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More Government Policies Up for Consultation

WE ARE SAILING.....

Sharon Wade

FISHING OPEN FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION.....



Football Presentation 2019

Do You Remember this Woman?



Harts Winning the Knock-Out

Yacht Club Secures Building

From Industry and Population decline to CoderDojos

Arranmore (*Árainn Mhór* in Gaelic) lies off the north-west coast of Ireland and has suffered for a long time from gradual population decline as younger members of the community leave to find work on the mainland. It was decided to kick-start a turnaround and get Arranmore out of the economic doldrums by taking advantage of the recently arrived high-speed internet. The 469 inhabitants now boast one of the fastest internet connections in Ireland and are encouraging digital nomads to move to Arranmore and run their businesses from there. They have even set up a digital hub where digital nomads can use a range of high speed digital technologies for just 20 euros a day – a bargain compared to office rents elsewhere.

Another bonus is participation in the global CoderDojo movement which started in Ireland but now includes 2,000 communities in 107 countries. CoderDojos are programming clubs for children where they learn computer programming and how to build apps. Arranmore's CoderDojo opened in 2012 and is one of the oldest in Ireland. The much improved internet connection has also boosted distance learning opportunities for older young folk who want to progress to further education.



Arranmore's CoderDojo gives the kids a head start in life. Soon St Helena will be able to do the same when the fibre-optic cable lands here and ground stations are in operation.

ALLEN CANSICK SWORN IN AS ATTORNEY GENERAL

Allen Cansick, was today, Wednesday 20 November 2019, sworn in as Attorney General for St Helena.

Allen took the prescribed Oaths in the presence of His Excellency Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook and colleagues from the Attorney General's Chambers in the Governor's Office, The Castle, at 8.30am.

Allen's appointment is effective immediately.

SHG

20 November 2019



JAMESTOWN SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

The Jamestown Swimming Pool has been closed to the public since Friday, 1 November 2019.

This is due to a faulty chlorinator causing water not to meet acceptable water quality standards. There are also visual contaminants such as dust, dirt, and degrading paint that could potentially cause a health and safety risk to swimmers.

Corrective works have been carried out to repair the chlorinator, but there are further works which are needed to address the visual contaminants.

Periodic assessments by the Environmental Health team are being made to ensure that the water meets required standards before the pool can be reopened for public use.

SHG, 21 November 2019

St Helena's Sea Rescue Service Raises over £1,000 for Cancer Awareness



St Helena's Sea Rescue Service made their contribution to St Helena's Cancer Support and Awareness Charity by completing an impressive sponsored swim on Saturday 16th November.

All 14 members (full-time and auxiliary) completed the 2.2 nautical miles swim (just over 4000m) from Lemon Valley to Rupert's Bay.

They were supported along the way with canoers and a shelter vessel and when each member reached Rupert's Beach, they were cheered in by proud family and friends and members of the public.

In addition to this personal achievement, the team raised £1158.90 for the charity.



Overseas citizens should expect lower compensation, London court hears

Citizens of British overseas territories should not expect the same legal compensation as their counterparts in the UK, a London court has heard.

Lawyers acting on behalf of the government of St Helena have argued that its inhabitants, who are British citizens, should be given considerably less than what goes to their compatriots in the UK.

At the Committee of the Privy Council in London, they asked justices to pass the issue back down to local courts, with guidance on what level of compensation is correct. The Government had previously lost a case at the St Helena Court of Appeal.

The case revolves around two women who were sterilised against their will by the island's head doctor. The island government has appealed against the compensation they were paid, which is on par with what they could have expected in England and Wales.

In November 2012 a doctor at the government-run hospital on St Helena negligently performed a Caesarean section on a woman known as AB in court documents. During the process he sterilised her without her consent or knowledge. AB's baby died two days later.

Five months later another woman, NK, was also sterilised without knowledge or consent by the same doctor during a Caesarean.

Both women and AB's partner sued the government for damages, winning a combined £265,000 for pain, suffering and loss of amenity.

