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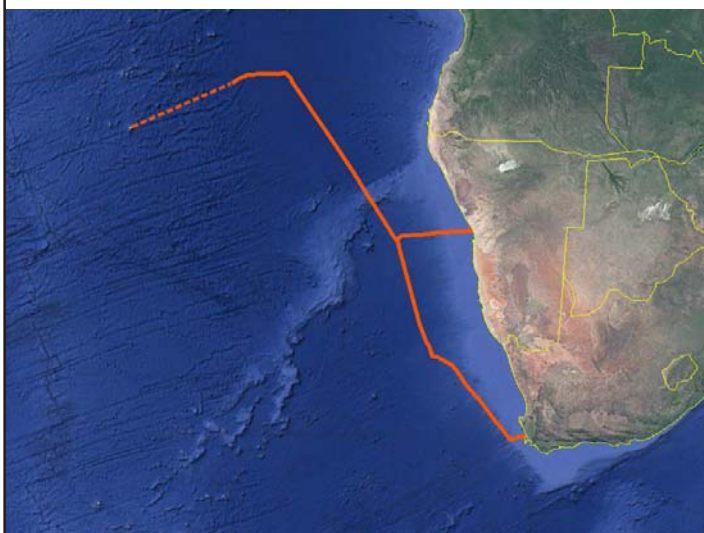
The Gibraltar flagged MV Fugro Gauss is scheduled to arrive in St Helena's territorial waters on Sunday to gather survey data to help decide the route for the Equiano fibre-optic cable which is due to be landed on St Helena in 2021. The survey is expected to take a few days.



The Fugro Gauss is 69 metres long, has a 13 metre beam and a crew of twelve plus a survey crew of twelve. Built in 1980 it has a cruising speed of 10 knots and can stay at sea for 45 days.

Among the various survey systems on board is a hull mounted sea bed profiler which can survey to a depth of 6,000 metres (19,000 feet).

If you are looking for the survey ship over the weekend the Fugro Gauss has a red hull and white superstructure with a yellow funnel.



The position of the MV Fugro Gauss, Thursday pm.

The survey ship has surveyed the route starting at Cape Town and has already surveyed a route for landing the cable in Namibia. The ship then returned to survey the main route before turning off once more to survey the link to St Helena.



RFA Gold Rover to leave Portsmouth for the last time to be scrapped in Turkey



Tuesday's issue of the Portsmouth News in the UK mentioned that the RFA Gold Rover departed the city that day, destined for a Turkish scrapyards. Most St Helenians are familiar with the RFA Gold Rover and her sister ship RFA Black Rover, both of which have visited the island on several occasions. The RFA Gold Rover left Portsmouth on Tuesday 13th, two days after the RFA Black Rover and both vessels are intended to be scrapped. They are the last of a breed of outdated Royal Navy support vessels and have been replaced by the new Tide-class tankers which will help to refuel and resupply the Navy's two Queen Elizabeth-class aircraft carriers. According to digital copies of Ship's Logs, the RFA Gold Rover was last at St Helena in May 2016 and the Black Rover in May 2013, both joining in with the St Helena Day celebrations on each occasion.

Both vessels have been regular visitors to the South Atlantic, were well-loved by their crews and warmly welcomed by friends across the globe. No doubt both have supported many relief missions, sea rescues and evacuations and possibly conducted many thousands of fuel replenishments at sea between them. A noteworthy mention of the RFA Gold Rover in the publication was when she delivered humanitarian aid to Tristan da Cunha in 2007, resupplying medical stores after the 271 residents suffered a viral infection.

DAMAGE CAUSED TO RUPERT'S JETTY

During recent cargo operations, damage was caused to the hand rails, the landing steps and one of the fenders on Rupert's Jetty.

Port Control would like to advise the public and all boat owners to use great caution when accessing the Jetty area. Boat owners should also take great care when coming alongside the Jetty as there may be protruding debris from the Jetty beneath the waterline.

Repair works to the Jetty will take place at the earliest opportunity. Port Control would like to thank the public in advance for their cooperation.

SHG, 15 August 2019

Tristan Storm Update

Emergency materials needed to repair storm damaged building were loaded on to the MFV Edinburgh which departed Cape Town on 8th August a week later than first hoped. The Edinburgh has been further delayed due to bad weather during the first part of the voyage and is now due to arrive at Tristan on Saturday morning 17th August. Tristan Administrator Sean Burns and his wife Marina are aboard the Edinburgh; Sean Burns will be returning to complete the final part of his second term as Tristan's Administrator. The Residency which is the official residence for the Administrator was severely damaged by the 18th July storm.

St Mary's School has reopened but it is now temporarily situated in temporary buildings which normally accommodate the Crèche and visiting contractor's accommodation. The rooms are small but after the storm damage was repaired they are fresh comfortable. It will be several months before the schoolchildren can return to the severely damaged St Mary's School.



As the schoolchildren are using rooms normally reserved as accommodation for visitors it is not yet known where expats will be accommodated when they arrive aboard MFV Edinburgh, MFV Geo Searcher and SA Agulhas II in later in August and early September.

Thatched House Museum Survives the July 2019 Storm

Thatched House Museum is the only building on Tristan whose roof is made of traditional New Zealand flax thatch. Thankfully, it suffered very little damage during the July 2019 storm. It lost a piece or two of the turf that seals the ridge of the roof and so the water got in, but nothing too serious.



Dear Editor,

The St Helena Branch of the British Red Cross would like to thank everyone for supporting the Family Bingo and Raffle last week in aid of the Tristan Appeal. Despite the inclement weather a good crowd turned out and £724 was raised. This was the first of several events, look out for others.

Thank you,

Pamela Ward Pearce

Chairman,

St Helena Branch of the British Red Cross



St Helena Red Cross

TRISTAN APPEAL

Bank of St Helena, Red Cross account no. 00334002 marked 'Tristan Appeal'

ST HELENA WATER LEVELS UPDATE

During the previous week we've had some short but heavy showers of rain on St Helena. Whilst any rainfall is welcome, it is not enough to see the desired effects in our water catchments or to take the pressure off the drought that we are currently experiencing. As we approach the end of winter, with no significant rainfall forecast, it is essential that we continue to monitor and conserve as much water as possible.

Our stored water is now at 32% compared to this period last year when our stored water was at 98.6%.

The Island's water stocks remain very low. The current stored water level is 34 days and the daily consumption levels remains at over one million litres.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd (CSH) are continuing to pump water from Chubb's Spring and Hutt's Gate to Red Hill.

To preserve our precious resource, it is important that we all continue to cut down our water usage to essential use only.



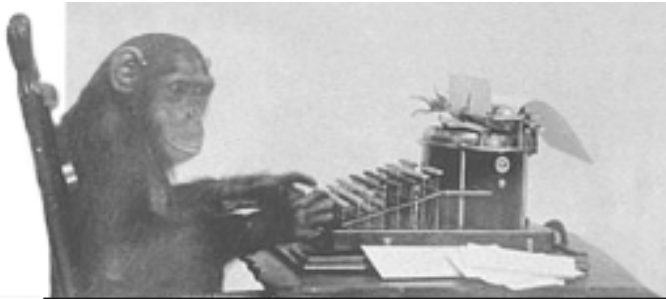
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Remember we are currently under an Island-wide hosepipe ban which CSH enforced on Monday, 24 June 2019.

If you see anyone using water irresponsibly or notice a burst pipe or leak, then please inform CSH immediately.





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Editorial

I had a useful discussion with a few people this week about what the future has in store for this Island and what we need to achieve to build firm foundations for a more prosperous future. Some of what is needed is already happening. Cheaper and faster telecommunications was one requirement. Equally fast and efficient ways to move money on and off the Island was another. A way to lift the millstone of expensive electricity generation from the necks of business and households was the third and having sufficient resources within the legal profession to process the unavoidable legal requirements instead of causing asphyxiating delay was the final one.

The survey ship this weekend heralds movement towards faster, cheaper telecommunications. There are some who fear St Helena will not get the benefit of the cable unless the Island's own telecommunication infrastructure is given a universal upgrade. One condition of the EU funding is that the cable project results in widespread availability of the internet. Availability includes affordability. If this condition is not met the EU funders may well ask for their money back. The cable HAS to benefit the Island as a whole and not be just a big project for the benefit of big business.

The answer to the millstone of expensive electricity is in sight. PASH Global will enter into a Power Purchase Agreement with SHG. This essentially means the price of electricity is fixed for the term of the contract. The contract will last for about 25 years. While the price fixed is likely to be similar to what we pay now, the burden of payment will gradually ease as the years pass.

Putting more resources into the legal profession is certainly something which needs urgent attention but there are no signs the attention is being given. The legal workload is becoming more demanding and will increase further when the fire creating the steam to push the Island forward finally does burst into flames. Business deals need to be glued together with legal documents. Businesses cannot and will not wait around for years while someone gets around to doing it. And there is the need to have easy, efficient and reliable access to money. This is another urgent need which will benefit private individuals and local businesses as well as inward investors who need to swing money around the globe to finance developments.

Everyone joining in this discussion agreed that with these four things in place St Helena would finally become a place to do business. One person thought developments which brought cheaper electricity and telecommunications are the best type of development because they bring benefits without bringing unwelcome changes as well. I remain to be convinced on this one. Prices going down or being fixed means there is more money in your pocket but it is not extra money and the economy is not necessarily growing in a way which

brings financial benefit to all instead of just a few. I think the real benefits come from more people coming here and bringing their spending money with them. They will spend in shops and restaurants, hand cash over to taxi and tour bus drivers, tip hotel staff and keep them employed and so on. More people means more money passing from hand to hand. With tourism the beauty of it is they come, spend their money and then fly out again. More people follow them in but they also go. The Island itself can stay, should stay just about as it always has done. Tourism, I think, remains the cornerstone laid on the firm foundations of the four urgent improvements I mentioned first.

Talking tourism leads to Paul O'Sullivan who is today's hot topic. O'Sullivan has lived in South Africa since the late 1980s but is Irish/Brit by birth. There is a widespread opinion that we are importing too many of the South African ways into St Helena and it is uncomfortably strange to people who not so long ago always had a photograph of the Queen hanging in the house. This strangeness is real and not imaginary and I too am not in favour of this Island drifting closer to Africa either economically, politically or culturally. Apart from O'Sullivan not being a South African by birth, it is not his personal development which he is proposing for Broad Bottom / Thompson's Hill. He will be raising the money to finance the project and that money will come from everywhere and anywhere; Europe, North America, Asia, possibly China and maybe the Caymans. Who knows? With today's increasing globalisation of business everything becomes very impersonal with even the more important participants being a small cog in a big wheel. Apart from the almost anonymous nature of modern business, and the money that funds it, people who make deals do not have to like each other. In many cases I'm sure it's true that dealmakers hate each other's guts. But, when there is a deal to be done which brings gains and benefits to both sides or all sides it is amazing who will hop into bed with whom. We will know more about what benefit, and otherwise, there are for St Helena in the Shelco cum St Helena Corporation projects when the consultation takes place and the development application is submitted.

Vince



Paul O'Sullivan wants direct flights to Europe and he has a plan

Sunday's announcement about the Trade Winds Ocean Village included a bit of information that jumped off the page. O'Sullivan was quoted saying, "This latest acquisition is intended to consolidate our position on the island, in advance of a capital-raising to commence the developments we have lined up. Together with our **ambition to establish direct flights from Europe** we believe the island has a very bright future in terms of attracting tourism and investment." Did this mean St Helena Corporation's position will be consolidated further by establishing an airline?

O'Sullivan told the *Independent* "We have teamed up with people in London and South Africa, who share our vision and we are serious about seeing such flights, which are still in the planning and feasibility stage. It would need a capital raising of about \$5million (£4.15 million).

Ironically, if this venture succeeds it will realise two legs of Shelco's three legged stool; airport, airline and high quality resort facilities being the three legs. O'Sullivan explained, "I am already in the aviation business and have been for more than 30 years, having once been a shareholder in a freight company in Africa that operated three DC9 aircraft. In addition, I have been a pilot for 40 years and already own aircraft that I both use myself and wet-lease to others, (leasing an aircraft, complete crew, maintenance, and insurance to another airline) so it's not a major leap to a small airline, servicing St Helena. "

He added, "We have looked at the model for Easter Island, which got its first plane landing in 1981. It now has 29 flights a week and too many inbound passengers, such that the island now has environmental problems. We believe that one of the barriers to tourism from the EU is the journey time and if we can get an airline running from Gatwick, it would reduce journey time substantially. It would first require a tri-lateral agreement with the governments of the UK, US and Ghana, which we see as possible."

When will all this happen?

While O'Sullivan has a clear vision of what he thinks is possible in St Helena and how to achieve these possibilities he is undoubtedly under no illusion it will all take time and endless work. But he is already backing his judgement of what is possible with considerable amounts of money. Taking a controlling interest in Shelco by buying 75% of the shares cost £1million. Exercising the option to buy Broad Bottom next year from Solomon's will cost a further £2.3 million. But, having bought Broad Bottom in 2020 he will not be immedi-



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JOINT MEDIA RELEASE SAINT HELENA CORPORATION Plc ACQUIRE FURTHER 105 ACRES OF LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT ON ST HELENA ISLAND

Saint Helena Corporation Plc 'SHC' and Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc 'Solomons' are pleased to announce a transaction by SHC to acquire c. 105 acres of land for development.

TRANSACTION PARTICULARS

SELLER: Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc

BUYER: Saint Helena Developments Ltd (A wholly owned subsidiary of SHC)

PROPERTY: Parcel 185/186 Thompson's Hill, St Helena Island

SIZE: c. 42.5 Hectares (105 Acres)

Saint Helena Corporation Plc (SHC) announced today plans to develop a site on St Helena, a British Overseas Territory in the middle of the South Atlantic Ocean into a luxury residential estate of 140 to 150 units, with tropical ocean views, following the design of a show-house they have already built on the island. This exciting new development is to be called 'Trade Winds Ocean Village'.

The villas will be spacious (areas under roof between 177m² and 285m²) finished to extremely high standards and internally furnished in terms of a 'mood' board to be chosen by the buyer.

SHC also plans to create communal facilities on the property, including a camping and picnic site, with adventure children's playground, along with associated parking and ablutions. This facility will be available to all of the island's residents and visitors.

