this way, and St Helena has been through a period of tremendous change since then. It's especially important now that scheduled air services are operating, and a new freight service has been introduced. The analysis from the statistics, arising from the data collected from this survey, will play an important part in decision-making; therefore I would encourage businesses to take part."

The survey fieldwork will start on Monday, 8 October, when questionnaires will be delivered. The survey is expected to take around six weeks, and it will be conducted within the legal framework of the 2000 Statistics Ordinance. All businesses with employees (i.e. apart from self-proprietors) are required to complete and return the questionnaire. Statistics Officers will collect completed questionnaires, and will give businesses any help they need.

The survey includes around twenty questions in areas related to the business environment, employment & staff recruitment, leave & benefits, and staff training. A further section on income and expenses will only be required of larger businesses (those who employ ten people or more). The information provided on the questionnaires will be treated with strict confidence, and will be used only for the purpose of compiling statistics, in accordance with the Statistics Ordinance.

Statistical Commissioner, Neil Fantom, said:

"Our job in the Statistics Office is to help people make better decisions; good data does not guarantee good decision-making, but it does make it much more likely. I'd like to thank all businesses for their cooperation and help with the survey – we've tried hard to make sure the survey is straightforward and simple for businesses to complete, but the enumeration team will be available to help if needed. Please contact us on tel: 22318 or by email: statistics@sainthelena.gov.sh, or visit our office in the Castle, if you have any questions or comments, or need help with the survey. We'll be more than happy to try and help to make the process as painless as possible."

ANNUAL PRICE INFLATION RATE RISES TO 4.1%

The latest rate of annual price inflation on St Helena is estimated to be 4.1%, between the third quarter of 2017 and the third quarter of 2018. This is a 0.7 increase in percentage from the previous quarter, when the annual price inflation rate was measured at 3.4%.

Annual price inflation rate (%)



The two price changes with the most impact this quarter were

the increases in the price of water from Connect Saint Helena Ltd, and the increase in the local telephone service provided by Sure South Atlantic Ltd. There were some other notable price increases, such as flour and soft drinks, but the price of some imported fruit, for example apples and oranges, fell – this is consistent with a reduction in the import duty from 20% to 5% for all fruit and vegetables without added salt or sugar.

The full Statistical Bulletin can be found on the St Helena Government website here: http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistical-bulletin-no-9-2018-prices/. Detailed data can be accessed in Excel format from the 'Inflation' file at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistics-data.

SUPREME COURT SITTING OCTOBER 2018

His Lordship, Chief Justice Charles Ekins Esq, will arrive on St Helena on Saturday, 20 October 2018.

The formal opening of the St Helena Supreme Court will take place on Monday, 22 October 2018, at 10am. This Supreme Court Session will continue until Friday, 2 November, and the Chief Justice will depart St Helena on Saturday, 3 November 2018.

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efficient.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: MONDAY 29 OCTOBER 2018

TIME: 6.30 pm

PLACE: EDUCATION LEARNING CENTRE

Please join us for the Annual General Meeting of your St Helena National Trust. The general public are invited to hear a financial and general report of the Trust's activities for the financial year 2017 – 2018.

A short intermission will follow during which snacks and refreshments will be provided. Those in attendance are encouraged to ensure that their membership is up to date and membership forms will be available on the night. Following the intermission there shall be the appointment/election of the National Trust Council.

The elected positions on the Trust Council have been unanimously endorsed by all 16 of the sitting Members of Trust Council and are presented here as the Trust Council Slate of Nominees:

President:	Mrs Ethel Yon
Vice- President:	Mr Leigh Morris
Secretary:	Mrs Annina Hayes
Treasurer:	Mrs Robyn Franconi
At Large Member:	Mrs Samantha Cherrett
At Large Member:	Mr Matthew Joshua

If uncontested, appointments shall be renewed without election. Members of the Trust may nominate an individual to contest any of the positions above provided nominations are signed by the individual nominating, the individual seconding, and the individual standing for election. Such nominations must be received by the Trust office at least two business days prior to the AGM. If a position is contested, a secret ballot will be conducted at the meeting to determine the successful candidate. Only Members of the Trust shall be eligible to vote.

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Blue Belt Programme

By Serena Wright and Tammy Stamford

What is Blue Belt?

The Blue Belt Programme supports the delivery of the UK Government's commitment to provide long-term protection of over four million square kilometres of marine environment across the UK Overseas Territories (OTs). The programme will provide support to St Helena between 2016 and 2020. Specifically, the programme aims to enable St Helena to protect its marine biodiversity and sustainably manage human activities in its waters, based on best scientific evidence and governance structures. Importantly, this will help St Helena to sustainably develop its local economy, whilst protecting its rich marine life. In addition to St Helena, the Blue Belt Programme is supporting work in Ascension, Tristan da Cunha, Pitcairn Islands, British Indian Ocean Territory, South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands and British Antarctic Territory.

Our work

The Programme is being delivered by an innovative partnership between two world-leading agencies of the UK Government, the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). Working closely with St Helena Government, the delivery partners have developed a scheme of work that will help to further understanding of the marine environment, design appropriate marine management and protection strategies and develop effective monitoring, surveillance and enforcement.

FISHERIES. The programme has been tailored to the region's unique marine environment, with a key focus on supporting sustainable fisheries. The commercially important species targeted for this work includes yellowfin, skipjack and bigeye tuna, grouper, lobster and **bait species** (kingston and mackerel). A number of different tools will be used to help support our understanding of these stocks including extensive tagging programmes, biological sampling and exploring landings data. Additional funds for the tuna tagging programme have been provided by the International Commission Figure 1. Tuna fishing, lobster and grouper



for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT). The programme will also support St Helena Government in reviewing existing Fishery Limit Ordinance and will aid in surveillance activities in St Helena's waters, including monitoring Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) activities.

PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY. In addition to focused stock assessments on key species, internationally recognised marine surveys will be undertaken with the British Antarctic Survey, to provide biological and physical information



Figure 2. Sand extraction

about inshore regions of St Helena Island, and the key fishing grounds at Bonaparte and Cardno seamounts. The first survey was on RRS James Clark Ross in April, with a further survey planned for April 2019 on RRS *Discovery*. Samples collected from the 2018 survey included the second known specimen of a deep-sea angler fish and a potentially new species of octopus.

OTHER HUMAN ACTIVITIES. Impacts from human activities, such as pollution (water quality), tourism and sand extraction will be assessed with recommendations on policy, licensing, monitoring and management. Impacts from invasive species will also be reviewed with guidance provided.

CAPACITY BUILDING. Finally, to improve the capacity of St Helena to study and monitor its marine environment, funds have been provided to refurbish the marine laboratory. This refurbishment will be developed in conjunction with a marine visitor centre funded by the Blue Marine Foundation.



Look out for updates on the different aspects of this work, some of which you will Figure 3. Offshore tuna tagging

be able to observe in progress. There will also be Island visits from members of the tagging team in December 2018 and January/February 2019, and a visit from the RRS Discovery in April 2019. See our Blue Belt Banner (which can be found on the bottom of the infographic) to track progress on the laboratory refurbishment and numbers of tuna and grouper tagged. For more information about the Blue Belt Programme follow us on twitter <u>@UKGovBlueBelt</u> or visit the website https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-blue-belt-programme.

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BUSINESS ACCOUNT PACKAGES WITH EFFECT FROM 01 NOVEMBER 2018

Bank of St Helena is pleased to advise that with effect from 01 November 2018 the **Standard Business Account Package** will now include the ability for business customers to undertake up to 8 Account Transfers with Online Banking and the **Premium Business Account Package will include the ability to make unlimited Journal Payments** (multiple Account Transfers) online.

Business customers currently on these packages will receive an automatic upgrade with effect from 01 November 2018.





Challenge the 699 steps from Jamestown to Ladder Hill

"SIGN UP TODAY!"

Entrance Forms are available at the Tourist Office

£5.00 Entrance fee covers: Marathons, Jacobs Ladder Challenge & Trail Run - Entrance for children FREE



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42km & 21km

Fun Runs

Starting at 09:00

3km & 10km







Your Gateway to Opportunity

Expression of Interest for Training

The St Helena Community College, in partnership with Enterprise St Helena is seeking expressions of interest from those persons who are interested in participating in the following training opportunities:

Blasters/Shot firers relicensing Blasting Assistant

For further information interested persons are requested to contact the Acting Assistant Director of Lifelong Learning Angela Benjamin on telephone 22607 or via email: <u>angela.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh</u>

Your Expression of interest must be registered with the St Helena Community College by no later than Friday, 19 October 2018.

Education & Employment Directorate | St Helena Community College | Jamestown | St Helena Government | South Atlantic Ocean | STHL 1ZZ Tel: +290 22607 | Email: <u>shcc@sainthelena.gov.sh</u>



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Agricycle **Education & Demonstration Day** Supply Local, Buy Local, Recycle!

When: 28 October 2018 Where: SHAPE & Sandy Bay Community Centre

Time: 11am till 3pm

The 2018 Agriculture Programme will be co-hosting this event with SHAPE and the main focus of the day will be on recycling, demonstration and education.

This will also be an opportunity for producers to sell fresh and secondary produce, plants, crafts, etc.

If you are interested please contact Delia Du Preez to book a stall.

> Delia Du Preez, Business **Development Co-ordinator on** telephone 22920 or email delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh

For more information please contact



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VACANCY WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES OPERATOR

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate is seeking to recruit an individual to work within their Waste Management Services Team.

Candidates should have a valid Class C License and be able to demonstrate basic numeracy and literacy skills.

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

For further details regarding the post, interested persons should contact Mr Anthony Henry, Waste Management Services Supervisor on Tel No: 24724 or e-email: Anthony.Henry@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms which are available from Corporate Human Resources should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Miss Gemma Lawrence, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday, 19 October 2018.

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Environment & Natural Resources Directorate 2 October 2018



Since 1



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

Travel Agent

Within the Shipping & Travel Department

<u>Job Outline</u> To be responsible for passengers travel arrangements.

> Interested Persons Should: • Have excellent customer service skills

Be computer literate
 Have Grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English

Salary for this post will be £642.65 per month

attractive benefits package, please contact Kerry Yon, Shipping & Travel Manager on telephone number: 22523 or via email address: hipping-travelmanager@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 Nicola

For further information, including the Company's

Essex, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Office, Jamestown, By 19 October 2018

BBC Atlantic Relay Station Ascension Island

Vacancy for Communications Technician or Trainee Communications Technician

A vacancy has arisen for a full-time **Communications Technician or Trainee Communications Technician** at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station, Ascension Island.

The post holder will form part of the Transmitting Station's engineering team, which is responsible for the maintenance of the transmitters and associated systems, to ensure that all scheduled programmes are transmitted to the agreed service level.

This post is being offered as a Single or Accompanied status fixed-term contract. Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination and will be subject to a three month probationary period.

Essential Qualifications/Experience:

- GCSE Maths, English and Science Grade C or above.
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing, with both internal and external customers.
- Ability to maintain accurate technical and administrative records.
- Strong self motivation and the ability to work with minimum supervision.
- IT Competent.
- Ability and willingness to carry out call-out/standby duties and to work flexible hours if required.