Their cases were heard by the St Helena Supreme Court in 2017 by chief justice Charles Ekins.

The case, which could set precedent, has seen the St Helena government maintain that its citizens should not be paid the same compensation as those in the UK, where wages are higher.

Median income on St Helena at the end of 2012 was £6,280

per year, the government's lawyers said. In the UK at the time, the figure was £26,500.

Lower courts found that St Helenian salaries are catching up with those in the UK, but the government maintained that with the current rate of growth, an average of £80 a year between 2012 and 2016, it could take up to 1,000 years for the gap to be eliminated.

The lawyers pointed towards Northern Ireland, where damages are higher, to say that British citizens cannot expect the same treatment everywhere. They added that if something happens abroad, it is heard under that country's laws.

"If one has a road accident in India, the level of compensation is, to our way of thinking, shockingly low. But there is no argument that it should be higher because I happen to be visiting from England," said Caroline Harrison QC, acting for the St Helena government.

Caoilfhionn Gallagher QC, acting on behalf of the St Helena Equality and Human Rights Commission, said the income figures provided by Ms Harrison's team did not take into account international workers, often from the UK, who fill high-paying roles in the government and are paid many times the St Helenian average.

"These are individuals who are living and working on St Helena, and because their pay is on international pay scales, equivalent to the UK, they are being carved out," she said.

She also brought up higher costs of living on St Helena, where internet access could cost nearly £200 a month for a slow and limited connection.

Marc Willems QC, representing the women, said St Helenians are proud of their British citizenship, which was won in 2002 after a long battle, and that lower compensation would give the impression of them being discriminated against.

BY PRESS ASSOCIATION, By August Graham, PA City Reporter, Gibraltar Chronicle

SHFA update

We have completed 3 days of the 12 day coaching programme with Welsh Coach Merv Williams. We currently have 26 players training with us along with 3 coaches.

The last few days were spent on getting the basics right; working on our defensive unit, shooting and goalkeeping. Tomorrow Saturday and Sunday we will be spending some time coaching the under 15 from 9am-11am. This will be done in 4 groups; beginners; Primary players, secondary players and goal keepers.

11am to 1pm will be for the SHFA International squad.



REGISTRY OF LANDS, ST HELENA

22nd November 2019

NOTICE is hereby given of an application by Mr Andrew Hook, Mr Stedson Francis, Mrs Joyce Williams and Ms Mavis Peters for registration of an easement over Crown Land namely Parcel 53, in the Thompsons Wood Registration Section and over private land registered in the name of Hazel Elizabeth Peters namely Parcel 29 in the Thompsons Wood Registration Section and over private land registered in the name of Alan Theodore Yon namely Parcel 26 in the Thompsons Wood Registration Section. Such application is made by virtue of claimed peaceable, open and uninterrupted enjoyment of said land for a period of at least 20 years. A copy of the application and a plan of the said land are available for inspection at The Land Registry, Essex House, Jamestown, during normal office hours. Any person who wishes to make representations to the Land Registrar as to why this application should not be allowed must do so within 3 calendar months of the date of publication of this notice.

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Editorial

Two government proposals are in the news this week which have attracted widespread attention from a population which is often indifferent and unresponsive to government proposals and the long and winding road that eventually leads to a decision. Maybe government proposals usually fail to get the heart racing because sometimes the decision made is to defer or take no action; but this is not likely to happen with these two proposals. One proposal is to adopt a Labour Market Strategy; remember it? In September there were well attended public consultation meetings when some interesting and fairly intense discussion made a welcome change from watching a repeat of some rubbish on the television. The final draft of the Labour Market Strategy was published yesterday and a report on one of the revisions to it, arising from fulsome discussion at consultation meetings, is covered in the report this week.

The other proposal is a different affair in several ways. It's not simply about improving the way we do things; it starts with dismantling something which has not worked properly for several years. The public consultation has not included pub-

Time to Change Name of Prince Andrew School?