Trade Winds Ocean Village owners will also benefit from a communal swimming pool, tennis court, clubhouse as well as annual membership of the Trade Winds Golf Resort and clubhouse.

The 'Ocean Village' development will complement the proposed Trade Winds Golf Resort and Hotel development, which will be located nearby. Saint Helena Corporation Plc is the controlling shareholder of Trade Winds St Helena Island Limited, the company that will develop the Golf Resort & Hotel.

CEO of SHC Plc, Paul O'Sullivan said; "This latest acquisition is intended to consolidate our position on the island, in advance of a capital-raising to commence the developments we have lined up. Together with our ambition to establish direct flights from Europe we believe the island has a very bright future in terms of attracting tourism and investment." Said Mandy Peters, CEO of Solomons; "It has been a pleasure to work with SHC in bringing this transaction to completion and we have appreciated the company's high level of enthusiasm for this exciting new project." She went on to say, "The transaction between Solomons and St Helena Corporation Plc will provide the basis for a large-scale development which will have the potential to provide opportunities for the wider private sector and for individuals and to also enhance the leisure facilities available to islanders and visitors."

ESH Chief Executive, Dr Dawn Cranswick said "The Trade Winds Ocean Village development looks very impressive, and it is encouraging to see such confidence in the island's future potential"

Paul O'Sullivan wants direct flights to Europe and he has a plan

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ately turning it into the Trade Winds Golf Resort and Hotel. He spoke with typical directness to the *Independent* giving his view about what is holding back tourism growth. "The time line for commencing the development will be determined by a number of critical factors, most of which are outside our control:

1. Air access – there has to be more than one flight a week occupied by mostly Saints or ex-pats.
2. Joined up booking systems – there needs to be a single web-portal for accommodation, car rental and flights, as well as tourism related activities, such as fishing or snorkelling
3. Attitude of Saints – This needs to change from the current toxic environment where Saints are promoting the bankruptcy of the island to one where everyone is pushing in the same direction, upwards! I expect to be doing a substantial cash-raising for these projects and I am NOT going to the private equity market in the shadow of such toxicity around the future of the island, by the islanders themselves. Sadly, its mostly Saints abroad that are consumed with bitterness, but until they accept that the future of the island is either prosperity or bankruptcy, with the former only being possible if non-Saints are welcomed with open arms, then bankruptcy will prevail."

He continued, "All of the above are equally important and ALL three need to be seen as development hurdles that MUST be dealt with before we can move forward, so the sooner we all start pulling together the better. I therefore hope the internet trolls that are trying to kill the economy of St Helena will be exposed for what they are and shut out by those Saints that want to see a brighter future. One thing is for certain, no good will come of what the conspiracy theorist, doomsday-prepping trolls are up to."

O'Sullivan's approach to the Trade Winds Ocean Village is very similar; wait until the time is right. When asked if the development will be phased the answer was yes, and, "the market would not cope with 140 to 150 units in one go. Right



now, it would not even manage ten units."

The next stage is to apply for development permissions for the Golf Resort and Hotel and Ocean Village. O'Sullivan said "We will first go through a public consultation process and consider any comments from the public." Asked whether *planning gain* will form part of the development application O'Sullivan said, "There will be planning gains, but we are still conceptualising these." Planning gains often come into play when large development applications are being considered for approval. The development authority seeks additional public benefits from the developer for inclusion in the approval. In the case of any large development at Broad Bottom it might include, for example, improvements to the approach roads.

Responding to a question on the extent of self-sustainability for the developments O'Sullivan said, "When we do the golf estate, we will be putting in three dams, two small and one larger. It is hoped these will hold sufficient water for both developments and we would then pump it up to the Ocean Village. We are also hoping to include a networkable solar element as well, but this is still under design and testing by our sister company, Endless Power (Pty) Limited, in South Africa." The use of electric cars within the development is also being actively considered. Trade Winds company cars might also be electrically powered.

Who is Paul O'Sullivan?

Paul O'Sullivan is Irish/British, educated in engineering in Manchester and in law in London. His early working life was serving the Crown in the security services which at times involved counter espionage and counter terrorism; as such it is covered by the Official Secrets Act and no more was said. He later served with the United Nations police and then the Rhodesian police (now Zimbabwe). In the late 1980's he moved to South Africa but still retains links with the UK and Ireland. In 2000-01 he was credited with being the mastermind behind the reduction of South African airport crime by 35% in one year. At that time O'Sullivan was Group Executive, Aviation Safety & Security, for Airports Company South Africa. In 2011 O'Sullivan received recognition for his work in reducing Human Trafficking in Africa.

Some years earlier he detained a man on the London Underground who threatened a girl with a knife. He has known the current South African President, Cyril Ramaphosa since

Ramaphosa was a student at Police College. O'Sullivan was also nominated for an award for "promoting black entry into the tourism industry". The nomination also noted "Mr O'Sullivan's record with employing blacks in senior positions at the Randberg Waterfront," where O'Sullivan was Managing Director.

The continuing theme through counter terrorism, UN Police, detaining an armed criminal on a train, airport security, and more, led to O'Sullivan creating an organisation called Foren-



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sics for Justice. The organisation's purpose is described as, "Forensics for Justice is a non-profit organization that identified that the criminal justice system has been captured by criminals, or politically corrupt individuals that serve unconstitutional agendas, with the aim to protect 'connected' criminals from corruption charges. We acknowledge that until this scourge has been dealt with, the South African dream, given to us by the likes of Nelson Mandela and his hero comrades, will never be realised. Some of these people made the supreme sacrifice, NOT so that greedy people could bring our country to its knees whilst the poorest of the poor continued to suffer. We strive to rid our beautiful country of the corruption scourge. Get in touch today and help us see justice prevail."

O'Sullivan mentioned in one email he had put millions of Rand of his own money into Forensics for Justice which must mean he has funded his anti-corruption organisation by several hundreds of thousands of Pounds.

Corruption is so widespread in South Africa O'Sullivan has made (and is making) many dangerous enemies. The information on Paul O'Sullivan's private life was kept brief and to the point because his life and the lives of his wife and children have been threatened "many times" by criminals who have come off worse after an encounter with O'Sullivan.

South African media reported in June this year, "The Gauteng Director of Public Prosecutions has decided to charge a Hawks warrant officer who was part of a 15-man posse of officers who in 2016 dragged forensic investigator Paul O'Sullivan off a London-bound plane in front of his children."

The Hawks are South Africa's Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation. O'Sullivan has had several fearsome and lengthy battles with them as he has exposed their shortcomings. The Hawk warrant officer charged after the incident described here was remanded to appear in Court this week.

In the meantime the South African media is following Paul O'Sullivan with keen interest. Another recent media report headlined by Paul O'Sullivan reads, "I'm not going to let one of them off the hook, this is just the first of many who are going to stand trial," the forensic consultant says after years of harassment."

Paul O'Sullivan, clearly not a person to mess with unless you are on firm ground. Paul said to the *Independent*, "Save for the few disaffected Saints, who don't even know me, all the negative comments against me are from criminals, so it does not really bother me."

Ocean Village development planned near proposed Trade Winds Golf Resort

On Sunday 11t August Solomon's officially announced they had entered into "a transaction by SHC to acquire c. 105 acres of land for development" in the Thompson's Hill land registration area. The buyer is Paul O'Sullivan's Saint Helena Corporation plc(SHC) who have already taken control of what was Shelco's Wirebird Hills development and renamed it Trade Winds Golf Resort and Hotel.

O'Sullivan's new acquisition will be called Trade Winds Ocean Village. Between 140-150 luxury houses are planned. The area under roof for the houses will be between 177m² and 285m². Ocean Village and the Golf Resort will be near each other and there will be some sharing of communal facilities thereby extending the choice of activities available.

The luxury houses will be similar to the show house built at the top of Sapper Way near Model Cottage. They will be sold based on various categories. Apart from outright ownership, a house can be bought on a time-share basis or shared ownership. Anyone buying a house outright will have the choice of renting it out or leaving it empty if not lived in for the entire year. When not occupying the house the owner can place the property in the 'rental pool' so the house can be booked on-line on a self-catering basis. Rented houses are to be serviced in a daily basis.

In addition to the luxury houses a camping and picnic site is planned together with a children's adventure playground. A car park and toilet facilities are to be included. This facility will be available to all island residents.

Owners of Ocean Village houses will also have the Trade Winds Golf Resort and Hotel swimming pool and tennis court at their disposal as well as annual membership of the Trade Winds Golf Resort and clubhouse. There will be four types of membership to the golf club; residential member, non-residential member, hotel member and visiting member. The hotel guests would have free use, the visiting member would have visitor's fees to pay and the non-residential member would have annual fees to pay, which would include use of the clubhouse facilities.

Paul O'Sullivan explained to the *Independent*, the land for the Ocean Village has been purchased but the transfer of land in name will await an outcome of the development application which is favourable to the applicant. It is not expected much will happen in the immediate future, apart from an application for development permission. O'Sullivan told the *Independent* ten luxury houses at Ocean Village would be too many in the current position for the Island's tourism. In the longer term the media release issued on Sunday quotes the Chief Executive of the St Helena Corporation saying, "Together with our ambition to establish direct flights from Europe we believe the island has a very bright future in terms of attracting tourism and investment."



Shelco's Wirebird Hills becomes Trade Winds Golf Resort and Hotel

Just nine months ago Paul O'Sullivan's St Helena Corporation took a controlling interest in Shelco. On 8th November last year it was announced O'Sullivan's St Helena Corporation had acquired just over 75% of Shelco's shares. The shares were paid for with £1 million in cash. The total value of the Wirebird Hills/Trade Winds project was estimated at £150 million over the next five to seven years.

What Shelco had for sale was the option to buy 400 acres at Broad Bottom from Solomon's. It is not clear whether New Porteous House was included in the sale. The 400 acre site has development permission for a world-class 6,378 yards 71 par golf estate designed by golf course designers Mackenzie & Ebert who have designed well known courses in Europe, Middle East, Asia, North America including the Bahamas. The architect for the resort and residential development is well-known London firm, Purcell whose UK partner Jeremy Blake said "having had several meetings with Paul O'Sullivan of SHCPLC, it is clear that he shares our vision and wants to make this project happen as soon as possible. He's made it clear that he will keep all the professional consultants on to make sure he does not lose any institutional knowledge."

The announcement of the transfer of ownership quoted long-serving Shelco chairman Sir Nigel Thompson who said "We are delighted to have been able to tie up this deal. Paul O'Sullivan has a long career in property development around the world. Being a British national and having previously served the Crown as a young man, he is ideally placed to take on the task of finishing what we have started. I am particularly pleased that having analysed SHELCO's development strategy for delivering Broad Bottom Estate as part of St. Helena's overall plans for creating a self sustaining, environmentally friendly economy, Paul O'Sullivan is completely in accord with our development proposals and has agreed to exercise the Option before the end of 2020. Paul O'Sullivan has a long and distinguished presence in property development, some of it

high-risk, and has proven his mettle in that arena. Apart from his development skills, I admire his obvious determination and staying power which will be required to complete this significant challenge. Although we have relinquished control of our company, the existing shareholders of SHELCO have acquired through the process a minority interest as we all share the aspiration to see St. Helena succeed."

Paul O'Sullivan was also quoted in the November '18 announcement speaking on behalf of his development company. "This deal brings us a step further to realising our goal of being the principal catalyst to create a sustainable economy for St. Helena on their picturesque island. We are already the single largest non-government investor on the island and this will place us in a position to develop an eco-resort with a world class golf course, which will not be matched anywhere. Having paid the £1million to acquire SHELCO, we have also provided for the £2.3million required to exercise the option before the end of 2020, with a view to starting work on site and completing the development, within a further five years. I already have keen interest being shown by two well-known 5 star hotel brands, subject to resolving the direct air access from Europe."

O'Sullivan added, "There has been a lot of negativity surrounding the opening of the airport, which was claimed by some to be a complete failure in the first instance. However the St Helena Government and DFID agencies persevered and what we have today is an airport capable of meeting the tourism needs of the island well into the future. I am confident in our investment and expect to see profits flowing in about 5 years' time. I am also confident in the Government and people of St Helena and hope they will see this as a further demonstration of our belief in them."

Access to property for Thomas family was not denied says O'Sullivan

There is more than one version of a story circulating St Helena about a family with a property below Broad Bottom being denied access to the property across Broad Bottom. The *Independent* asked Paul O'Sullivan if he would comment on this, he did.

"This is 100% false" was the introduction to his comment, "no doubt invented by someone with an axe to grind." O'Sullivan said he did point out there are plenty of access points however he told the *Independent* he would be more than happy to grant a free right of way once the internal roads had been built. He added, "The problem was they wanted us to create a right of way and pay for a



road to be built, just for them." O'Sullivan said they would have to wait until the internal roads were built. He emphasised, "I will still give them a free right of way to their property if they want it, when the roads are built."

O'Sullivan continued, "I think I should point out that the Thomas family ceased to live there nearly 25 years ago and the building in question is completely derelict."

To ensure the comments the *Independent* invited from him received a full response O'Sullivan included photos of the house and its surroundings.

'Headless Chickens' – Roddy's Story

Addie Thomas

As he stepped off the RMS St Helena in September 2009 Rodney 'Roddy' Yon had a vision, he had a dream. A man returning to the island with expertise gleaned from his time in the UK to benefit his fellow islanders.

His dream was to found and operate a chicken farm.



Born in the Trap Cott area of St Pauls, Roddy's great-grandfather had been part of a modernisation period through land sale when Charles Harper, Governor and Commander in Chief of the island in 1944 worked with locals to establish the Agricultural and Forestry Department (A&F). Farming is deeply ingrained in Roddy's blood.

We all dream, we all hope. Establishing ourselves when the time is ripe is important, laying building blocks for our future and all the challenges that come with this. Roddy felt the time was right to pursue his ambition.

Along the way, we all receive support and advice, these contributions can be the bloodline to success, yet when advice becomes thwarted, communication dire, these elements of business life can destroy a vision, **people** and all that has been achieved.

This is **Roddy's story** of what went wrong and why his last cause of action was to dispose of fifty dozen eggs at our Government's feet on 31st July 2019. This article will show the fragmentation of communication and common sense among our leaders. You may make of it what you will.