Desirable Qualifications / Experience

- Good knowledge of safe working practices and safety procedure.
- Qualified to BTEC National Certificate Level or equivalent credential in a relevant subject (Electrical, Electronics, Communications and/or Radio Frequency).
- Experience in Electrical, Electronics, Communications and/or Radio Frequency.
- Standard knowledge of HF propogation and Data Communications.
- Ability to analyse technical problems and undertake standard fault finding.
- Consistent and developed practical experience of a transmitting station's operation and maintenance work.
- Workshop skills including hand and power tools.
- High Voltage Authorisation or related experience.
- Class A driving licence.

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

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

Applications to be sent to:

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

Applications should be submitted by the **<u>19th October 2018</u>**.

SAFEGUARDING DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR SENIOR CARERS AND CARE ASSISTANTS

The Safeguarding is committed to delivering a fantastic service to clients under our care. To make this happen we need exceptional individuals with the right attitude and skills who share our passion about delivering the best quality care experience. Our Care Assistants are important in creating a caring, family environment so our residents can enjoy a happy and comfortable life.

The Directorate has the following vacancies:

Senior Care Assistants(Ebonyview)

Under the support and direction of the Manager, you will lead and guide Care Assistants in providing compassionate, person centred care to vulnerable adults requiring 24 hour support and living in residential care. You will have a key role in completing support plans with service users and those close to them. You will also support service users where necessary to maintain a clean home environment.

The susscessful candidate should have an NVQ Level 2 in Health and Social Care, Level 2 Adult Literacy and experience of working with challenging behavior.

The salary for this post commences at £9, 034 per annum.

Please contact Acting Unit Manager, Jenny Clingham on 23343 or Learning Difficulites, Residential and Community Manager, Nicolene Adams on 23172 for further information about the post.

Senior Care Assistant (Community Care Centre)

The successful candidate will provide high quality health and social care to frail older people in full time residential and day care. As Senior, expected tasks will include taking the lead on staff handover at the end of shifts, administering residents' medication in accordance with our Medicine Management Policy and perform basic first aid and CPR as required.

Candidates should have the following: NVQ level 3 Health and Social Care. GCSE English and Mathematics at Grade C or above, or Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy at entry level 3. One year's experience of working with elderly people. The salary for this post commences at £9, 034 per annum.

Care Assistants

You will assist in the day to day care of residents in a way that promotes their independence, choice and social wellbeing. You will also maintain up-to-date documentation concerning residents' health and well-being. Applicants should ideally have entry level 1 in Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy. You should also be willing to engage in training to enhance your skills and knowledge in the care of our residents. The salary for this post commences at £6, 890 per annum.

Activity Worker

As an Activity Worker you will carry out recreational and therapeutic activity programmes to improve the overall health of people living in residential care and within the community. You be responsible for all aspects of preparation for activities and reporting back any incidents or concerns to the Activity Coordinator

The successful candidate will have the following: Functional Skills L2 in English and experience of working within a care or educational environment and/or have experience of working with adults/children with disabilities and/or the elderly. The salary for this post commences at £5, 572 per annum.

Please contact CCC Manager, Wendy Henry for an informal discussion about the posts on telephone number, 25331. Copies of the relevant job profiles and application form can be requested from Sasha Osborn on telephone number 22713 or email sasha.osborne@sainthelena.gov.sh Applications should be returned, thru' Directors where applicable, to Sherrilee Phillips, Human Resources and Administration Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House, or emailed to sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh by Thursday, 19th October 2018.

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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Stehpanie Jones, Director, 03rd October 2018 Safeguarding Directorate

VACANCY FOR ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

The Safeguarding Directorate seeks a self-motivated person to join their Support Service team as an Administration Assistant. Your main role will be to provide reception duties and daily administration support to the team at Brick House.

Candidates should have GCSEs in English Language and Mathematics at Grade C or above, 1 years' experience in an administrative and customer environment, and possess minute taking skills.

The post requires Good communication and customer care skills and your ability to maintain confidentiality will be vitally important.

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



For further details regarding the duties of the post and for a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Sherrilee Phillips, Human Resources and Administration Officer on Tel No. 22713 or email Sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms which are available from Brick House in upper Jamestown, should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Miss Sherrilee Phillips, Human Resources and Administration Officer, Brick House or via the previously mentioned e-mail no later than 4pm on Thursday, 18th October 2018.

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03rd October 2018, Safeguarding Directorate

VACANCY FOR TRAINEE SHELTER ACCOMMODATION AND HOME CARE MANAGER

We are looking for an enthusiastic, passionate and driven leader to join our team to help us deliver upon our vision of:

Working together to promote the wellbeing and safety of vulnerable children and adults in the community of St Helena."

The role of **Trainee Sheltered Accommodation and Home Care Manager** is a key role within the directorate. You will be part of the directorate's leadership team and work with the Assistant Director on all aspects of Safeguarding with a lead focus upon delivering effective and safe Sheltered Accommodation services and take the lead on reviewing and implementing a sustainable and cost effective Home Care Service. This will be a supportive and learning opportunity so you feel empowered and prepared to take the service forward in a full management capacity within the next 6 - 12 months.

A background and experience in either residential settings and or Adult Community Health or Social Care Services setting is desirable alongside the ability to work in a flexible and supportive manner. Strong communication skills are an essential part of this role, as you will work closely with other directorates, the community and our political leaders to ensure that we are delivering the best possible care for vulnerable people in our community.

We need somebody who is committed to supporting inclusion for people at every level in society, someone who will work with their staff to ensure that people achieve their potential and have purposeful and fulfilling lives within the community of St Helena. The successful candidate will possess the following experience and qualifications:

- GCSE Maths and English Language at grade C or above
- · Valid Driving Licence Class A essential
- At least 1 year's middle management experience in health and social care field of work, preferably with older people
- Good financial management skills Salary for this post commences at Grade D10, £13, 517.00 per annum.