International press has been filled with news stories about Prince Andrew, the Duke of York, who has decided to step down from official duties, with the approval of his mother, Queen Elisabeth II, after revelations that Prince Andrew had close connections with the convicted American paedophile Jeffrey Epstein. There are also allegations that the Prince himself was a paedophile under US law. He has also been forced to step down from several charitable organisations and other commitments after recent stories emerged.

Prince Andrew has over the years, been a popular person on St Helena, especially after his visit in 1984, but now he is more or less expelled from Royal duties because of his conduct which could be considered unsatisfactory.

This leaves some questions surrounding the name of St Helena's Prince Andrew School, which is named after him, but is also an institution educating children and adolescent pupils. **Mike**

lic meetings; it is discussions with organisations directly involved. When the consultation is among only the stakeholders the rest of us do not usually hear anything about it until the report is written and presented to a government committee. Not this time. Announcements and press releases have been published by one side or the other with rare frequency. And the announcements have been about disagreements in how the meetings have been organised, who is attending and what will be discussed. Some of the stakeholders appear to be a bit tetchy with each other. This is not good when the subject to be resolved is what should replace St Helena Fisheries Corporation. What kind of fish processing and fish sales business can be set up which does not make the megalosses SHFC has made for years.

There is a lengthy report in today's *Independent* on what is proposed and what others think about it. But another unusual thing about this particular consultation process is the main parties to the consultation have been willing to express their views and for their views to be made public. There is not the usual defensive mutterings about commercial sensitivities and respecting confidentiality this time.

Much of what makes this particular piece of government business unusual is the baggage that comes with it. It's definitely heavy and a bit smelly in parts; rotten fish maybe. There is a lot wrong with the present fisheries structure, systems, arrangements which are about to be kicked out; frozen fish, monopoly trading and guaranteed sales for fishermen will be consigned to the past. They will be replaced with chilled not frozen, fish quotas, no monopoly and a smaller, leaner fish processing organisation which should cover its costs if everything stacks up. All this is entirely new and no-one is absolutely sure it will all work as planned or hoped.

Most of the issues to be resolved stem from the fact that freezing fish in the facility at Rupert's is horrendously expensive and it would be commercial suicide for the new organisation to continue doing it. With no freezer there is still the chiller but fish can only be stored for a limited period. With very limited storage for fish a system is needed to limit the volume of fish accepted from fishermen, hence the quota system. Each fishing boat will be allocated a quota which the fish processing plant will accept. What happens if fishermen are able to catch more fish than the quota allows? With no monopoly situation enjoyed by the organisation that replaces SHFC fishermen can sell fish direct to the public, subject to compliance with regulations. How will direct selling actually work in practice and in detail? The same question can be asked of the new quota system.

The quota for each fishing boat is based on average catches over the past twelve month and the individual characteristics of each boat. The proposed business model clearly recognises the uncertainties and risks with the quota system and



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includes the ability for the quotas to be traded between fishermen as each month progresses. In addition, it is proposed the fish processing factory can reallocate quotas between boats if some fishermen are not using their quotas, or will not be able to complete their quotas in any particular month. It is possible there will be energetic discussions on quotas and more still on monthly revisions to the quotas.

Energetic discussion is part of the heavy baggage carried after years of fighting against a business mode for SHFC which is designed to fail. If the new system is to stand a chance of working all parties need to work together towards what is so very clearly a common cause; the new systems created need to be designed to make all interests working towards a common purpose as inevitable as possible. Announcements about consultations with stakeholders in the fishing industry have not specifically mentioned the shops retailing fresh fish on the local market. With no freezer facility in the fish processing plant, retailers using their own freezer facilities as a substitute to smooth over the periods of feast and famine for fish catches is seen as an alternative. Continuous availability of stock in shops is not a strong point for retailers so why should it be expected that stocking fresh fish will be the exception. Making it in the retailer's interests to keep stocks of fish needs to be built into the system. No-one seems keen on the idea of offering bulk discounts on wholesale fish sales. Can retailers be involved in the supply chain at an earlier stage? The financial success of the new

operation depends on continuous and ever growing volumes of premium grade fresh fish being flown out on every plane to South Africa. Not all fishermen are changing their techniques to catch premium grade fish. If sales of premium grade fish are not maximised the risk is another attempt to put the local fishing industry on a firm financial footing will fail. If some fishermen decide to ignore the new fish processing and sales organisation and its quota system by setting up their business to sell direct to the public and possibly the retail trade the risk once more is the new fish processing organisation might fail.