It was the late Mr Gilbert Yon who helped Roddy realise his dream. The St Helena Development Agency had refused to support Roddy at the time. It answered my question as to why there was a picture of Gilbert above one of the wooden beams in Roddy's cleaning and preparation facility.



Enter Basil Read (BR) in November 2011 and the demand for eggs quadrupled. Roddy did what any businessman would do; he tried to meet demand with the resources available to him. I suggested to Roddy that Islanders felt he had let them down during this period and instead increased his prices and took care of BR before his own Saints. Roddy's response to this was, "Addie, I was still supplying to the island through Solomons and independent café outlets. Indeed many of our Saints worked at BR. As detailed later on in this article, the public will see that my prices are justified against my overheads. The money remained on the island and continued to circulate for the benefit of the people. I was also using local businesses for the labelling and packaging of my products".

Roddy sadly had to close the farm in 2013 due to the Agricultural and Natural Resources Division (ANRD) not being able to supply chicken replacements. There were UK supplier complications. However, he was offered a place on the overseas exposure visit in South Africa and this was initiated and funded by Enterprise St Helena (ESH) and ANRD. Roddy realised that he had to 'grow' as a businessman and as it stands, Roddy feels he has indeed embraced this growth and tried to learn from past mistakes. **At no time has Roddy disputed his need for learning.**

After this disappointing start (as any businessman will tell us from Richard Branson to Peter Jones that there are indeed stop-starts to a successful business venture) the Partnership Project, established in 2014 helped to provide accommodation for one thousand two hundred hens under the Chairmanship of Councillor Raymond Williams (aka 'Matches'). Assistance also came from ESH and the ANRD so that Roddy could take over the parent stock of some sixty five hens and six cockerels. Unfortunately the parent stock's laying age had gone beyond a year and coming to the end of their cycle. Approximately six months remained for laying time.

ANRD were previously spending £20'000 per annum as a

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minimum before Roddy took on the out-sourcing contract.

In February 2015 the RMS went offline, so eggs were imported (with incubation procedures in place) from Germany by the SHG Husbandry Section. Why did they not just import chicks from South Africa? During the initiation of Roddy’s business, island legislation insisted that no chicks should be imported from South Africa due to disease implications. So what has changed since then with regards to chicks coming in from South Africa?

For the public’s information, pullets are chicks from birth to six months and laying hens are aged six months to twenty eight months. Parent stock is the hens that lay the eggs for a new supply of pullets. In the process of importing eggs, two separate eggs come in and are hatched. Cockerel eggs and hen eggs. Following the process of incubation for twenty one days, Roddy would then marry the brown cockerel to white hens and dispose of white cockerels and brown hens.

Example: out of sixty cockerel eggs, Roddy may only get six cockerels of correct colour. Out of one hundred and sixty hen eggs, Roddy may only get thirty six hens which would then be married to the cockerels. This should be noted when it comes to Roddy’s business waste.

Further, Susan White of the International Food Safety Management was brought to the island to review hygiene within our food supply chains. Roddy proudly displays his certification obtained during this one-off visit in 2015. I note that ESH’s logo is also proudly displayed on this certification. It’s now 2019 and it is understood that a further visit has been made by Susan White, but I wondered whether locally trained personnel have been upholding these inspections?

Roddy admits that with the request for supply of up to one thousand seven hundred pullets per year his commercial knowledge needed some tutelage. He struggled to supply six hundred of the total demanded. He kept investing his time and money into the business short-fall hoping to break even and reap the benefits at a later date. Roddy did not supply the additional six hundred chicks because he was at the time re-building his own stock. He did however cater for the known local farmers.

As a result of the short-fall in July 2018 it was then decided by ANRD to bring in additional chicks from South Africa and out of the first batch of one thousand chicks, Roddy was offered fifty and accepted. Please note that it is not clarified what happened to the other nine hundred and fifty chicks imported. It is also not clarified what happened to the eleven hundred chicks and their eggs sold from Roddy’s stock to help known chicken farmers. **Roddy does not dispute that he agreed on the import of these initial one thousand chicks as this benefited the island as a whole and met demand at the time.**

However, it is wondered what happened to the legislation that said no chicks were to be imported from South Africa? What has happened to this policy to safe-guard the island popula-

tion against disease? Perhaps SHG could issue a formal statement to the people of this island confirming that we are no longer at risk?

I watched as Roddy washed a duck egg for my niece to take away. He explained to me the investment made by ESH in order to get this egg washer and how important it is in the egg-supply chain regulations. Do all current suppliers use this facility when selling to the open market?



It should be noted that it is a six month gap from day old chicks to laying hens. A further twenty two months of laying then brings the cycle to an end and the hen is then killed for pet food. Do all of our suppliers do the same? Are they killed and buried? Or are the hens left to roam the island, **thus becoming pests to our flora and fauna and indeed bio-security?**

Enter the second, third and fourth batches of chicks from South Africa, however this time, with little consultation. Roddy requested five hundred and fifty chicks from batch two but only received one hundred and fifty chicks. Roddy was then told he had to wait for the third batch to come in before he could receive his full quote. Yet, Roddy was being used as the main reason to bring in batch two and three. If Roddy could not be supplied with his full quote from batch two who were the recipients pushing for these additional batches? If the island had exceeded its demand by batch three, why was an additional batch ordered? Is it possible that there is no supply and demand strategy and no consideration of long term economic management?

Roddy is currently fighting to get the names of the recipients of these chicks from the Chief Secretary, Susan O’Bey. Roddy has been advised that due to the data protection act, he must request these names from the Public Solicitor. Roddy continues to chase this information as of Tuesday 13th August 2019. He also contacted ANRD and was advised that the numbers were imported for ‘known farmers’ but with no further details given.

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It has been suggested that the recipients of these chicks are ANRD staff, SHG staff and even Councillors. People who are supposed to be supporting the private sector, not bamboozling it? **Could this be classed as another untargeted-subsidy?** Perhaps the Government could clarify this for the people of St Helena? Factual data reveals ANRD staff will receive 5.4% of the four thousand chicks equating to two hundred and seventeen.

No. of Chicks	Arrival Date	Start of Lay	End of Lay
1000	September 2018	February 2019	December 2020
1000	February 2019	July 2019	May 2021
1000	March 2019	September 2019	July 2021
1000	August 2019	January 2020	November 2021

The above information clearly shows that the market has now been flooded by day old chicks and by January 2020, the island will see a supply of approximately four thousand eggs per day for a population of just over four thousand people, some who do not even eat eggs that frequently. How have we reached this number? **Who suggested this number?**

Yet, we are already realising a glut in the market and we haven't even got to January 2020 yet.

What chance does a local businessman like Roddy have in contending with these numbers? Roddy is now considering culling four hundred of his six hundred remaining chicks as he cannot survive this. His family continue to support his business from their own monthly wages.



Roddy visited Neil Foster, Business Advisor for ESH approximately four months ago to discuss a rescue plan. It has been suggested that since then, the communications in this meeting has not been discussed fully with SHG and ANRD, hence more one-day chicks. Roddy streamlined his business through Solomons as a result of recommendations to reduce operational costs.

It has been suggested that Joe Hollins (Senior Veterinary Officer) has also been included to assist with island demand, it has been suggested that someone with an economic background might have been better placed to support stats? Perhaps SHG can comment on this gentleman's involvement since it is deemed people like Roddy would know far more about egg production than a vet?

Roddy met with the Economic Development Committee (EDC) on Thursday 25th July 2019 with a comprehensive report as per this article. This committee consisted of *Chairman* Lawson Henry, *Deputy Chairman* Cruyff Buckley, *Councillors* Christine Scipio-O'Dean, Clint Beard and Gavin Ellick. The Advisory Board in attendance consisted of Rob Midwinter (*Director, ESH*), Neil Foster (*Business Advisor ESH*), Darren Duncan (*Acting Director of the Environment & Natural Resources &*

Planning Directorate), Andrea Timm (*Agricultural and Redevelopment Officer for ARND*), Joe Hollins (*Senior Veterinary Officer*), Nicholas Yon (*Deputy Financial Secretary*), Anita Legg (*Acting Clerk of Council*), Amanda-Curry Brown. Roddy also took with him to this meeting, Martin Henry (*General Manager – Mercantile*) and Councillor Dr Corinda Essex (*President of the Chamber of Commerce*).

Previous to this meeting, Councillor Gavin Ellick requested a meeting with stakeholders through Chairman Lawson Henry and had no reply. It should be noted it was only when Roddy approached Chief Secretary, Susan O'Bey that this meeting took place.

Roddy chased a response to the request made to Chairman Lawson Henry by Councillor Gavin Ellick only to be advised **"I didn't know you were waiting on a response"**. Surely as Chairman of the Board and Chairman of ESH, it should have been apparent to Councillor Henry that this situation needed urgent responses and recommendations, hence Roddy's rescue plan initiative some four months ago with Neil Foster? It seems the situation was left to worsen.

Roddy has heard nothing formally back from the EDC since the meeting on 25th July 2019. Roddy feels that he has exhausted all of the correct avenues of communication hence his final **desperate** action was to dispose of his eggs at the SHG's Headquarters.

It is suggested that we now have another person to add to the 'affray' of bureaucracy Leigh Morris. Trainer for Farming yet recently involved in the National Trust / Blue Marine initiative. The question asked is this, "is it just our local egg supply which is reaching saturation levels and confusing all involved?"

Roddy's investment / operating costs to date are as follows:

Investment	Cost	Comments
Feed 1.5- 2 bags per day	£56 per day (worse case)	Note feed is pre-ordered through Solomons and it is coming, Roddy cannot now say that the he cannot pay for it, accept it. Roddy is expected to purchase 40-60 bags in bulk to allow for the travel period of the MV Helena
Nest Boxes (3 x ply @ £30 each)	£90 per box	
Vehicle & Petrol	£20 pw	Note this is with the Solomons streamlining plan, not previously
Egg Washer	ESH	
Drinking Nipples x 23	£276	
Packaging and Labelling	£1'008 pa (cartons) + £1'200 (labels)	
Feeders x 30	£390	
1 Day Chicks @ 600 x £250	£1500	
Rent	£45 per month	
Eggs		116 Dozen in Solomons Wholesale and another 200 dozen at Roddy's farm * as of Thursday 8 th August 2019. As of Monday 12 th August a new request for 100 dozen has been made by Solomons
Waste 100 % Eggs	65% - 70% hatch successfully	Approximately 10% successful hatching for cockerels Approximately 22.5% successful hatching hens

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Farmers and locals are able to sell a dozen eggs at sometimes as low as £2 because they have far fewer overheads. Roddy was asked to drop his price from £4.00 to £3.50 in the EDC meeting by Joe Hollins on 25th July 2019. As the public can see from Roddy's operating costs he simply cannot take that kind of cut and keep running at a loss. Is it now a case of SHG undercutting the private sector? He is currently selling his eggs to Solomons at £3.20 per dozen **simply to move stock and awaiting Public Health for the green light to cull four hundred of his chickens.**

It was important for Julie Thomas and I to visit Roddy's chicken farm. I left with a heavy heart as I watched a man totally dejected from the vision that he had once held in such high esteem. Too depressed to turn up for work at the sight of what needed to be done re: **destruction**. He had a vision that he had invested his life and savings into, a vision where he hoped for a better future for his family, the island and him. How could that vision have gone so badly wrong?

Sadly, I have watched many a passionate St Helenian 'fall from grace', one, more closer to home than others. Why does this keep happening in our society? Why when the factual failings are uncovered are lessons not learnt? Why is our communication so poor? **Why does our Government not seem to have more faith in local knowledge and yet will throw vast amounts of resources at external expertise?** Scarily more so, when initial business decisions have gone horribly wrong.

Roddy felt that more respect would be gained from the islanders if a simple but sincere hand in the air, "I've made a mistake" gesture were to be made and a "let's learn together" approach were adopted. Speaking from experience, this has very often not been the case with SHG. Decisions are often

made without proper consultation with the people truly affected within these boardroom resolutions. "Hindsight is a wonderful thing" but not a useful statement either when we fail to learn time and again.

It has been very thought provoking working with Roddy and Julie Thomas on this article. I feel have learnt more about chicken farming in a week than in my entire life, if only we took the time to pay close attention to detail. It has not been easy for Roddy to revisit every conversation and meeting and the frustrations he feels daily. It is not easy for Roddy to go to sleep at night and wake up in the morning without answers and being passed from person to person like a parcel in a 'pass the parcel' game.

Are we all just running around like 'Headless Chickens' with long-term solutions and people's dreams always an afterthought and in tatters? People have grown businesses across the private sector based on Government projections and ESH encouragement. Are there more 'Roddys' who are suffering in silence and still to come out of the woodwork?

Note to foreign investors, don't bring in anymore chicks or eggs as we have sufficient here for you.

We welcome comment and open discussion from the mentioned bodies.



CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS TAKING PLACE IN AUGUST 2019 AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOUR COUNCILLORS

Councillors will hold a series of meetings in each district for constituents to ask questions and raise concerns. The following key topics will also be discussed at each meeting:

- Social Impact Assessment Review
- Phase One of the DFID funded Economic Development Investment Programme
- Unbanning cycling on roads into and out of Jamestown
- St Helenian Status

Each meeting will start at 7pm.

Venue	Date
Kingshurst Community Centre	Monday, 19 August
HTH Community Centre	Monday, 19 August
St Mary's Church, The Briars	Tuesday, 20 August
Harford Community Centre	Wednesday, 21 August
Blue Hill Community Centre	Thursday, 22 August
Jamestown Community Centre	Tuesday, 27 August
St Michael's Church, Rupert's	Tuesday, 27 August
Silver Hill Bar, Levelwood	Wednesday, 28 August
Sandy Bay Community Centre	Thursday, 29 August



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The Councillors look forward to meeting with you and hearing your views.

SHG, 13 August 2019



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Non-Executive Directors are required to act with a degree of independence from the operational activities and have a role in providing strategic vision; monitoring the Bank's performance; the financial reporting process; the review of risk and controls; and governance.

Time commitment is on average 2 days per month and remuneration is provide at £3,000 to £3,500 per annum. Where experience and qualifications allow, there is potential for a non-Executive Director to also serve as Chairperson of the Board.