If this person sounds like you then we would like to hear from you. If you would like an informal discussion about the role please call Stephanie Jones (Director) on 22713. For an application form please contact Sasha Osborne on sasha.osborne@sainthelena.gov.sh or call her at Brick House on 22713.

The closing date for completed applications is on Thursday, 19th October 2018. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable to Sherrilee Phillips, HR & Admin Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House or emailed to sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Stephanie Jones Director, 02nd October 2018

VACANCY FOR CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL HOME SUPERVISOR

The Safeguarding Directorate has a vacancy for a Supervisor at the Children's Residential Home. The Supervisor will be responsible for providing high quality care and protection to children of all ages, residing in the Home. This is a one year fixed term contract.

Potential candidates should possess Grade C or above in GCSE Mathematics and English, an NVQ in Health and Social Care Level 3, experience in dealing with children and young people and a valid Driving Licence, Class A. Some of the key tasks of the role are:

- Assist in assessing the children's needs and promoting their independence.
- Participate in Looked after Child reviews and contribute towards the child's care plan and attend any multi agency meetings as deemed necessary.
- To ensure health and safety standards are maintained for the Children's Residential Home.
- To be responsible for maintaining the staff roster and ensuring safe cover at all times when children are resident.

The salary for this post is grade D, commencing at £11, 034.00 per annum.

For further information please contact Ms. Adele McMahon, Team Manager, Children's Services on telephone number 23312 or on email address adele.mcmahon@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms and a job profile are available from the Human Resources & Admin Officer, Brick House and should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to Sherrilee Phillips, at Brick House or via email address Sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Thursday, 19th October 2018.

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Stephanie Jones, Director

03rd October 2018, Safeguarding Directorate



VACANCY FOR SOCIAL CARE OFFICER

The Safeguarding Directorate has a vacancy for a Social Care Officer to work within Children's Services. You will be responsible for supporting the provision of social care/work including children in need, family assessment, registration of child-minders and crèche's, assessment and support for disabled and vulnerable children who are at risk. This role is fixed term for a period of one year.

Duties of the post include:

- Working to support children, young people and their families to achieve better life chances.
- Working in partnership and attending meetings with other agencies, such as Housing, Education, Health and the Police.
- With support and training, develop assessment and report writing skills, undertake parenting programmes and direct work with children.
- Working in a non-judgemental and anti-oppresive way to ensure equality for all.
- · Maintaining clear accurate records and files.

Training, support and a comprehensive induction plan is available for the successful candidate. There is a requirement of the role that some work may be undertaken outside of normal hours.

- The successful candidate will posess the following :
- · GCSE or equivalent in English Language at Grade C or above.
- Valid Driving Licence.
- Experience of working with vulnerable people and supporting others.
- Community based work with children and young people for a minimum of two years.

Salary for the post is at Grade D, commencing at £11, 034.00 per annum.

For further information about the post please contact Ms. Adele McMahon, Children's Services Team Manager on telephone number 23312 or via email address Adele.McMahon@sainthelena.gov.sh A copy of the job profile and an application form is available from Sasha Osborne who is contactable on 22713 or by email: sasha.osborne@sainthelena.gov.sh

The closing date for completed applications is on Thursday, 19th October 2018. Applications should be submitted to Sherrilee Phillips, HR & Admin Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House or emailed to sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh

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03rd October 2018, Safeguarding Directorate

VACANCY FOR CONTROL / CONTACT CENTRE SUPERVISOR

The Emergency Services of the St Helena Police Directorate has an opportunity for a self-motivated, assertive and enthusiastic individual to join their team as Control / Contact Centre Supervisor. This post is offered on **6-month fixed-term contract in the first instance.**

The job purpose is to be responsible for the efficient operation of the St Helena Emergency Service's Control/Contact Centre and the Maritime ship to shore radio service including the efficient management of the telephone switchboard and radio communications.

Prospective candidates should have GCSE's in both Mathematics and English at Grade C or above or equivalent, with relevant background experience in call Centre operations or customer care and experience of dealing directly with the public. Candidates should also have experience of managing other staff at supervisor or team leader level.

Applicants should be 18 years of age or over and must have the ability to communicate effectively make on the spot decisions when deploying Emergency personnel to reported incidents and monitor and supervise as necessary Centre operators.

Salary for the post is at Grade C commencing at £10,704 per annum covering a 40 hour week supervising staff on operations 24/7 including weekends. The post is not shift based but you will be required to be flexible to cover unforeseen staff shortages as necessary.

For further details or an information pack, interested persons are invited to contact Ian Johnson, Operations and Civil Contingencies Manager on 25052.

Application forms are available from the Police Directorate (Police Headquarters, Coleman House). Applications should be completed and submitted, through Directors, where applicable, to Tina Sim, Human Resources Officer at Corporate Human Resources (or email tina.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 19th October 2018

VACANCIES FOR CONTROL/CONTACT CENTRE OPERATORS

The Emergency Services of the St Helena Police Directorate has an opportunity for **three** self-motivated, assertive and enthusiastic individuals to join their team as Control/Contact Centre Operators. These posts are offered on **6-month fixed-term contracts in the first instance.**

The purpose of the job is to be the first point of contact for St Helena Government and their Emergency Service's and the Maritime ship to shore radio service including the efficient management of the telephone switchboard and radio communication systems, accurately assessing non-emergency and emergency calls for assistance, the control and management of Government resources and receiving all visitors to Police Headquarters.

Prospective candidates should have GCSE's in both Mathematics and English at Grade C or above or equivalent and experience of dealing directly with the public.

Applicants should be 18 years of age or over and must have the ability to communicate effectively, the ability to demonstrate good customer service skills to members of the public and internal customers and ability to deal with conflict and vulnerable/ distressed callers.

Salary for the post is at Grade B commencing at £8,355 per annum and an unsociable hours allowance. Hours of work are to cover operations 24/7 on a shift basis including weekends, covering a 40 hour week.