The full report on the business model for the organisation to replace SHFC sums up the cap (quotas) and trade (trading quotas) systems with "The cap and trade system is designed to ensure that there is not an excess of fish landed for what is required by the local market and international market, and eliminate the need to export unprofitable frozen fish by sea." Let's hope 'designed to ensure' is not putting it too confidently. Meanwhile a groundswell of opinion is gaining strength which wants to know why some other state owned entities such as St Helena Hotel Development Ltd and ESH's baby, Bertrand's Cottage are not being disposed of with equal zeal.

Pray for rain – but only between 10pm and 6am. Rain should always work a night shift.

Vince

SHG sets out ownership policy for State Owned Entities

In March last year Audit St Helena published a performance audit on SHG's governance of the SHG controlled 'entities' including the Bank of St Helena, Connect St Helena, Solomon's, St Helena Hotel Development Ltd, Enterprise St Helena, St Helena Fisheries Corporation and the St Helena Currency Fund.

The audit identified several areas of non-compliance with generally recognised public finance standards of governance and recommended more than fifty actions to be taken to achieve an acceptable level of compliance. Many of the recommended actions covered the selection and accountability of board members and the board chairman, management of risk and continual monitoring of compliance with generally accepted standards. This week Executive Council discussed a new policy for wholly owned state entities which aims to meet the shortfalls identified by the external auditors. The policy states, "The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the people of St Helena are well served by and benefit from these entities." It is further explained, "Today, most entities are exposed to an element of competition/ globalisation/ technological progress. Greater exposure to these elements has changed conditions for *all Wholly Owned State Entities*. Evalu-

ating the rationale for continued state ownership, and considering the objectives of these entities, are aspects of SHG's role as an active and professional owner."

The policy covers several aspects including the responsibility of SHG, financial targets, transparency and reporting. The regular administrative connection between SHG and its controlled entities is described as, "SHG as Owner expresses its requirements through its non- executive director on the board of each entity." The responsibility SHG has to entities it controls is generally defined as, "The State does not interfere in the day to day working of the company, politically, economically or socially. However, where an entity that is wholly owned by Government is not performing, the State has a duty to intervene. Where the State owns the majority of an entity and that entity is not performing, the State has a duty to influence remedial action through its seat on the Board of Directors, and ultimately through the General Meeting, where appropriate." The information paper to Exco members states, "The policy should improve the financial health of wholly owned state entities, and ultimately the financial health of SHG."

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

I refer to "Your Opinion Counts" pages a couple of weeks ago and Mr Barry Hubbard's answers to an earlier letter from Mr Paul Laban.

I seem to remember 2 or 3 years ago Connect St Helena commissioning a South African company to drill a series of boreholes throughout the island in search of water for situations exactly as we find ourselves in today.

Please can Mr Hubbard take the time to enlighten the public on the results of this project (believed to have cost around 1 million pounds).

We are constantly being told about pumping water from Chubbs Spring and Borehole 5 but I note complete silence on the above borehole project. Has this now been relabelled as a monitoring network, (effectively written off as a failed idea and the cost passed on to the consumer).

We are all aware of the huge importance of "Borehole 5" which was located by Mr Alan Hudson during the Airport project and has now become our saviour. I wonder if we can be told how the locations for drilling Connect's boreholes determined.

Mr Hudson is a proven local expert in the ART of dowsing as he was responsible for pinpointing the boreholes essential for the building of the airport. Was Mr Hudson approached before or during Connects borehole drilling process or did they choose ignore this 'resource' and import their own experts, as BR did initially during the airport project, who failed to locate water. I'm hoping, though not convinced they did not use their own in house SCIENTIFIC method equipped with a large scale map and a pencil.(much like the game, pinning the tail on the donkey blindfolded) as some of the locations do seem a bit strange, adjacent to a sewage soak away ?