Interested persons should submit their Expressions of Interest and a CV to Leeanne Henry, Acting Managing Director, by email asst.managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com or in person at Bank of St Helena Office in Market Street, Jamestown.

Closing date for Expressions of Interest is Friday, 30 August 2019

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DIRECTORS' REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2018 -19

Extracts from the Directors' Report 2018-19

During the year the Bank continued to work towards the agreed strategic objectives outlined in the Bank's strategic plan. Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) were set in line with these objectives to monitor and review the Bank's performance throughout the year.

The performance of the Bank is very much influenced by the current economic climate which includes customer deposits, revenue generated and the lending portfolio.

The Bank made an operating profit of £319,014 for the year 2018-19 which was a decrease of £84,779 (21%) from 2017-18, with a 15% net profit margin and a cost to income ratio of 85%. There has been a positive adjustment to fair value, as opposed to the negative adjustment of 2017-18, resulting in a profit before tax of £356,839, and a profit after tax of £283,977. This is an increase of £410,777 compared to the loss of 2017-18. It is hoped with increased automation, this will increase even further going forward.

The Bank's total income, net of interest payable, continued to grow this year with an increase of £208,926 (11.2%). Interest received increased by £98,198 (5.8%) from £1,701,821 to £1,800,019 and interest payable increased by £3,951 to £226,979. Fees and commissions increased by £45,831 (15.5%) this year as the Bank saw a noticeable increase in transactions, and new account packages were rolled out with the local debit card acceptance service. Other income also increased this year by £68,848 (74.8%) from 2017-18; being largely due to the large foreign currency transactions made during the year. The Bank is aware of its exposure to foreign exchange risk and whilst payments will always need to be made, the Bank tries to minimise this exposure by reducing holdings whilst still maintaining sufficient funds to service customer requests.

The Bank's investments have continued to fall this year following a decline in customer balances as previous years. However, the market value of investments has seen an increase, resulting in a positive fair value adjustment in the income statement, as opposed to the losses seen last year.

Lending has not materialised as was initially anticipated, and as a result the loan portfolio has decreased this year. Commercial loans went from £6,609,363 in 2017-18 to £6,280,556 in 2018-19, a decrease of £328,757 (5%) with no loans of significant value being approved. Personal loans also decreased by £86,830 to £1,155,340 against a balance of £1,242,170 at the end of 2017-18, which indicates that the economic climate has had a negative impact on the ability of customers to borrow. On a positive note, housing loans saw an increase of £260,218 for the year with the Bank seeing demand for higher value housing loans. The Bank operates well within its capital and liquidity limits set by the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) and the Bank is in a position to facilitate future growth in lending.

Customer monies held by the Bank show a decrease of £271,694 (0.4%) at the end of 2018-19. However, the Bank's higher earning interest accounts, Child Bond and New Life continue to be popular and show growth of 3% and 5% respectively for the year.

The Bank has a Strategic Plan for 2018-21 which will guide its products and services for the next 3 years. For the year 2019-20, International Prepaid Debit Cards and Virtual Tourist Cards are the top priority. International Prepaid Cards will allow the Bank's customers, who do not have access to international bank accounts, to travel abroad without the need for physically carrying large amounts of cash; a trial period for a prepaid card service is due to commence, and if successful it is hoped the cards will be available to customers in the near future. The Bank is also acutely aware of the need for international payment solutions here on island for visitors, and has carried out extensive work on the feasibility of certain options. It is hoped that the anticipated fibre optic link will allow real time communications offshore which will facilitate such international services. In the interim development for Virtual Tourist Cards is also being undertaken which will allow tourist visitors to use the Local Debit Card infrastructure. Phase one has been completed and phase two is currently in progress. This will allow safer transit of money for visitors and will benefit the islands economy as it will provide visitors with another spending option.

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019**

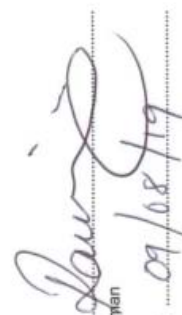
	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Income			
Interest Receivable	5	1,800,019	1,701,821
Interest Payable	6	(226,979)	(223,028)
Net Interest Income		1,573,040	1,478,793
Fees & Commissions		341,558	295,727
Other Income	7	160,900	92,052
Total Income		2,075,498	1,866,572
Expenditure			
Employee Costs	8	751,079	737,361
Premises Costs		59,897	55,903
Investment Management Fees		46,493	41,560
Depreciation Tangible Fixed Assets		86,160	62,709
Depreciation Intangible Fixed Assets		53,904	36,292
Specific Provisions		242,814	56,509
Audit Fees		32,875	27,913
Financial Services Authority Fees		25,331	25,417
Other Expenditure	9	457,931	419,115
Total Expenditure		1,756,484	1,462,779
Profit before gain/(loss) on financial assets		319,014	403,793
Gain/(loss) on financial assets			
Change in fair value of financial assets		37,825	(446,980)
Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities, before taxation		356,839	(43,187)
Taxation	10	(134,973)	(98,604)
Deferred Taxation	21	62,111	14,991
Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities, after tax		283,977	(126,800)

The income statement has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2019**

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	11	389,537	400,191
Intangible Fixed Assets	12	143,078	188,918
		532,615	589,109
Current Assets			
Cash	16	979,139	951,316
Bank Balances	17	2,778,866	2,618,028
Investments	14	56,558,475	57,123,362
Other Assets	15	2,478,081	1,895,121
Lending	13	16,574,301	16,582,126
		79,368,862	79,169,953
Total Assets		79,901,477	79,759,062
Liabilities			
Customer Current & Deposit Accounts	18	73,221,306	73,493,000
Other Liabilities	19	433,011	302,879
Total Liabilities		73,654,317	73,795,879
TOTAL NET ASSETS		6,247,160	5,963,183
REPRESENTED BY:			
Share Capital	23	3,219,285	3,219,285
Retained Earnings	24	3,027,875	2,743,898
Total Equity		6,247,160	5,963,183

The financial statements on pages 16 to 29 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 09 August 2019 and were signed on its behalf by:


Chairman
Date: 09/08/19



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VACANCY

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- Cash handling and assisting customers in meeting their banking needs and queries;
- Providing assistance in the delivery of Remote Banking services;
- Assisting in the Operations/Compliance section with the checking of daily work and any other Duties.

Interested persons can contact Auriel Williams, Teller Supervisor or Mercia George, Marketing Manager on 22390 for further information.

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

Completed application forms should be addressed to Mrs Mercia George, Marketing Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to marketing.manager@sainthelenabank.com

Closing date for applications is Friday, 30 August 2019

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ECDL IT: The ECDL programme defines the skills and competencies necessary to use a computer and common computer applications. It offers a wide range of modules including computer essentials, word processing and IT Security. Whether in school or in the workplace, ECDL offers you the skills that you need to succeed.	Sept 2019	FREE	Register Now
BCS E-safety Level 1: Staying safe online by learning all about the risks associated with the internet, and how to protect your digital information.	Sept 2019	FREE	Register Now
Get Connected – Basic IT Skills: An unaccredited course provided by SHCC which introduces users to the Computer. It is aimed to help you develop basic IT skills. You will work with a tutor which will help you gain skills and confidence with finding your way around the computer and doing basics such as compiling and email or typing a letter.	Sept 2019	FREE	Register Now
SHCC Microsoft Core Skills: SHCC offers an unaccredited course which familiarises you with Microsoft Applications. Learn new skills and progress your knowledge at a pace that is convenient for you.	Sept 2019	FREE	Register Now

Cisco Academy

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Python Programming	Sept 2019	£250.00	Register Now
Introduction to Networking (Module 1—CCNA)	Sept 2019	£250.00	Register Now
Preparing for the Digital Explosion	Sept 2019	£250.00	Register Now

Coursera

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Cyber security & the internet of things	Sept 2019	£40.00	Register Now
Programming Fundamentals	Sept 2019	£40.00	Register Now
Learn to program: The fundamentals	Sept 2019	£40.00	Register Now
Introduction to web development	Sept 2019	£40.00	Register Now
Information Security: Context & introduction	Sept 2019	£40.00	Register Now
Web Design for Everybody (Basics of Web Development and Coding)	Sept 2019	£40.00	Register Now
Responsive Web design	Sept 2019	£40.00	Register Now

Professional Studies—Qualifications for IT Careers

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
IT Skills—CompTia Certification	Sept 2019	TBC	Register Now

Training opportunities available

Community Education—Core Skills

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Essential Skills (Maths & English)	Sept 2019	FREE	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Functional Skills Maths	Sept 2019	FREE	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Functional Skills English	Sept 2019	FREE	30 July—30 Aug 2019
GCSE English	Sept 2019	FREE	30 July—30 Aug 2019
GCSE Maths	Sept 2019	FREE	30 July—30 Aug 2019

Community Education—GCSE/Level 2 Courses

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Environmental Management	Sept 2019	£20.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
IGCSE Marine Science	Sept 2019	£20.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Level 2 Enterprise & Marketing	Sept 2019	£20.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Level 2 Accounting	Sept 2019	£20.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019

Community Education—Skills for Success

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Personal Time Management	Sept 2019	£5.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Team Work	Oct 2019	£5.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Document Organisation	Nov 2019	£5.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Getting the most out of meetings	Dec 2019	£5.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Dealing with Customers	Jan 2020	£5.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019

Community Education—Personal & Cultural Learning

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Emergency First Response—Care of a Child	Sept 2019	£20.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Emergency First Response—Primary & Secondary Care	Sept 2019	£20.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Emergency First Response—Renewals	Oct 2019	£10.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Manual Handling	Sept 2019	£10.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Fire Safety	Sept 2019	£10.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Food Safety	Sept 2019	£10.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Food & Hygiene Safety	Sept 2019	£10.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019

Professional Studies—Qualifications for Careers

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
ACCA	Sept 2019	Full Cost £334.00 Sub £110.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
L3 Leadership & Management	Sept 2019	Full cost £487.50 Sub £162.50	30 July—30 Aug 2019
L5 Leadership & Management	Sept 2019	Full cost £1387.50 Sub £462.50	30 July—30 Aug 2019
IT Skills—CompTia Certification	Sept 2019	TBC	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Prince 2 Project Management Foundation	Sept 2019	Full cost £750.00 Sub £250.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Prince 2 Project Management Practitioner	Sept 2019	Full cost £750.00 Sub £250.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
L3 CIPS Certificate in Procurement & Supply Operations	Sept 2019	Full Cost £2616.00 Sub £875.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
L4 CIPS Advanced Certificate in Procurement & Supply Operations	Sept 2019	Full Cost £2616.00 Sub £875.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
L3 Certificate in Human Resources Practice (QCF)	Sept 2019	Full cost £2154.00 Sub £720.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
L3 Diploma in Human Resources Practice (QCF)	Sept 2019	Full cost £2953.00 Sub £985.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
L5 Certificate in Human Resources Practice (QCF)	Sept 2019	Full cost £3186.00 Sub £1060.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
L5 Diploma in Human Resources Practice (QCF)	Sept 2019	Full cost £3645.00 Sub £1215.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
L3 Certificate in Foundation Journalism	Sept 2019	Full Cost £345.00 Sub £115.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019

Tertiary Studies—A Levels through distance learning

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Biology	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Business	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Chemistry	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Economics	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
English Language & Literature	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Environmental Science	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Geography	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
History	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Mathematics	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Physics	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Politics	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Psychology	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Religious Studies	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Sociology	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019

Tertiary Studies—Access to Higher Education Diploma—Distance Learning

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Biomedical Science	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Business with Law	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Business with English	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Business with Finance	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Childhood Studies	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Construction	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
English (Humanities)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Health Professions (Health)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Health Professions (Science)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Health & Social Care	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Law & Legal Professions	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Midwifery (Nursing & Midwifery)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Nursing (Health Professions)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Nursing (Nursing & Midwifery)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Paramedicine	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Arts & Humanities (Music)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Arts & Humanities (Philosophy)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Arts & Humanities (Religious Studies)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Business Management	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Business Management (Accounting)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Business Management (Economics)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Business Management (Innovation & Enterprise)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Business Management (Leadership Practice)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Business Management (Marketing)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Childhood & Youth Studies	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Classical Studies	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Criminology	Sept 2019	£120.00	
Criminology & Law	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Criminology & Psychology	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Economics & Mathematical Sciences	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Education Studies (Primary)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
English Language & Literature	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
English Literature & Creative Writing	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Environmental Management & Technology	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Social Science (Psychology)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Social Science (Sociology)	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Top-up BA (Honours) Early Childhood	Sept 2019	£120.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019

Open University- Degrees—Distance Learning

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Criminology & Psychology	Sept 2019	Contact SHCC	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Environmental Management & Technology	Sept 2019	Contact SHCC	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Health Services	Sept 2019	Contact SHCC	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Natural Sciences	Sept 2019	Contact SHCC	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Psychology	Sept 2019	Contact SHCC	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Psychology & Law	Sept 2019	Contact SHCC	30 July—30 Aug 2019

Open University- Diploma (DipHE)—Distance Learning

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Criminology & Psychology	Sept 2019	Contact SHCC	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Environmental Studies	Sept 2019	Contact SHCC	30 July—30 Aug 2019

Open University- Certificates (CertHE)—Distance Learning

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Business management	Sept 2019	Contact SHCC	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Education Studies (Primary)	Sept 2019	Contact SHCC	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Health Sciences	Sept 2019	Contact SHCC	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Healthcare with Health Science	Sept 2019	Contact SHCC	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Mathematical Sciences	Sept 2019	Contact SHCC	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Natural Sciences	Sept 2019	Contact SHCC	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Psychology	Sept 2019	Contact SHCC	30 July—30 Aug 2019

Open University- Certificate through Distance Learning

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Management	Sept 2019	Contact SHCC	30 July—30 Aug 2019

Coursera

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Business English: Management & Leadership	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Inspiring and Motivating Individuals	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Financial Markets	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Strategic management	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Teaching & assessing Clinical skills	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Building your Leadership Skills	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019
Converting challenges into opportunities	Sept 2019	£40.00	30 July—30 Aug 2019

For further information and/or to request a registration form contact:

Carley Peters or Cherilee Thomas-Johnson on telephone 22607 or

email: shcc@sainthelena.gov.sh

Education & Employment Directorate | St Helena Community College | Market Street | Jamestown

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VACANCY WITHIN THE ST HELENA AIRPORT LIMITED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The St Helena Airport Limited is looking to recruit an appropriate individual for the following post:

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

St Helena Airport Limited (SHAL) was formed with a clear mandate to operate and maintain St Helena Airport in accordance with Air Safety Support International's (ASSI) certification requirements. The company is currently in its infancy and requires an experienced and dynamic individual to undertake the role of Board Chairperson. The incumbent will be expected to train and mentor a designated chairperson on island to take over the role at the end of their tenure.