For further details or an information pack, interested persons are invited to contact Ian Johnson, Operations and Civil Contingencies Manager on 25052.

Application forms are available from the Police Directorate (Police Headquarters, Coleman House). Applications should be completed and submitted, through Directors, where applicable, to Tina Sim, Human Resources Officer at Corporate Human Resources (or email tina.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 19th October 2018

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Director of Police



Enterprise St Helena would like to remind the public that there are 4 small mobile retail carts available in the Jamestown Market.

To book a cart will be on a first come first served basis at a cost of £5 per day.

To make a booking please contact Emma Peters at ESH office on telephone 22920, during normal working hours. Bookings will ONLY be taken by telephone.



For a full job description and an application form please contact Mrs Marianne Young-Crowie (SHAPE Manager) on 24690 or email

SHAPE@helanta.co.sh

Please submit your application form to

Miss Danielle Anthony

(Finance & Administration Manager) via email

Finance_AdminManager.SHAPE@helanta.co.sh

by 23rd October 2018 at 4pm

We look forward to hearing from you!



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Has an exciting opportunity for a Trainer/General Worker

To work within the Recycle Centre three days per week training a group of disabled and vulnerable people in recycling of plastic, incorporating paper and card recycling and general maintenance and cleaning of machinery.

The job role will also require outdoor/field work collecting plastics from around the island. Operate heavy duty machinery which includes Hydraulic brick making machine, Hydropulper, pressers and 4 plastic recycling machines in accordance with manufacturers guidelines. Undertake cleaning and basic maintenance of all recycling machinery in a safe manner and report all faults to the Recycling Operations/Project Manager. Assist other members of the team and trainees as and when required and as directed by the Recycling Operations/Project Manager.

To undertake driving duties for home-to-duty transporting of staff and trainees from various locations around the island as requested.

To provide upkeep of the Garden grounds and it's surroundings at SHAPE Sandy Bay Centre, directing and overseeing trainees as well as perform Handy Man Duties two days per week.

Interested Persons Should:

Have the ability to work sympathetically with disabled, vulnerable and disadvantaged people
 Be willing to undertake local training in Safeguarding

Have a creative flair

•Mechanical skills and experience is desirable

- •Hold Class A & C license as driving is essential
- •Possess knowledge and skills on small scale arable and horticultural gardening
- •Have a good standard of communication, both written and oral.

•Be highly observant and able to spot hazards and areas for repair •Have a fair understanding of general maintenance related works



VACANCY GENERAL OPERATIVE

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate is seeking to recruit an individual to work within the Roads Section.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate basic numeracy and literacy skills.



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

For further details regarding the post, interested persons should contact Mr Deon Robertse, Roads Manager on Tel No: 23765 or e-mail: roads.manager@helanta.co.sh

Application forms which are available from Corporate Human Resources should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Miss Gemma Lawrence, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Monday, 22 October 2018.

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Environment and Natural Resources Directorate ,5 October 2018





For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Marilyn Joshua, Grocery Manager (HTH & Silver Hill Shop) on telephone number: 23559 or via email address: hth-manager@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 Nicola Essex, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Office, Jamestown, by 24 October 2018 Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a temporary position available for a

Part-time Shop Floor Assistant

Within the Half Tree Hollow Supermarket

Job Outline

To provide a high standard of customer service and to assist with the day-to-day running of the shop

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent Customer Service skills
- Be literate in Maths & English
- Have some knowledge & experience in Food Handling

Salary for the post will be £3.10 per hour - Working approximately 11 hours per week

Invitation to Tender

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

Internal Refurbishment of No.7 Harris Flats, Jamestown

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from

Miss Tiffany Lawrence Procurement Officer Essex House Jamestown



Telephone No: 22270 or email tiffanylawrence@enrd.gov.sh

A site visit to view the works will take place on Friday, 12 October 2018, at 10am, meeting at Harris Flats, Jamestown.

If you require any further details, please contact the Assistant Buildings Manager, Mr Theron Henry, on telephone number 22270 or email theronhenry@enrd.gov.sh.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Friday, 19 October 2018.

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

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES IN THE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT DIRECTORATE

Since 1790

The Education and Employment Directorate is urgently seeking interest from persons who are able to offer contractual services as a Temporary Teaching Assistant within the Primary sector. This contract for services is being advertised locally.

The rate payable will be at £5.16 per hour.

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

For further details and a list of duties, interested persons can contact Mrs Wendy Benjamin, Assistant Director, Schools on telephone no 22607 or email wendy.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

Expressions of interest should be submitted to the Human Resources Officer at the Education Learning Centre or email gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday, 19 October 2018.



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Mrs. Shirley Wahler

Director of Education & Employment, 11 October 2018

Community Centre as per the below agenda. Parents/Guardians are asked to make a special effort to attend to witness and support their children on this unique occasion.

The Annual General Meeting of the 1st Jamestown Scout Group will take place at the Jamestown

Date – 17 October 2018 **Venue** – Jamestown Community Centre **Time** – 7 p.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Welcome by the Group Council Chairman

- 2. Investiture & Going-up Ceremonies Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
- 3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM
- 4. Matters Arising
- 5. Treasurer's Report
- 6. Chairman's Report
- 7. Reports from Section Leaders
- 8. Election of Officers
- 9. Any other Business



Light Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting

APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application has been received in respect of the following development proposals:

- Application 2018/86: FULL Planning Application for Temporary Siting of Two 20ft Containers and a Portable Office Unit, Millennium Forest Car Park. Applicant: Landscape and Ecology Mitigation Programme (LEMP)
- 2. Application 2018/87: FULL Planning Application for Construction of a 3 Bedroom Dwelling, Half Tree Hollow, adjacent to Mr Gary Stevens. Applicant: Clint Stevens