Also is it the right sequence of events to source a ground penetrating radar ma-

chine AFTER spending 1 million pounds on the above mentioned drilling project.

We are told 'the company's Remuneration Committee' is responsible for salaries, who is responsible for accountability ?

*Regards
D Yon*

Hello Guys,

Appreciating there is an increase in consumption through modern dwellings and appliances and that this is a factor in the depleted water supplies, however, having been on island twice in the last twelve months, my view is that this current situation is mostly down to:

- bad management and lack of experience in the management structure
- a lack of both vision and long-term strategic planning
- big headedness through not engaging with local expertise who have for years managed the water resource (above and below ground) more efficiently.

Every day I was on the island, there was water running out to sea and all the while the Connect chiefs continue to mismanage the income revenues from bills etc, whilst continuing to take the excessively high salaries and the only answer they have is to hide behind a press release every week, asking people to conserve water.

In my view, there needs to be a shake-up of the current management and before it's too late, the Governor should dissolve the Connect board and reinstate local people who genuinely want to help to find a solution, that will serve to safeguard the islands water supplies, for the future of both the next generation and the much needed tourism income.

Malcolm Williams

THE CONSTITUENT

Dear Editor,

All Elected Members had the opportunity to meet with Mr Donald Gavine, Internal Audit Office, DFID, on 13th November.

Mr Gavine invited elected members to "speak openly and frankly with any opin-

ions, thoughts or concerns".

After Mr Gavine was asked if he was fully aware of the social and economic situation our community is being forced to contend with, he was told what some of the main contributing factors that have led to the current situation were.

The United Kingdom has invested some 370 million pounds into air access with the intention of stimulating economic activity and enhancing community prosperity. Led by DFID, air access has failed to deliver on promise and expectation. The House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts reported in 2017 that 'Thus far, the Department has unquestionably failed the residents of St Helena and the British taxpayer.'

The failure by DFID to integrate local knowledge and experience in decision making processes has seriously handicapped social and economic advancement for the people of St Helena.

DFID's unilateral decision to stop providing St Helena with financial aid through a capital programme some three years ago is now having the predictable serious detrimental consequences. St Helena is desperately reliant on financial aid from the United Kingdom. Reduce or cut off that crucial financial assistance and the community's social and economic fabric will simply disintegrate.

Mr Gavine asked elected members to provide him with feedback on possible positives.

Work has been ongoing between SHG officers, DFID officials and all elected members to halt the social and economic disintegration and further emigration of Saints.

Constituents will recall being informed that extensive talks with DFID have resulted in a commitment from the United Kingdom of a 30 million pound Economic Development Investment Programme for St Helena. 15 million pounds are committed for the next three years (FY2019/20 – FY2021/2022), to be followed by a break point review to unlock the remaining 15 million pounds investment planned for the following three years (FY2022/23 – FY2024/25).

Following the meeting with Mr Gavine, all elected members and the SHG Capital Programme Manager, carried out preliminary work according to what was the next agenda item: Prioritisation of Economic Development Investment Programme Projects.

Once the work is completed, the St

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Bye-Election 2019

Elizabeth Knipe

I am Elizabeth Knipe known as Betty from Sandy Bay.

To stand as a Candidate was not a decision that I have taken lightly.

It is a commitment that needs to be respected and regarded as an honour to serve the People.

I have always said a short Jabez Prayer.

- Please God Keep me in your hand
- Please protect me from evil
- Please broaden my territory
- And Bless me.

My territory has been broadened with me relocating to the Island with my late husband and my son William. My hus-

band's family go back to the 1800's.

I am the secretary for the Chamber of Commerce.

I know and realise being a Councillor is a very responsible challenge.

I cannot make promises, I promise to listen, be approachable and be honest and have the People of STH at heart.

I am not scared to ask questions, work towards finding solutions and expect answers and will give Feedback even if it is negative.