The Chair of the Board of Directors is expected to provide leadership to the Board to ensure it functions effectively. The current Board believes that the Board Chairperson must be a qualified and appropriate individual. All applicants will be expected to possess the following attributes:

- Aerospace and/or airport or aviation experience;
- Civil engineering, Environmental engineering, planning, compliance, protection, etc. experience;
- Knowledge of the mandate and business activities of St Helena Airport Limited and a good understanding of the regulatory environment in which it operates;
- Knowledge of corporate governance and best practices;
- Knowledge of human resources management;
- Financial literacy and competency;
- Knowledge in strategic business and master planning;
- Ability to anticipate emerging issues and lead organizational change;
- Ability to develop effective working relationships with other Board members, SHAL senior management, St Helena Airport business partners and stakeholders;
- Superior communication skills, both written and verbal, and
- Previous board experience is essential preferably in a similar role.

Key duties and responsibilities of the Chair are as follows:

- Plan the Board's annual schedule of meetings and agendas, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and other directors as appropriate;
- Coordinate with the CEO to ensure that the Board receives the appropriate quantity and quality of information in a timely manner to enable it to make informed decisions;
- Chair all meetings of the Board and ensure that meetings are conducted efficiently and effectively;
- Facilitate full and candid Board discussions, ensure all directors express their views on key Board matters and assist the Board in achieving a consensus;
- Develop teamwork and a cohesive Board culture and facilitate formal and informal communication with and among directors;
- Help ensure that action items established by the Board are tracked and appropriate follow-up action is taken as necessary;
- Chair annual and special meetings if necessary;
- Collaborate with the Member (St Helena Government) on the structure of the Board of Directors, including the performance of individual directors and
- Train and mentor a designated chairperson during the tenure of their role to take over the role of Board Chairperson.

If you think you have the relevant qualifications and skills to suit this role, or you would like more information please submit your CV and a Letter of Intent to St Helena Airport Limited on Telephone number 25180 Ext 128 or email address recruitment@sthenelenaairport.aero to

Business Manager

St Helena Airport Limited

Attention: Board of Directors

The closing date for this application to this position is **31st August 2019**. Interviews will take place in October 2019.



**ASCENSION ISLAND
GOVERNMENT**

**We are looking for an Administrative Assistant to join the Ascension Island Government
(Package worth up to £18,000 per annum)**

The Ascension Island Government is looking for an Administrative Assistant to work across a range of different departments in AIG. This will offer a unique opportunity to learn new skills and develop existing ones. The successful applicant will carry out a range of administrative duties across departments such as the Post Office, Stores, Finance and HR to name a few. You will be able to cover periods of absences during planned annual leave and support busy peak periods as required.

Previous administrative experience will be of benefit, however, training can be provided by individual departments. You must be willing to learn and adapt to new situations as well as having a passion for customer service and good organisational skills. You must be an effective user of IT and a good communicator.

We are offering a two year, single status, contract with a salary of £8,000 per year (taxable in Ascension). You will also receive the following benefits valued at £10,000:

- 37.5 hour working week
- Rent free accommodation (with electricity and water allowances)
- A food allowance of £3,089
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment for you and your family
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care

This appointment will be subject to satisfactory:

- Employment References
- Criminal Records Check
- Medical Clearance (Ascension Island has limited medical facilities. If you believe that you have a medical condition that may be difficult to treat here please contact our Senior Medical Officer for a confidential discussion via smo.hospital@ascension.gov.ac)

We are looking for the successful applicants to start as soon as possible.

Closing Date: Friday 30th of August 2019

Interviews: Week commencing 2nd of September

Interviews will be carried out via Skype or teleconference

For more information (including detailed job description) and to apply visit: www.ascension-island.gov.ac/working-here/ or email your CV to: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

POLICE DIRECTORATE VACANCY SEA RESCUE SERVICES CREW

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

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

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

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

- GCSE Math and English at Grade C or above or equivalent
- First Aid Qualification – First Responder
- Valid and clean driving licence in Class A.
- Experience /Qualifications if the Maritime field.

Hours of work will be 35 per week and the successful applicant will be required to be on-call for emergencies and will be required some weekends as per an on-call and Aircraft cover rota.

Salary for the post is at Grade C commencing at £9,053 per annum.

For further details regarding the full role and a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Mr Simon Wade, Sea Rescue Manager on telephone number 25052 or e-mail simonwade@helanta.co.sh or Mr Craig Scipio, Deputy Sea Rescue Manager Tel 25215, email: craigscipio@helanta.co.sh or Deputy Sea Rescue Manager Leeroy Caswell Tel 25215, Email: leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh

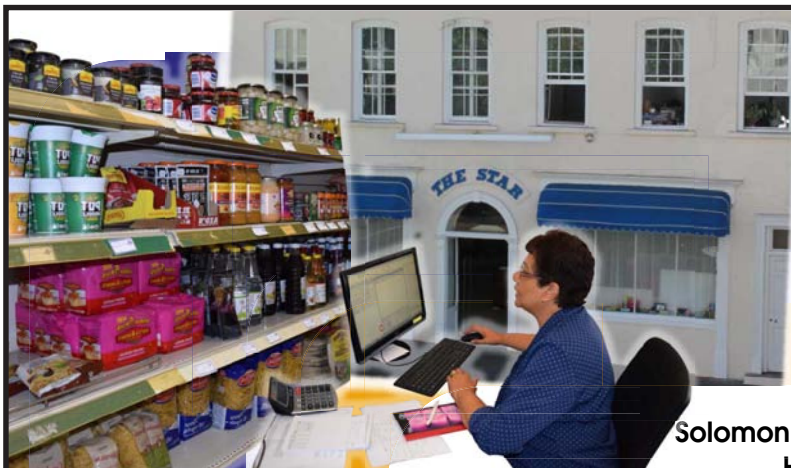
Applications should be completed and submitted, through Directors, where applicable, to Tina Sim, Senior Human Resources Officer, The Castle, or email tina.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 21 August 2019.

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

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

Michael Luke
Acting Director of Police 7 August 2019





**Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc
Has a vacancy for a**

Supervisor

Within The Star

Job Outline

To ensure that the shop floor is managed efficiently and effectively, and that customers receive the best standard of service possible.

Interested Persons Should:

- Be knowledgeable in Customer Service & Security
 - Be literate in Maths, English & IT
- Be knowledgeable & experienced in Food Handling
 - Have experience in Cash Handling
- Possess good leadership skills and Supervisory experience
 - Have experience in Stock Management

Salary for the post will start at **£8592.00** per annum (£716.00 per month)

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Ronald Coleman, Grocery Manager (The Star & Butchery) on telephone number: 22683 or via email address: grocerymanager@helanta.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hadmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, by **20 August 2019**

VACANCY FOR A TEACHING ASSISTANT

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

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

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

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

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Miss Kerry Lawrence, Deputy Headteacher, Prince Andrew School, on telephone number 24290 or e-mail kerry.lawrence@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 Acting Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Tuesday, 20 August 2019.

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Mrs. Wendy Benjamin
Director of Education & Employment
6 August 2019



VACANCY FOR TEACHER TRAINEES

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ Teacher Trainees.

Responsible to the Teacher Training Advisor, the initial Teacher Trainee will undertake a three year period of Initial Teacher Training. During this period teacher trainees will work towards gaining professional teaching qualifications and work as part of a team with other members of the teaching profession. Training involves studying relevant learning theory and how this translates into classroom practice to deliver effective learning and teaching for children and young people.

Applicants must be in possession of four GCSEs graded at C or above, two of which must be in English and Mathematics and an A level/AS qualification or equivalent.

The ideal candidate must be highly self-motivated, an effective team player and have a passion for teaching. The Salary band for Trainee Teachers on the Directorate's Scheme of Service ranges from £7,562 to £10,550 per annum. Opportunities are available for career progression.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Wendy Benjamin, Director on telephone number 22607 or e-mail wendy.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Mrs. Wendy Benjamin

Director of Education & Employment

8 August 2019

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES IN THE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT DIRECTORATE

The Education and Employment Directorate is seeking interest from persons who are able to offer contractual services as a Temporary Teaching Assistant within the Secondary 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 equivalent qualification. Recent and relevant work experience would be desirable. The ideal candidate must be self-motivated, have good interpersonal skills and a sense of humor.

For further details and a list of duties, interested persons can contact Miss Vyona Young, Head of Inclusion on telephone no 24543 or email lolly.young@sainthelena.gov.sh

Expressions of interest should be submitted to the Human Resources Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 20 August 2019.

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Mrs. Wendy Benjamin

Director of Education & Employment

8 August 2019



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VACANCIES FOR SENIOR CARE ASSISTANTS, EBONY VIEW & COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE

The Children & Adult Social Care Directorate is seeking to recruit suitably qualified persons to fill their vacant posts of Senior Care Assistants.

The post holders will be expected to deliver a high quality health and social care service directly to the frail and vulnerable people in full time residential and day care, in the Community Care Complex (CCC) and Ebony View enabling them, as far as possible, to live full and active lives.

Essential qualifications and experience required for these posts are:

- GCSE English at Grade C or above or equivalent
- First Aid (or a willingness to undertake)
- St Helena Nursing Assistant/Getting Started in Care Training or NVQ level 3 in Health and Social Care
- Completion of an accredited lifting and handling training or equivalent
- Social Care qualification at QCF level 3

Salary for this post is Pre-entry level, £8,402 per annum.

For further details about the posts and a copy of the Job Profile, interested persons should contact Ms Rosalie Brown, Community Care Centre on telephone number 25331 or e-mail: rosalie.brown@sainthelena.gov.sh or Ms Nicolene Adams on 23343 or email: nicolene.adams@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and Children & Adults Social Care Directorates and should be submitted through Directors where applicable, to Tina Sim, Senior Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail tina.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Tuesday, 20 August 2019.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified. Corporate Services, St Helena Government, The Castle, Jamestown, Island of St Helena, South Atlantic Ocean, STHL 1ZZ Telephone: +(290) 22470 Facsimile: +(290) 22450 E-mail: lindsay.shankland@sainthelena.gov.sh www.sainthelena.gov.sh

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Children & Adult Social Care Directorate 06 August 2019



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

www.sainthelenabank.com



REMOTE BANKING AUGUST 2019

Bank of St Helena would like to advise the public that Remote Banking for August will take place as follows:

Location	Date	Time
Scotland	Wednesday, 21 August	09:30 – 13:00
HTH Supermarket	Friday, 23 August	09:30 – 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Friday, 30 August	09:30 – 14:00

Save yourself the trip into Jamestown, visit your nearest Remote Banking Location

For your convenience you can also use your 'Local Debit Card' at all our Remote Banking Locations

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ST HELENA HOTEL DEVELOPMENT LTD



CALLING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTERESTS TO SERVE ON THE ST HELENA HOTEL DEVELOPMENT LTD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

St Helena Hotel Development Ltd is seeking Expressions of Interests from suitably qualified persons, keen to serve on its Board of Directors, as either the Chairperson or as a non-Executive Director. These positions are remunerated.

The purpose of the Board of Directors is twofold:

- to devise and direct the strategic aims of the business; and
- to oversee the performance of the St Helena Hotel, in line with the Hotel Management Agreement with the Operator, Mantis.

A copy of the terms of reference for the Board, together with a form to register an interest can be requested via email to the Board Secretary, Miss Nicole Plato on nicole.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh or collected from the Castle, Jamestown. Expressions of Interest should be made using the form accompanied by a current CV, to be returned to the Board Secretary by 30th August 2019.

Please note that registering an interest does not guarantee an appointment to the Board as this is subject to knowledge, skills and experience.



Business interests are increasingly looking for independent advice and technical support. As such, Enterprise St Helena (ESH) would like to hear from qualified or experienced individuals who would be interested in offering professional services in order that a list of local contacts may be provided to parties seeking such support. Such areas would include, but are not limited to:

- Accountancy, Book Keeping & Payroll services
- Business, Marketing and Sales Plans
- Financial and cash flow forecasting and profit improvement programmes
- Company formation, Partnership agreements and Commercial contracting
- Supply chain management
- Branding and graphic design
- Website development/IT Services
- Employment policy and Human Resources
- Legal services

Please note that it would be the responsibility of the Service Provider to ensure they comply with any relevant local legislation and regulations. However, relevant training and support may be available through ESH.

For an informal discussion or for further information, interested parties may contact Mr Robert Midwinter via Robert.Midwinter@esh.co.sh or Anne Dillon via Anne.Dillon@esh.co.sh or by telephone +290 22920



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Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc
has vacancies for Part-time

Coffee Pickers

Within the Coffee Plantations

Interested persons should submit their Name, Address and Telephone Number
to the Human Resources Department on either
Telephone Number: 22380
Email: hadmin@solomons.co.sh; or
Fax Number: 22423

ATLANTIC OUTPOST

Souvenir/Gift shop/Personalised gifts – IT services.
2nd Floor, The Market, Jamestown.

Opening times

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	09:30 to 16:30
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	09:30 to 16:30
Friday	09:30 to 16:30
Saturday	09:00 to 13:30
Sunday	Closed

- Dark & Light colour shirt printing. Have your say with your own personalised T-Shirt
- Engraving on wide range of materials
- Personalised gifts to suit any occasion
- Image illuminated in acrylic by LED lights
- Create your own cake decorations
- Photograph printing, up to 5X7 prints
- Signage, including health and safety signs

IT services

Over 15 year's experience working within large organisations including NHS England.

- Troubleshoot Hardware & Software issues
- System upgrades & rebuilds
- Software & hardware installs
- Wired and wireless network setups, security, and troubleshooting

Email: simon.henry@helanta.co.sh Phone: 61304 Facebook page: Atlantic Outpost

VACANCY FOR TEMPORARY TEACHING ASSISTANT

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ a Teaching Assistant to join a committed team of teachers within the Primary Sector of the Directorate on a fixed-term basis for the period of 2nd September 2019 until 16th December 2019.