Copy of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Secretary on Telephone No 22270 or email <u>Karen-Isaac@enrd.gov.sh</u> stating the application reference number they wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make representations on the above application should make them <u>in writing within 14</u> <u>days</u>, to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email <u>shane.williams@enrd.gov.sh</u>

Public Review Commencement Date Public Review Closing Date : 12 October 2018 : 26 October 2018

David Goodrick Chief Planning Officer



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

For 60 minutes it look like it was going to be another depressing weekend for Manchester United fans as after just 10 minutes they found themselves 2-0 down to winless Newcastle. United's players was shocking in the first half. The turmoil at the club between Mourinho; players and the board is certainly affecting the performance on the pitch. Whatever was said at halftime along with some good substitutes saw Man United play with more desire in the second half as the attack; attack, attack. Once Mata scored in the 70th minute I was hopeful of the equaliser and when that came minutes later most fans was then hoping for the winner. The comeback was completed in the 90th minute when Sanchez scored his first goal of the season.

Media reports the day before this match stated that Mourindho would lose his job whether United won or not. There is evidence that he does have the fans support and that of some ex-players. From a fans point of view he can't be all to blame; yes I too am fed up with the negative play but there are players at the club who earn big wages and are not giving their all for our club. There are certainly players who think they are bigger than Manchester United. There is also evidence that defenders are needed. Smalling; Bailly, Young and Valencia have all being extremely poor in recent matches.

Newcastle has shown enough good quality, not only in this game but in other matches that sooner than later they will pick up their first win of the season.

The first game of round eight saw Brighton beat West Ham 1-0 with a goal from Glen Murray on Friday night.

Murray was Brighton's standout performer once again, hitting his 99th goal for the club in another notable display.

Huddersfield picked up just their 3 point of the season as they drew away at Burnley.

Wolves' good form continues as they defeated Crystal Palace 1-0 at Selhurst Park. Palace is yet to pick up a win at home

Junior Football Results: 9 aside:

Jungle Rangers 15 v Yellow Devils 3

G/S Jungle Rangers: Toure Osborne 5; Blaze Baldwin 5, Riley Yon 3 & 2 OG

G/S Yellow Devils: Aden Thomas-Stevens 2 & Zac Francis 1 POM: Blaze Balwin & Aden Thomas-Stevens

Young Harts 7 v Dream Team 3

G/S Young Harts: Micadean Crowley 3; Keiran Williams 1 7 Jadee Caswell 3 G/S Dream team: Dominic Richards 1; Lars Williams 1 &

Blake Peters 1

POM: Jadee Caswell & Lars Williams

11 aside: Allstars 17 v Chop Shop 0

G/S Allstars: Aiden Yon-Stevens 7; Joey Thomas 6, Shaquille Benjamin 2, Christo Crowie 1 & Evan Constantine 1 POM: Aiden Yon-Stevens

Junior Football Fixtures:

Saturday 13th Oct, 9 aside 9.30am: Dream Team v Yellow Devils 10.30am: Young Harts v Jungle Rangers

11aside: 9.30am: Allstars v Rangers this season.

Gylfi Sigurdsson's fabulous second-half strike gave Everton a 2-1 win against 10-man Leicester, after Wes Morgan was sentoff for the second time in three league games. Morgan was unfortunate to see red for two yellow cards as the second one was a bit soft. This decision certainly had an impact on the result.

Spurs had an unconvincing 1-0 against a 10 man Cardiff side who put up a great battling performance.

Bournemouth moved up to 5th place as they recorded a 4-0 away win against Watford.

Arsenal continues to rack up the wins under their new manager as they beat Fulham 5-1 at Craven Cottage. Arsenal scored some good goals in the match; the pick of the bunch would have been Ramsey's goal.

Alexandre Lacazette & Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang both scored twice.

Hazard and Barkley stood out for title challengers Chelsea as they scored 3 unanswered goals against Southampton.

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp and Manchester City counterpart Pep Guardiola were both left satisfied after a goalless draw left their sides level on points at the top of the Premier League.

Champions City has not won a league game at Anfield in 15 years, and Riyad Mahrez wasted a glorious opportunity to send them clear when he missed a late penalty.

City's £60m summer signing from Leicester fired an 85thminute spot-kick high over the bar after substitute Leroy Sane was brought down by Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk.

It handed the Reds a reprieve as both sides extended their unbeaten league starts to eight games, with City now top on goal difference from Chelsea and Liverpool. All three are level on 20 points.

SHFA Results:

Bellboys 4 v Wirebirds 0

G/S Bellboys: Tyler Brady 2; Jamie Thomas 1 & Corey Scipio 1

MOM: Jamie Thomas

Wolves 5 V Crusaders 1

G/S Wolves: Mashara Yon 3; Wayne Yon 1 & Cody Thomas 1

G/S Crusaders: Kyle Yon Mom: Mashara Yon

Harts 8 v CS 1

G/S Harts: Selwyn Stroud 4; Sean Lee Thomas 3 & Simon Scipio 1 G/S Chop Shop: Clayton Yon 1

MOM: Selwyn Stroud

Axis 5 v Saints 0

G/S Axis: Rico Williams 1; Matthais Young 2, Ashley Clingham 1 & 1 OG Mom: Rico Williams YPOM: Matthais Young





Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

SHFA Fixtures

Sat 13th Oct

1.30pm	Rovers v Axis Organisers: Bellboys
3.30pm	Saints v Harts Organisers Wirebirds
Sun 14th Oct	Chop Shop Boys v Bellboys

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	Organisers Wolves
3.30pm	Wirebirds v Crusaders
-	Organisers Wolves

We had a successful first Fund Raiser for the SHFA in the form of a Reggae Night on Saturday.

Close to 350 people was in attendance.