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

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

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Patricia Williams, Headteacher, St Paul's Primary School on telephone number 24737 or e-mail patricia.williams@primary.edu.sh

A full job description and application forms, which are available from the Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Acting Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Wednesday, 28 August 2019.

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Mrs. Wendy Benjamin
Director of Education & Employment
15 August 2019



VACANCY FOR A SECONDARY PART TIME ENGLISH TEACHER

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ a suitably qualified Teacher to work at Prince Andrew School, part time. The successful applicant must specialize primarily in the area of English.

Applicants must have qualified teaching status and preferably have a relevant first degree in a specialised subject. Recent experience in teaching would be advantageous. The ideal candidate must be self-motivated and have good interpersonal skills and have the ability to offer another subject.

Salary for the post is based on qualifications. The salary band for teachers on the Directorate's Scheme of Service ranges from £10,550 - £18,114. Opportunities are available for career progression.

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

A full description and application forms are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through the Director, to the Acting Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 28 August 2019.

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Mrs. Wendy Benjamin
Director of Education & Employment
15 August 2019





**St Helena
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APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2019/63:** Full Planning Application for **Raising of Roof Profile and Siting of 20ft Container for a period of two years**, Longwood Hangings on Parcel 0044 Longwood South. Applicant: Lionel James Peters.

Copy of the Application 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 22270 or email Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Application should make them in writing within 14 days, to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Review & Representations Closing Date : 4pm – 30th August 2019

**Shane Williams
Planning Officer**

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.

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, if applicants do not have these qualifications they will be required to successfully pass a Functional Skills assessment in English and Math's. Candidates should have relevant background experience in Call Centre operations or customer care and experience of dealing directly with the public 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 Delma Stevens, Senior Human Resources Officer, Corporate Human Resources (or email delma.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than Friday 23 August 2019

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

David Lynch, Director of Police, 09 August 2019

APPLICATIONS FOR THE UK GOVERNMENT'S PRESTIGIOUS CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS NOW OPEN

Applications for Chevening Scholarships for study in the UK for 2020/2021 are now open. The closing date is **Tuesday, 5 November 2019**.

Chevening Scholarships are the UK Government's global scholarship programme, funded by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office. The Chevening Programme makes awards to outstanding individuals with leadership potential from around the world to study postgraduate courses at UK universities. These are usually one year long master's degree courses.

For the 2020/2021 programme, courses will commence in September 2020. The scholarship offers **full financial support** and allows candidates to gain access to a wide range of exclusive academic, professional, and cultural experiences. The Chevening programme was established in 1983 and is spread across more than 140 countries. Since its establishment over 50,000 outstanding professionals have had the opportunity to experience the UK and develop their careers through Chevening.

To apply, candidates must meet certain criteria which includes:

- Having completed all components of an undergraduate degree that will enable entry into a postgraduate programme in the UK,
- Have at least two years' work experience
- Return to St Helena for a minimum of two years following the course

Further information and guidance on eligibility can be found at www.chevening.org/scholarships/who-can-apply/eligibility.

Zedella Young, who through the Chevening Programme is currently studying for a MSc in Strategic Tourism Management and Marketing commented:

"This past year has been an incredible experience, and this has been a result of the Chevening programme. Each month the secretariat sends through an update with a list of events that includes British culture, sporting events, networking and conferences and volunteer opportunities. The community is also run through a closed Facebook group for scholars to exchange information and ideas and has spanned many additional groups to connect people of similar interests. I have made invaluable contacts with scholars in marketing, tourism development and from other British Overseas Territories, which could not have been possible without Chevening. I am honoured to be a part of this community and hope to see more scholars from St Helena take the opportunity to study on the Chevening programme."

Zedella will return to St Helena in September 2019.

Governor Dr Phillip Rushbrook commented:

"We must congratulate Zedella for her achievements; she is an excellent ambassador for the Programme. My hope is many other St Helenians will take advantage of Chevening to experience academic study in the UK and advance their professional development."

Director of Education, Wendy Benjamin commented:

"The Chevening Scholarship provides opportunity for students to further their education, it supports career aspirations and personal development. We have seen how this has benefitted past students and in turn St Helena. I encourage interested persons to apply. This is an opportunity not to be missed."

Further information about the Programme can be found on the Chevening website, www.chevening.org, through which applications should be submitted.

Manager of the Governor's Office, Kerry Lane, is able to provide advice and support locally. For more information please call Kerry on 22308 or email her at kerry.lane@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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13 August 2019



Zedella Young pictured on the right

Keeping Up with Saints Abroad!

This week the spotlight is on: Ross Leo

By: Roxanna Williams

Ross Leo was born on St Helena Island in 1997 to his mum Jackie Leo, and lived most of his life here on the island at Deadwood. He is now 21 years old and is currently living in the UK with family members.

In February 2017 at the age of 19 years, Ross decided to go to Ascension Island to work at the BBC Atlantic Relay station. "I had been to Ascension a few times before and enjoyed the lifestyle," Ross explained. During March of this year he moved to the UK in the hopes of joining the Army and becoming an Aircraft Technician within the Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME).

Presently Ross is working part-time as a bartender at Weatherspoon's. "I am enjoying life here in the UK so far, the weather has been quite good since I arrived. I might hate it by winter though," said Ross. He also told the Independent that he has gained experience, working in different environments and learned a lot of new skills working on Ascension Island. "I have made some great friends and considering that I had no intention of leaving the island when I was younger, I would say moving was an achievement in itself."

Although this is not the first time for Ross to travel, he has been to other places including Cape Town a few times. His Mum Jackie worked on the RMS, and he had the opportunity to accompany her on several trips. "That was probably my first taste of the real world", he explained.

Ross spends most of his time in the gym or doing other types of physical training in preparation for the Army, "I have also tried new sports like snowboarding which I couldn't do back



home and after going to a charity boxing event recently, I have also signed up for that," said Ross.

Ross describes himself as an adventurous and tall water-baby. When we asked him what he misses most about St Helena he told us, "probably the sea.... I spent most of my time in and around it and now it's a 2 hour drive just to see it. After being away for a while you appreciate it a bit more and there aren't many places in the world where you can just jump in a boat, go catch some fish and have a cook-up with friends." Ross plans to come back to St Helena as often as he can and one day return for good.

Ross ended with his advice for other young people on the island who wish to venture off, "Just go for it! When I was in school I never wanted to leave the island. Ascension was a stepping stone for me and now that I have experienced life in the UK I think I could happily live anywhere, there are loads of opportunities out there, and you just have to give it a go."

Historic Event

An historic event unfolds today at the Museum of STH, where a priceless statue awarded to St Helena between 50 and 60 years ago, is being given a new home for all to see and read about. In a report from Mrs Ivy Ellick a member of the St. Helena Heritage Society and who worked in the then Health and Social Services Department, said that the statue was awarded as a Trophy to the General Hospital of St Helena, for the lowest mortality rate in babies in the British Overseas Territories. St Helena won it three years consecutively, and because of this achievement, was allowed to keep it. At a time when St Helena had less of everything within the medical field and only one overseas personnel in the nursing fraternity - the matron, who was succeeded by Miss Grace Sim, one of the first St Helenians to become UK qualified. More so the rest of the nursing staff and community nurses were locally trained. Those days the average birth rate was between 130 -140 babies per year. At the time the infant mortality rate over a number of years was very low. It was a rare occasion to lose a baby. According to Mrs Ellick, the trophy is priceless because it was carved by a famous sculpturer, and has added value for St Helena in that it was a distinguished award for the Island many years ago and an achievement which we were and still is very proud of.

It was said that when the General Hospital was being renovated recently, the statue amongst other antiques went missing, but it has now been recovered from a collection of unwanted items that were removed from the building. Mrs Ellick said that a lot of hard work has gone into locating the missing statue and then ensuring it could be displayed in a secure and maintained area. Thanks are extended to all involved in making it possible. The hand-over ceremony for the priceless trophy has been scheduled by the organisers for 1pm today and Mrs Ellick said there is much satisfaction in knowing the statue, a link to the Island's past, is now safe and hopefully there will be much more awareness of its value, both material and sentimental.



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Last Friday night saw the start of the 2019/2020 English Premier League season when Liverpool host Norwich at Anfield. Liverpool got off to a great start as they scored 4 first half goals and defeated Norwich 4-1. The margin of victory could have been larger but for the good goal keeping of Tim Krul. Only disappointment for Liverpool fans was the injury to their goalkeeper Allison. Any prolonged absence could be a major blow for Liverpool.

New boys to the Premier League Norwich, put together some good attacking moves and scored a good goal from the well named Timo Pukki; but at the back they really struggled and made too many mistakes.

On Saturday it was business as usual for the Champions Manchester City as they swept aside West Ham 5-0.

Raheem Sterling was outstanding as he scored a hat trick; Gabriel Jesus scored the opener and Sergio Aguero scored a penalty.

West Ham offered very little in attack and couldn't handle the speed and movement of the well drilled Man City players.

The video assistant referee played a significant role for the first time in the Premier League.

The technology is making its debut in England's top flight this season and, after last night's curtain raiser between Liverpool and Norwich passed off without incident, it took centre-stage on Saturday.

VAR was first called on when Gabriel Jesus appeared to have put City 3-0 up midway through the second half, only for Raheem Sterling to be ruled fractionally offside in the build-up.

After Sterling added City's third, a moment also reviewed for possible offside, the system then awarded the visitors a penalty retake after Sergio Aguero's tame effort was saved by Lukasz Fabianski but Declan Rice was deemed to have encroached into the area.

In other matches on Saturday; Billy Sharp came off the bench to score a late equaliser as Sheffield United drew 1-1 with Bournemouth. Mepham had put the Cherries 1 up in the 62nd minute.

Burnley struggle to score goals last season, but began this campaign with a 3-0 home win against Southampton; all goals scored in the last half hour of the match.

Everton drew 0-0 with Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park and had Morgan Schneiderlin sent off in the 76th minute. Everton keeper Pickford had to make two crucial saves to ensure that Everton came away with a point.

The surprise result for me was Brighton 3-0 away win against Watford. Brighton who narrowly avoided relegation last season stunned a Watford side who finished 11th last season.

In the late game on Saturday; Aston Villa took an early lead against Spurs and then heroic goalkeeping from Heaton kept Tottenham at bay until the 73rd minute when he was beaten by a deflected shot from Ndombele who was making his debut.

Harry Kane then scored 2 late goals to give his team all 3 points. They were the England captain's first goals at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, which opened in April.

On Sunday Wolves drew 0-0 with Leicester City at the King

Power Stadium. Wolves did had a goal ruled out by VAR. Wolves boss Nuno Espirito Santo said video assistant referee decisions are affecting "the spirit of the game" after his side had a goal ruled out in their scoreless draw at Leicester.

Joao Moutinho's right-wing corner was headed goalwards by Leander Dendoncker and hit the arm of Wolves' Willy Boly at close range before Dendoncker shot the rebound past Kasper Schmeichel from eight yards out.

But, after one minute and 38 seconds and a VAR review, the goal was disallowed by on-field official Andre Marriner, with Leicester fans cheering when no goal was announced via the stadium's big screens.

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang gave Arsenal a 1-0 win away at Newcastle. Arsenal started with most of their big name signings on the bench and struggle to break Newcastle down in the first half.

Newcastle manager Steve Bruce would have taken some positives from the match as he saw his team create two good chances against the Gunners before conceding as the result of one defensive error.

The last match of the weekend saw Frank Lampard bring his side to Old Trafford to face Ole Solskjaer's Manchester United. United fans would have been so happy with their team's performance, especially in the second half.

Marcus Rashford scored twice, either side of a close-range effort from Anthony Martial, who had been given the number nine shirt back following the sale of Romelu Lukaku to Inter Milan.

Substitute Daniel James completed the scoring with a goal on his debut nine minutes from time to complete a 4-0 win.

This result was a bit harsh on Chelsea who played really well in the first half and saw two shots beat De Gea and crash of the post.

Man United fans would have been particular happy with the performance of the new signing Harry Maguire and Aaron Wan-Bissaka who were outstanding in defence. Fellow new signing Daniel James scored 7 minutes after coming on as second half substitute.

The second round of matches will start at 11.30GMT when Arsenal host Burnley. 2pm matches will see Aston Villa play Bournemouth at home; Brighton host West Ham, Everton play Watford at Goodison Park, Norwich will play Newcastle and Liverpool will travel to Southampton. In the 4.30pm match Manchester City will play Tottenham Hotspur in the game of the weekend.

On Sunday at 1pm Sheffield United will play Crystal Palace. At 15.30pm Chelsea will play at home against Leicester City.

On Monday evening Manchester United will face a difficult trip Wolves; with the match kicking off at 7pm our time.

On Wednesday we saw an enjoyable UEFA Super Cup match between Liverpool and Chelsea take place at the Besiktas Stadium in Istanbul.

Liverpool won the Super Cup for the fourth time in their history by beating Chelsea 5-4 on penalties after a 2-2 draw in Istanbul.

Goalkeeper Adrian kept out Tammy Abraham's spot kick to

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

secure victory for the Champions League winners. Chelsea had taken the lead in the first half through Olivier Giroud's clinical strike but Sadio Mane scored twice to give Liverpool the lead.

Jorginho's spot-kick took the game to penalties, where Liverpool triumphed.

The win comes just two months after Jurgen Klopp won his first trophy as Liverpool boss when he led the Reds to a 2-0 win over Tottenham in the Champions League final.

Despite the defeat manager Frank Lampard can take a lot of positives from the match. I thought that Kante and Pedro were the best players on the pitch.

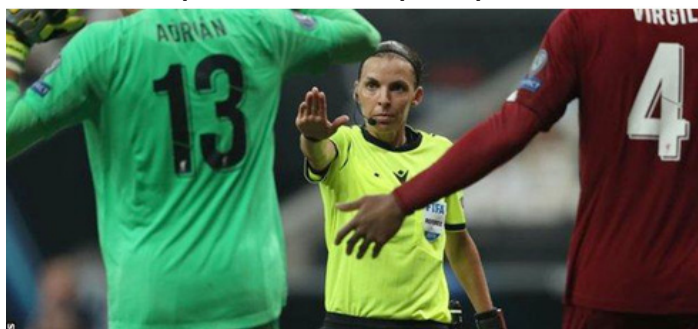
History was made in the game as France's Stephanie Frappart became the first woman to referee a major European men's game.

The 35-year-old has officiated matches in the third division of men's football in France and refereed the Women's World Cup final in France this summer.

Frappart, who led a team largely made up of female officials which included assistant referees Manuela Nicolosi of France and Michelle O'Neill from the Republic of Ireland, was praised on social media for her performance.



Liverpool 2019 UEFA Super Cup Winners



Junior Football Results:

Jungle rangers: 11 vs rebels: 10

Goal scorers Jungle Rangers: Blaze Baldwin- 6, Toure Osborne-3, Lebron George-1, Eureece Peters-1.

Goal scorers Rebels: Taylan Phillips-6, Jaydee Caswell-3, Jetlee Yon-1.

POM: Blaze Baldwin & Taylan Phillips

11-15 yr olds

Friendly

Rangers: 2 vs Galacticos: 13

Goal scorers Rangers: Scott-1, Edson-1.

Goal scorers Galacticos: Aiden YonStevens-8, Musa-4, Ethan Harris-1

POM: Aiden Yon-Stevens & Edson Stevens

11 – 15 yr olds

Titans: 2 vs Skyscrapers:4

Goal scorers Titans: Josh Herne-1, Jeremiah Ellick-1

Goal scorers Skyscrapers: Kieron William-3, Shaquille Coleman-Benjamin-1

POM: Macoy Williams

Junior Football Fixtures

Saturday 17th August

Pitch 1

9am: Yellow Devils v Jungle Rangers

Pitch 2

9am: Sky Scrapers v Rangers

10am: Galacticos v Titans

Saturday 24th August

Pitch 1(Primary School)

9am: Young Rebels v Yellow Devils

Pitch 2 (11-15 year olds)



9am: Galacticos v Skyscrapers

10am: Titans v Rangers

Saturday 31st August No Junior Football

Sunday 1st September

9am: Galacticos v Rangers Postpone game?

Sunday 8th September

Pitch 1(Primary School)

9am: Jungle Rangers v Rebels

Pitch 2 (11-15 year olds)

9am: Titans v Skyscrapers

10am: Galacticos v Rangers



Saturday 14th September

9 aside and 11 aside to start

Futsal Knock Out matches to start on Sunday 3rd November



The 2019 St Helena Football Annual General Meeting will take place at The New Horizons Centre on Wednesday 28th August starting at 7pm.

Items on the Agenda will include the election of the new Committee and presentation of the audited accounts.

Due to the shorten League Season we will discuss plans for the District Football and Football during the Festive Season. All team Captains and/or representatives will need to be in attendance.

A reminder to all Captains that all entrance fees of £200 need to be paid into the SHFA Account 20564002 prior to the meeting

N Stevens

Chairman SHFA.



AMD ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS

The Workshop
Ruperts
St. Helena

Materials Available To Purchase

Wood:-

2" x 1½" x 5.4m	£ 6.52
3" x 2" x 6.6m	£ 16.00
4" x 2" x 6.6m	£ 22.30
6" x 2" x 6.6m	£ 31.62
9" x 2" x 6.6m	£ 39.71

Facia Boards:-

Facia Boards SA Pine 4.8m	£ 38.46
Facia Boards SA Pine 5.7m	£ 47.31

Shutter Board & Plywood:-

18mm Shutter Ply	£ 40.00
15mm WPB Ply	£ 45.00
18mm MDF	£ 42.11
6mm Pine WPB Ply Wood	£ 22.01

Delivery Free on Wood Orders over £100

Cement:-

50kg PPC Cement	£14.75
(Free Delivery on 5 or more bags)	



Contact: 22037

Mon-Fri 7:30—15:30



ST. HELENA DIVE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

Date: Monday 2nd September 2019

Time: 7.00pm

Where: The Dive Club, the wharf

Join us at the dive club for our 2019 AGM.

Members and non-members welcome.

Membership is due on the night or can be paid in advance at the BoSH.

Please let us know in advance of nominations for the committee.

If you have any matters you wish to discuss, please let us know. If you need to get in touch, email us on

shdiveclub@gmail.com

Invitation to Tender

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

Refurbishment of No.12 Piccolo Hill, Longwood

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from

Miss Tiffany Lawrence

Procurement Officer

Essex House

Jamestown

Telephone No: 22270 or

email tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh

A site visit to view the works will take place on Tuesday, 06 August 2019, at 10am, meeting at No. 12 Piccolo Hill.

If you are unable to attend the site visit during this time, please contact the Procurement Officer to arrange another date & time.

Should you require any further details, please contact the Project Manager, Mr Mark Plato, on telephone number 22270 or

email mark.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Tuesday, 20 August 2019.

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



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We stock a good range of Ladies, Men's & Children's clothing at bargain prices.

Come and have a browse!

Contact Jean Fowler on Telephone 24044.

HAPPY SHOPPING!!!



SHFA League - Week 7

10/8/19

Bellboys 0 v 1 Axis

Goal for Axis – Vontray Thomas.

YPOM – Vontray Thomas of Axis.

MOM – Jason Williams of Axis.

Rovers 7 v 0 Wizards

Goals for Rovers – Ronan Legg 2, Tristan Thomas, Brett Isaac, Rico Benjamin, Dane Wade, Jacob Duncan.

Yellow cards – Marshara Yon, Julian Fuller.

Red card – Shane Clifford.

MOM – Rico Benjamin of Rovers.

11/8/19

Wirebirds 6 v 0 Saints

Goals for Wirebirds – Tyler Benjamin 2, Sanjay Clingham, Ricardo Williams, Cody Harris.

YPOM – Owen Richards of Saints.

MOM – Tyler Benjamin of Wirebirds.



Harts 3 v 0 Lakers

Goals for Harts – Mikee Williams, Sean Lee Thomas, Shane Stroud.

YPOM – Christopher Herne of Lakers

MOM – Craig Clark

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE SKITTLES SEASON – 2019 RESULTS

5th. August:

	EXTRACTORS - 514	Bt	PARTTIMERS - 497
Gents H. Sc:	Deon Thomas 63		David Reynolds 67
Gents H. Sp:	Luke Johnson 16		Patrick Peters 15

7th. August:

	STRUGGLERS - 463	Bt	GUYS & DOLLS - 453
Ladies H. Sc:	Mavis O'Bey 55		June Lawrence 50
			Joan Yon 50
Gents H. Sc:	Fabian Peters 61		Neil Joshua 70
Gents H. Sp:	Fabian Peters 14		Neil Joshua 17

Upcoming Fixture:

Monday 19th. August: Strugglers v Parttimers

Wednesday 21st. August: Guys & Dolls v Extractors

SECOND ROUND LEADING STATISTICS

League Tables

	P	W	T	L	Pt	P/F
Parttimers	8	7	0	1	14	4134
Extractors	8	6	0	1	12	3970
Guys & Dolls	7	3	0	4	6	3297
Strugglers	8	2	0	6	4	3677
Rusty Pistols	7	1	0	6	2	3328

Best Individual Performances

	LADIES	GENTS
Best Ave:	Sally Hickling, Strugglers – 56.375	Denny Leo, Parttimers – 61.3750
Highest Sc:	Pat Essex, Guys & Dolls – 66 Kedall Lawrence, Guys & Dolls – 66	Neil Joshua, Guys & Dolls – 81
Highest Sp:	Tanya Augustus, Parttimers – 14 Stacey Williams, Parttimers – 14 Sally Hickling, Strugglers – 14 Kedall Lawrence, Guys & Dolls – 14	Neil Joshua, Guys & Dolls – 18
Most Sps:	Pat Essex, Guys & Dolls – 3 Kedall Lawrence, Guys & Dolls – 3 Sally Hickling, Strugglers – 3	Deon Thomas, Extractors – 7 Neil Joshua, Guys & Dolls – 7 Colin Thomas, Parttimers – 7 Gavin (Duff) Ellick, Parttimers – 7

Note: At least 6 matches played to qualify for best average.



GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST 2019

The second and final round of the annual Richard James International sponsored competition took place on Sunday 11th August 2019. This was a 36 hole strokeplay competition where the full handicap was applied. While the crew of the airlink flight were battling the strong winds to make a safe landing, our golfers had to battle the same winds to make their balls fly the required distance in the right direction. There was plenty of drift in ball flight. Consequently, and understandably the results of the second round were not as great as those of round one which took place in less windy conditions. At the clubhouse our honorary member Mrs Daphne Francis was very kind and generous to lay out a table of snacks and hot beverages that was greatly appreciated by the members. The club wishes to thank Richard James International for their continued support and Mrs Daphne Francis for sponsoring the snacks and refreshments. The prizes were presented by Mrs Daphne Francis. This event was held in commemoration of our former Club Captain the late Mr Peter Francis.

Final results for RJI 2019

1st Place and winner of the trophy

2nd Place

3rd Place

Best Gross score Ladies

Best Gross score Gents

Longest drive Ladies

Longest Drive Men

Nearest to pin Ladies

Nearest to pin Gents

2 Ball pool winner

Congratulations to all the winners.

Sunday 18th August 2019 the club will be hosting a Par 3 competition sponsored by Mr Alastair Norrie. Registration is ongoing. Parents and guardians of our junior members are hereby advised that during the current school holiday there will be a Senior member available for juniors who need training/practise on Mondays between 09:00 to 12:30. Parents or guardians of juniors who are interested should contact Mr Keith Benjamin on 61104 or 24849. The usual Junior members training continues on Thursdays at 16:15 weather permitting.

Wish you all a great weekend.....!

Contributed by;

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Tony Green

ACCESS TO THE JAMESTOWN WHARF

Port Control would like to advise the public of the following procedures when clearing/collecting goods from the Jamestown Wharf.

Procedure for pedestrians entering the Wharf

All pedestrians entering the Wharf area must do so via the footbridge that leads over the moat. Pedestrians will then need to walk across the front of the Customs Building and onto the Wharf, keeping to the right-hand side and within the safety barriers.

Once persons have cleared their goods, they must walk back past the front of the Customs Building and across the footbridge leading to the main road adjacent to the main Wharf entrance.

Collecting goods from the Wharf with a vehicle

No vehicles will be allowed beyond the barrier until the goods, which persons intend to collect, have been cleared with HM Customs and persons are in possession of a receipt to prove that payment has been made. Only then will vehicles be granted permission to enter the Wharf.

Persons may enter the Wharf on foot, using the pedestrian route (mentioned above).

Port Security Staff reserves the right to ask the driver/occupants of the vehicle of their intentions for visiting the Wharf, including if they are to collect goods from Richard James International, Saint Trading, Zedcore or the Freight Terminal, before granting permission to enter the Wharf.

Vehicles will be given permission to drop off/pick up equipment etc at the lower landing steps subject to cargo/passenger operations.

Please note: any abuse will not be tolerated towards staff members of Port Control or HM Customs. The public is thanked for their cooperation and understanding.

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Special services at the Seventh Day Adventist Church

The Seventh Day Adventist Church on St Helena recently celebrated two outstanding milestones in the history of the faith on the Island. Three Administrators from the Church Offices in South Africa came to St Helena for these special events - On Sunday 4th August there was a special service held at the Church in Jamestown to commemorate 70 years of God's faithful leading the St Helena Seventh Day Adventist Church and on Saturday 10th August there was an Ordination Service. Guests at the service to celebrate 70 years of Adventism on STH, included HE the Gov Dr Rushbrook, representative for Elected Members Councillor Brian Isaac, Clergy from Island denominations and members of the public.

A tribute was made by Senior Mrs Beatty Stroud, who was one of the first members to join the Church on profession of faith, along with 16 other members in 1951. Mrs Stroud and HE the Gov also unveiled a plaque to mark 70 years since permanent work to the Church was first carried out by Pastor HP Campher in 1949. In a special message from HE the Gov at the service, he said "in a world where the values taught and demonstrated within church are questioned by some beyond its walls, it is good to rejoice in one's belief in their faith, and that is why celebrations of this kind are so important. He added that he is pleased to congratulate the Church of the Seventh Day Adventists on a respectful and successful 70 years, and that it is a worthy milestone on the journey of the Church and all who worship in it.

The service ended with a closing prayer from Elder Pat Duncan and refreshments were served to conclude the event.

The ordination service last Saturday was conducted by the visiting Church Administrators Dr Spencer and Dr & Mrs Papu. Resident Pastor Paul Millin of the St Helena Seventh Day Adventist Church, was ordained and this is the highest hon-

The Seventh Day Adventist Church, St. Helena Island



70th Anniversary Celebrations, 04 August 2019

our conferred upon a minister in the Church. Ordination comes with full privileges to serve as an Adventist Minister the world over, as well as added functions that include powers for performing marriages. Pastor Paul Millin said he and his family are both excited and humbled by this special milestone in their ministry.

Mrs Papu visiting from South Africa, is the Children & Women's Ministries Director for the Cape Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and she also conducted training for the St Helena Church Women's Ministries Department. Current membership of the Seventh Day Adventist Church stands at 80 and to date at least fifteen pastors have worked on St Helena over the last 70 years. The Church paid tribute to all past and present Pastors, for their contribution to God's work on St Helena.

Both events were recorded by Mr Tony Leo and it is hoped that copies will be available in due course.

PRESS STATEMENT SIR HUDSON LOWE EXHIBITION

Recently, discussions were held with the Curator over the low number of people visiting the Sir Hudson Lowe Exhibition at Plantation House. Very few people had paid specifically to see this Exhibition on a different day of the week to the escorted tours of Plantation House. Also, in recent weeks, the Exhibition materials had to be moved around temporarily when the building was prepared to host different events and functions.

Despite pragmatic suggestions from HE the Governor to either store the Exhibition until times when more tourists were expected, or to have the exhibition put into a room separate from the house tours, the Curator has taken the decision to dismantle the Exhibition with immediate effect. The Curator's view was the settings for the displays could not be changed.