So far we have taken in £1225 from ticket sales and a 50/50 raffle.....£120 went to the raffle winner Di Essex so net profit is currently £1105

We the SHFA would like to thank the public for their support in this Fund Raiser.

Raffle Tickets for the ST Ford Focus (plus other prizes) are now on the island. The SHFA will announce via the radio stations when they will be on sale.

GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER 2018

On Sunday 7th October 2018 the first round of 36 Holes stroke play Bank Of St Helena sponsored competition got underway. The weather condition was perfect for golfing. Cloud ceiling was fairly highly with very good visibility and no precipitation. 18 players turned up for the competition.

From tee off, one man seemed to have woken up on the right side of his bed. He made par after par. Returning a net 65 and topping the leader board was Mr Brian Fowler. In second place was Mr Tony Green with a net 68 while Peter Johnson and Jeffrey Stevens tied in the third position with net 69. There was no two ball pool winner.

Final and last round of the competition will take place on Sunday 14th October 2018. Tee off time 12:00. More players are welcome to participate but only those who took part in the first round will be illegible for prizes.

Happy golfing.....! Contributed by; Bramwell Lumukwana Captain



GOLF CLUB

SILVER HILL

Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

Friday open from 3.30. pm till late Fish fry all are welcome, with great tunes by DJ Kimmy Boom Bang.

Saturday open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm till late mix sounds by DJ Shavon.

Sunday open from 5.00 to 8.00pm.

Are You Thinking About Gifts for Friends On the Island or Overseas?

Stewart George has teamed up with SHAPE to make available FOR SALE a special video of the RMS' Final Departure. Also included is his drone video of the island.

Give Stewart a call on 24614/63977 or email: hello@sthelenahotelbookings.sh www.sthelenahotelbookings.sh

Invitation to Tender

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

Production of Machines for the Recycling of Plastics Copies of the tender document can be obtained from Miss Tiffany Lawrence, Procurement Officer

Essex House, Jamestown Telephone No: 22270 or



email tiffany-lawrence@enrd.gov.sh

If you require any further details, please contact the Acting Marine Conservation Officer, Mrs Samantha Cherrett, on telephone number 22270 or

email samantha.cherrett@enrd.gov.sh.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Monday, 22 October 2018. Interested parties should note that this opportunity is **not** being advertised overseas.

GUINEA GRASS COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM

The Committee of the Guinea Grass Community Centre wishes to advise the community that they will be holding their AGM at the Centre on **Wednesday 17 October 2018 at 8pm** as there was not enough persons present at the meeting last week to hold an AGM. Please come along to help form a Committee so that the Centre can continue to function.

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Fund Raising Events

The Cancer Support & Awareness month kicked started their events on Friday night with old-time dancing at the Jamestown Community Centre which were a resounding success, re-creating the atmosphere from dances held there in years gone by.

Over 300 people attended the event and it was reported that the Hall was packed before 8 pm, indicating that everyone were looking forward to having a good time there. There were too many entrants for the district paraglide and congo dances, so a variety of smaller prize dances were held instead.

The best vintage-dressed lady was Sylvia Henry and Di Roberts took the honours for her vintage gentleman's costume, however all participants received a prize.

Those attending performed a variety of dance steps to wellknown favourite tunes played by the band, which consisted of Alan Yon and Johnny Dillon on Bass Guitar; Philip Robinson, Peter Francis and Tony Brooks on Rhythm Guitars; Barry Brooks on Lead Guitar; Colin 'Mickey' Yon on Drums, Hensil Bennett on Keyboards, Roy Williams on Saxophone and Johnny Carter and Alex Vanguard on Vocals.

The hall was beautifully decorated with bunting, greenery and St. Helena's arum lilies, just like it used to be in years gone by, under the expert supervision of Mrs Olive Williams.

Reports from the organisers said that they thoroughly enjoyed the evening and there are hopes to have another event of this kind next year and it could potentially be an annual event. They estimate that a substantial amount of money was raised towards the Cancer Support and Awareness Group and they extend thanks to all who helped to make the evening a great success.

Donnyz on the seafront also hosted a Ribbons and Rhythms night which was in the form of a Karaoke and music videos. The evening was well attended with many taking their minute of fame on the microphone, a curry and rice meal was available and people could feel free to have a plate and make a donation of your choice towards the charity.

The evening was rounded off with a Friday night disco and donation tins where placed around the bar for people to put their loose coins in.

Overall it was said to be a great night and Donnyz look forward to supporting more Cancer Support & Awareness events in the upcoming weeks, so watch this space.

On Saturday, Rosie's a taste for life hosted a well packed afternoon and evening with a Ladder challenge, Fish fry and shipwrecked evening.

20 people participated in the Ladder Challenge with the youngest participant being 5 years old Hugo Richards.

Prizes were awarded to the fastest male, female and boy who were Juan Joshua, Cecilica Azocar Garay and Joshua Herne.

On arriving at the top of the ladder, participants, supporters and the public were treated to a traditional St Helenian fish fry which they reported to have being fully booked and enjoyed by all.

Following the fish fry, all was invited to join the Shipwrecked night, the hall was decorated for the occasion and there was a discount on the most popular drink Shipwreck.

Music for the evening was provided by Boot-C that was enjoyed by all.



From the quiz night at Plantation (Credit:Gozzip)



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The Ladder Challenge is hard work Continued on NEXT PAGE

Fund Raising Events

Monies from the evening are still to be finalized and will be known soon.

The Pink Tea event on Sunday was really well attended – around 120 people.

Chef Roy Richards and Team served up platters of sweet treats and savoury delights, all with a Pink theme to guests seated on the two terraces and throughout the three dining rooms.

Teeny Lucy's young musicians from Creative St Helena provided a lovely musical interlude on piano and violin throughout the event along with the pink tea raffle.