Governor's Office St Helena, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha

14 August 2019

Response from the Curator Michel Dancoisne-Martineau

"The Sir Hudson Lowe collaborated exhibition was to be St Helena's contribution to the commemorative bicentenary of the 5 years of exile of Napoleon. It was designed and produced to describe the exile from the British and Saint Helenian perspective. In doing so, it presented the reforms and work that Sir Hudson had successfully carried out on the island [including the freedom granted to all children born to slaves]. Before definitively closing the exhibition, as an alternative, it was suggested that it be stored elsewhere to be reopened to the public in 2021 or transported elsewhere. Unfortunately, neither of these two alternatives could be acceptable for the following reasons:

1- the exhibition itinerary having been designed a subject per room, therefore a relocation of the exhibition would not have worked.

a. By optimizing the iconographic within the existing collections of the residence, the exhibition was designed to be presented at Plantation House, the original residence of Sir Hudson Lowe in six designated spaces. The 24 banners were specifically designed to match the space allocated by theme and colour scheme of each room. These banners were on an automatic roll-up structure that could easily be rolled-up and set aside. The few display units were all placed in areas where they did not obstruct the flow of these rooms.

b. The guided visit, in the form of a catalogue, had been designed and printed so that, room by room, visitors could access the information inherent to the objects and documents presented.

2- As for reopening the exhibition in 2021 for three months by storing the collections elsewhere for two years, most lenders understandably did not accept this unfair demand for obvious insurance and ownership reasons.

The exhibition was thus structured:

- The Entrance Hall: Brief biography of Sir Hudson Lowe
- The Salon: Lowe, the island's civil administrator and the First Steps towards the abolition of slavery
- The Dining Room: St. Helena, an island in receivership during the years of exile
- The library: Lowe in three books: O'Meara, Las Cases & Forsyth
- Governor's office: Sir Hudson at work
- The Corridor: Sir Hudson Lowe, the scapegoat
- Gorrequer's office: Lowe and his "neighbour" Napoleon

Furthermore, as the curator of the exhibition, it was not my responsibility to promote/advertise this collaborated exhibition."

ST HELENA MAGISTRATES' COURT

25th July 2019

Anthony Johns of Half Tree Hollow, pleaded guilty to one charge of sexual activity with a child family member contrary to section 25 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003. He entered his plea at before trial and was dealt with by way of a custodial sentence for a period of 9 months suspended for 2 years. He was made subject to a Sexual Offences Prevention Order and Notification Requirements. He was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

Stephen Macdaniel of Cleughs Plain, pleaded guilty to one charge of Common Assault and one charge of Assaulting a Customs Officer. He entered his plea at the earliest opportunity and was dealt with by way of a Community Service Order for a total of 60 hours together with costs of £15.00.

1st August July 2019

Leroy Young of Ladder Hill, pleaded guilty to one charge of using threatening abusive words or behaviour causing distress. He entered his plea at the earliest opportunity and was dealt with by way of a Conditional Discharge for a period of 12 months. He was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

Kyle Joshua of Sapper Way, pleaded guilty to one charge of Common Assault. He entered his plea at the earliest opportunity and was dealt with by way of a financial penalty in the sum of £140.00 together with costs of £15.00.

8th August 2019

Edwin Richards (41) of New Ground, pleaded guilty to one charge of being in charge of a motor vehicle whilst over the prescribed limit. He entered his plea at the earliest opportunity and was dealt with by way of a fine for a total of £200.00 together with costs of £15.00. As the offence occurred within 5 years of a previous offence he was given a mandatory disqualification from driving for 3 years.

Faron Thomas (43) of Longwood, pleaded guilty to one charge of Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm. He entered his plea at the earliest opportunity and was dealt with by way of a Community Service Order for a total of 100 hours together with compensation of £50.00 and costs of £15.00.

15th August 2019

Adrian Mark Duncan of Sapper Way, pleaded guilty to Careless Driving, entered his plea at the earliest opportunity. He was dealt with by way of a Financial Penalty of £40.00. There was no order as to costs.



Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

Friday open from 4.30pm till late mix tunes from by Kimmy Boom Bang.

Saturday open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm Country tunes from the bar 8.00pm till late mix sounds by Wayne Boom Bang.

Sunday open from 5.00 to 8.00pm.



Friday 23rd August Mexican Buffet

Adults £18 Children 12yrs & Under ½ price

**BOOKINGS ONLY CALL 23663/25507 OR
EMAIL rosie.bargo@gmail.com**

Menu

Build your own Fajitas, Tacos, Burritos and Nachos with delicious fillings of:

Mexican Shredded Beef - Mexican Grilled Chicken Breasts – Mexican Grilled Fish - Pork Canitas – Chilli Con Carne and Veggie Options

Mexican Fried Rice

Mexican Corn Salad

Chorizo Potatoes

Mexican Style Slaw

Refried Beans

Mexican 3 Bean Salad

Assortment of Toppings, Salsas, and Sauces

Churros & Vanilla Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce & Lemon Carlot



Free-styling Dance class sessions



With Samir Maggott

Starts Wednesday 14th August

At Half Tree Hollow Community Centre

£2.50 per session. All Welcome – come along and give it a go!

Freestyle is spontaneous and individual. There are no required or structured movements that must be learned. It is an extremely popular form of dancing both for recreational purposes and as a highly competitive sport. This is a dance style enjoyed by boys and girls.

Freestyle Dancing (High Energy Freestyle Dancing) began in the 1970s on street

For further info contact Samir on 61478 or email creativesainthelena@gmail.com





Dark Skies Awareness

St Helena is one of the destinations in the world where there are unpolluted skies. The Island's geographic location and relatively low lighting emissions, makes St Helena an unique place for achieving Dark Skies Accreditation and Status. As part of enhancing St Helena Island's tourism product and being environmentally responsible, St Helena Tourism and St Helena Government are, together, working towards obtaining the International Dark Skies Accreditation (IDSA).

In August 2018, Mr James Paterson (a Lighting Engineer and Consultant) visited St Helena to assess St Helena's built environment lighting status. Ten areas of improvement were identified and we are currently working with service providers to ensure the necessary changes are taken on board so that we can achieve an environmentally friendly island. This will also demonstrate our commitment to the IDSA Scheme.

As part of gaining IDSA, St Helena Tourism has distributed a Dark Skies Questionnaire, throughout the local community, including each of the island's schools. St Helena Tourism encourages as many responses as possible to help support the Island's application towards the International Dark Skies Accreditation. By gaining IDSA, this will also enable the establishment of validated Dark Skies tours, which would attract more visitors to St Helena to experience our unique stargazing opportunities.

Part of increasing the community awareness in our Dark Skies, St Helena Tourism and the St Helena Astronomy Club joined Pilling Primary School's Open Day/Night on 1st August, to present Dark Skies on St Helena. St Helena Tourism also hosted a competition themed Dark Skies. We take this opportunity to thank all students who took part and a huge well done to the winners who were as follows:

Year 1 and Year 2 – (Picture competition): The Sky from my window at night

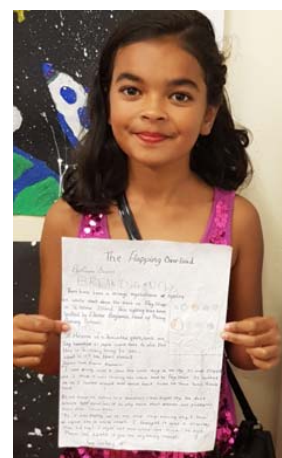
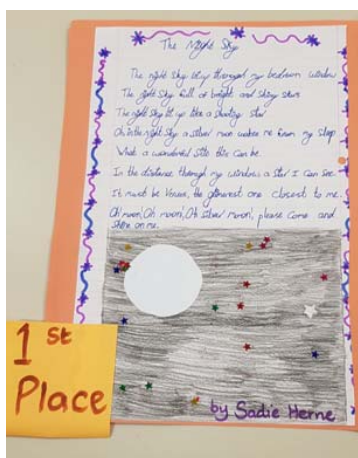
1st Prize - Taylan Thomas | 2nd Prize – Gori Alhazel | 3rd Prize – Ebony Bruneton

Year 3 and Year 4 (Poem competition): The night Sky.

1st Prize – Sadie Herne | 2nd Prize – Sofia Yon | 3rd Prize – Zac Thomas

Year 5 & 6 (Advert/Essay competition): Breaking News: Unusual sighting in the night sky.

1st Prize – Lauren Duncan | 2nd Prize – Dewain Osborne | 3rd Prize – Liam George



For further information please contact Tourism Manager, Melissa Fowler on telephone 22158 or email on Melissa.fowler@tourism.co.sh



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LAST CHANCE TO APPLY **DEADLINE EXTENDED**

Community Grant Scheme

2019/20 Round 1

Max £4,000 per Application per Grant Round

To be eligible organisations should:

- Be based on St Helena and have a constitution that complies with the Charities Ordinance 2005. *However, consideration will be given to applications from organisations that are neither a charity or constituted group. Such organisations will be expected to take steps towards becoming a charity or association.*
- Hold a bank account that requires at least two signatures
- Hold verifiable Statement of Accounts for the previous financial year
- Have vetted Committee Members (if applicable)
- Have a Safeguarding Policy (if applicable)
- Be compliant with any current Grant Agreements held with the CDO

Projects can include:

- Equipment for day to day activities
- Special one-off events and activities
- Community and organisational development
- Capital works

Please note: there are only **2** Grant Rounds for 2019/20.

Closing date for Round 1 applications is extended to

Wednesday 21st August 2019

For an application form or further information please e-mail
community.sthelena@gmail.com

Community Development Organisation

Feel free to speak with a Committee member to learn more about the work of the CDO: Shayla Ellick, Mia Henry, Tara Wortley, Cynthia Bennett, Adam Sizeland and Gilly Brooks.

Crop Watch

This edition of crop watch will look at soil and its importance in our farming system. Soil is the resource that all field production relies on; it is the source of water, air and nutrients to the plants we grow as well as being the anchor. It takes a very long time for soil to form so we must look after it like the precious material it is.

Soils

Soil is a combination of weathered rock, (Mineral) organic matter (plants and animals), water and air. The different amounts of each determine the type of soil and suitability for growing crops.

What Soil Type

Most soils are classed by their minerals; the percentage of Sand, Silt and Clay, which is used to describe their 'texture'. This tells us important things about how the soil will interact with water and nutrients. Nearly all the soil on St Helena is Sandy Clay or Sandy Clay Loam. This means that if we treat the soil well we have free draining (from the sand) and nutrient rich (from the clay) soil that is perfect for crop production. Soils with more clay will be wetter and hold on to moisture for longer in a dry period. Soils with more sand will drain better in wet weather but be more drought prone.

Organic Matter

The Organic matter (OM) of a soil is very important. It is made up of living and dead material, includes earthworms, roots, leaf mould, decomposing animals, fungi, bacteria to name but a few. In short everything in the soil that is or once was alive. "OM" is the binding material in soil that stops it becoming concrete in the dry and soup in the wet. It also can provide a lot of nutrients for plants. Compost and Manure are forms of OM that we can add to the soil to improve it and can be rich in nitrogen, phosphate and potash; the essential building blocks of plants. Increasing OM percentage by adding manure, compost and mulch will improve any soil.

Soil Structure

This is the arrangement of particles in the soil. Common problems with soil structure are compaction and capping. These result in a hard layer of soil that gets in the way of roots, slows down rainfall soaking in and makes it harder to produce a "good tilth."

Good soil structure has fine particles near the surface (tilth) and vertical cracks below with no hard layers. This ensures good seed and root to soil contact and free drainage of water. Good cultivation techniques and careful management will ensure good soil structure.

Conclusion

In the next crop watch soil water and nutrition will be looked at. As ever, if this raises questions or you'd like advice on how to manage your soil as please get in touch.

Crops

Potatoes

Are being harvested and planted around the Island. At harvest potato vines can be removed and tubers left in the soil for up to two weeks to "set" the skin. Call me for advice on techniques to do this.

Cooler and wetter weather has slowed down Tuber Moths and mites, but keep an eye out for them.

The disease Potato Blight is still an issue. Blighted vegetation should be removed from the patch and composted. The tubers will still be worth harvesting. Small "early potatoes" yield less but are very tasty boiled whole skin on.

Strawberries

I'm keen to hear from anyone interested in growing strawberries on a commercial scale, please do get in touch.

Rotations

It is very important that you plant crops from a different crop group in sequence to prevent the build-up of pests and disease. For example; do not plant potatoes in the same area for at least five years. Cauliflowers, Cabbage and Broccoli are all the same crop group (Brassicas) and they get the same P&D problems, so make sure you have a gap of a few years before planting any of them in the same area.

A simple 6-year rotation cycle would be: Potatoes, Cabbage, Pumpkin, Carrots. Beans, and Back to Potatoes.

Also consider mixing the rows up, and not having big blocks. This makes management a bit more difficult but confuses pests and diseases and promotes beneficial insects.

Starting Out

If you are inspired to plant crops and want to advice on what and how to grow then give me a call. We can assess your plot and see what's most suitable. No plot is too small and even a window box can produce fresh food for you and your family!

For all crop related enquiries please contact ANRD at Scotland on 24724.

Agronomy: Ted Whitton ext. 216. Email edward.whitton@sainthelena.gov.sh Pest Control: Rosie Peters ext. 210. Email rosalie.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh



What is a veterinary emergency?

If your animal has any of these conditions, you must contact the Veterinary Section:

- Fresh open wounds/bleeding from anywhere
- Accidents involving vehicles
- Your animal is having/ has had a fit
- Breathing problems
- Sudden onset limping
- Collapse
- Ingestion of poisons/toxins
- Paleness
- Vomiting several times in a day
- Problems during or after giving birth
- Burns



What is NOT an emergency

We are happy to discuss these topics during working hours, but please do not call us out of hours for general enquiries such as:

- Service provision e.g. pricing
- Flea/worm treatment
- Ordering chickens
- Repeat prescriptions
- General queries about AI (artificial insemination)



Do not leave a condition until after 4pm or the weekend because it seems easier to fit around work; it is much better for all involved to notify us of the condition early so we can make a plan with you. We try to be as flexible as possible, but if you don't communicate with us it makes it more difficult for us to help.

Contact details for the Veterinary Section

Between 08:30 and 16:00 Mon-Fri (excluding Bank Holidays): telephone **24724**

Emergencies outside of these hours: telephone **26162 or 62039**