Winners of the Sea-themed fancy hat competition were:

Di Roberts, Dorothy Young, Suzanne Joshua, Loretta Coleman and baby Chelsea.

The Pink Tea event raised £1000 for the charity.

The next event on their calendar will be an information and miscellaneous stall in front of the Canister and a healing service on Thursday.

Other fundraising events were held on the weekend one in the form of a quiz night to send a St Helena cricket team to compete in two tournaments in botswana in October/November 2018.

Governor Lisa Honan and her staff kindly hosted the event at Plantation House.

The quiz was organised and ran by renowned quiz mistress Sharon Wade.

11 Teams participated in the event and all had the option of purchasing a member of the St Helena Cricket team to assist with sports questions and a round of questions dedicated to the sport of cricket.

After 11 rounds of questions two teams tied on 48 points. They were the Curvey Belles and Wirebirds.

Curvey Belles was captained by Susan O'Bey and included squad members, Ryan Belgrove and Andrew Yon.

Wirebirds was captained, by Eddie Duff and included squad members Scott Crowie and Rhys Francis.

After and intense play-off round, Curvey Belles took second place.

However winners on the night with an impressive 52 points were Silly Mid-offs captained by Governor Lisa Honan. Her team included coach, Dax Richards and squad member, Jordi Henry.

Following the quiz, Team Manager Derek Richards ran a mini auction that included items like signed team shirts and island tours among other lots kindly donated by members of the community. The night was successful in terms of funds raised, with the event fetching just under £1000. A full report of the entire cricket teams fund raising efforts will be published in local media on completion of all fund raising activities.

The other was in the form of a Reggae night to send its first St Helena team to an International Football Tournament in the Welsh Island of Ynys Mon (Anglesey) in June next year.

Nick Stevens reported "we had a successful first Fund raiser for the SHFA in the form of a Reggae Night on Saturday. Close to 350 people was in attendance.

So far we have taken in £1097 from ticket sales and a 50/50 raffle.....£120 went to the raffle winner Di Essex so net profit is currently £977



Do they know what they have got ahead?



At Mantis Pink Tea



At Mantis Pink Tea

We the SHFA would like to thank the public for their support in this Fund raiser.

They have also confirmed that the Raffle Tickets for the car currently up for raffle by the SHFA should arrive on tomorrow's flight and will go on sale shortly.

Fund Raising Events

On Saturday the 6th October 2018, a fundraising event organised by Ronald and Di Williams took place at "Moonshines Bar ".

This was in aid of the Cancer Awareness and Support Group. 80 people attended the BBQ of succulent meats, chicken, salads and garlic bread which was followed by a choice of desserts. The meal was enjoyed by all.

At 9 pm music for dancing was provided by DJ Prudi, which gained a lively response.

A raffle of donated prizes was held and a Lucky Draw for "A Mantis BBQ Meal for 2 persons ". This was won by Rodney K Yon, with ticket number 33.

Dancing continued through out the evening creating a happy atmosphere.

The sum of Four hundred and twenty pounds (\pounds 420.00) was raised and will be donated to the Cancer Awareness.

The Proprietor's of Moonshines Bar would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended this event and contributed their support to this worthy cause.

Thanks are also extended to those who donated prizes, to their staff and everyone who helped to make the evening a success.

Your support was greatly appreciated.

A big Well Done to all of the organisers of this weekend's events which it sounded to be a great success.





Vacancy - Customer Service Assistant – NAAFI Falkland Islands

We have a vacancy for a CSA to work within our retail and leisure establishments at MPC. Hours of work are 60 per week and shift timings will include split shifts, unsociable hours & weekends.

The successful candidates should have excellent customer service skills, be reliable and trustworthy, able to use their own initiative, be flexible and willing to learn, and of sober habits. Full on-job training will be given

The successful persons will need to undergo medical, dental and security checks prior to start of employment.

For further information, terms & conditions, and an application form please contact Delemarie Hopkins on email dhopkins@naafi.co.uk or telephone 00500 76460

Job Vacancies

Sure Ascension has vacancies for Networks Technician & Technical Assistant

We are looking to recruit two dynamic and proactive persons to join our Networks Team on Ascension Island. The primary objectives of the posts are:

Networks Technician

- Being responsible for day to day operations in Networks, which includes:
 - Installation and maintenance duties associated with Telecommunications Voice Switching, CPE, Payphones and Telecommunications Power Systems.
 - Installation and maintenance duties associated with Mobile (4G & 2G) System.
 - Installation and maintenance support on company contracts.
 - Installation and maintenance duties associated with Earth Station Satellite and Radio Fields.
- Candidate should hold a minimum of National Diploma in Telecommunications Engineering or equivalent and have at least 5 years experience in the Telecommunications field.
- Candidate will be required to undertake callout duties and work flexible hours.
- A valid driving licence is essential.

Technical Assistant

- Assist with management of outside plant network which includes customer installations, faults and plant maintenance.
- Undertake Earth Station antenna maintenance.
- Undertake general network infrastructure maintenance.
- Undertake hosted equipment mechanical maintenance.
- Perform low level maintenance on Sure accommodations and corporate buildings.
- A valid driving licence is essential.

Join our small dedicated Networks Team and enjoy some of the many benefits including free uniform, annual and sick leave entitlements, entitlement to join the company international pension plan and a discretionary incentive bonus scheme.

Further information regarding the responsibilities of these posts can be discussed with Geoffrey Augustus, Networks Manager on Tel: +247 66559 or Email: geoffrey.augustus@sure.co.ac

An application form and copies of the job descriptions can be obtained from Karen Buckley, Human Resources & Administration Officer on Email: <u>karen.buckley@sure.co.ac</u>

Application Forms should be submitted to the Human Resources & Administration Officer, Sure South Atlantic Limited, Georgetown, Ascension Island by **4pm on Friday 26 October 2018**.