We all realise and know what the challenges are on St Helena and know what needs to be done, we must not lose heart. St Helena is a magic place with wonderful people. We need to stand together, work towards a common goal and understanding.

I am a People's person. Not scared to talk and care for the underdog.

I have the ability to mingle with people of all walks of life, have had that privilege.

I will do my best should I be successful in the bye election.

As a full time Councillor my home and office door will be open to all.

I am excited to be able to be part of this bye-election,

If there is anyone that would like to chat with me please do not hesitate to get in touch with **me**.

MY MANIFESTO AS A COUNCILLOR FOR ST HELENA I WILL PROMOTE AND WORK TOWARDS THE FOLLOWING

The interest of the PEOPLE of St Helena I cannot and will not make promises that cannot be fulfilled

Stand up for what is RIGHT – Not scared to ask questions and give feedback even if it is negative

I believe honesty and integrity are very important

Do the best I can for all.

MY BACKGROUND OFF ISLAND AND ON ISLAND

I worked for First National Bank for 7 years, in various departments. Qualified as a Traffic Inspector testing Learners and Drivers for licences. Working within the office I was the Registering Authority of face value documents pertaining to this Directorate.

I have two daughters Liesel and Tracy, and one grandson Christopher that are off island and a son. Whilst I was not working full time I did direct selling for 18 years, selling women, men and children's



clothing. With highest sales I had the privilege winning trips to Rome, Spain Greece and Mauritius twice as Top Fashion Consultant. My passion has always been people.

Later I qualified as a Principal Estate Agent training agents and managing my own business Whale Coast Properties. I served on a Municipal Ward Committee as a Ward Councillor within the Overstrand Region Western Cape for 10 years representing the Chamber of Commerce and Civil Society.

As a committee member of a World Wide Charity Organisation CCWA I did a lot of charity work. Served as a deacon in my church and sang in the church choir.

On island I have worked within Statistics, Customs and on a contract for a year within Safeguarding at the Safe Haven, as a Support Worker for domestic violence and abuse against vulnerable women and children. Presently I am employed within the Finance Directorate of St Helena Government for the last 2 years. I believe the solution to all problems is to be innovative with my thinking.

I am passionate about handmade patchwork and enjoy reading for relaxation.

Thank you.

Your Opinion Counts

Helena Government is expected to inform the wider community of the details accordingly.

As a result of the present difficult social and economic problems many within our community are currently experiencing, few constituents will appreciate the constructive and positive progress taking place at Council level and throughout SHG to address the problems. The journey from where we were some two years ago to where we are today has been challenging and there will be many more challenges to overcome. However, the steady progress achieved thus far will become more and more evident to the wider community.

If we are to maximise social and economic success throughout the community, the collective constructive efforts of all concerned will be required for the process.

C Leo (LegCo)



Final Draft of Labour Market Strategy published

The final draft of the Labour Market Strategy will be discussed by the Economic Development Committee next Thursday. The widespread public debate in September on the first draft was equal to the proposals now being discussed for closing St Helena Fisheries Corporation and replacing it with a slimmed down and more cost effective fish processing and sales operation.

The section in the Labour Market Strategy headlined "Attracting Highly Beneficial Migrants" generated a lot of debate at the public consultations sessions. Last September's first draft of the strategy included the following when referring to highly beneficial migrants:-
"Saint Status is an honour and a privilege, and one that should

not be conveyed lightly. However, it is also one that should not be withheld from those who are deserving, simply because they were not born holding it. SHG will actively encourage TC officers and non-St Helenian staff on local contracts who have potential to provide long term benefit to St Helena to apply for Saint Status in order to maintain their skills and contributions on the Island.⁶ SHG will encourage other businesses on island, including the state owned entities, to do the same."

The final draft contains several revisions arising from suggestions and observations made at the public consultation meetings and this includes the section on Highly Beneficial Migrants. The section headlined "Attracting Highly Beneficial Migrants" remains, however there is a sub-section headed, "Creating a Path to Permanent Residency".

First it is pointed out that obtaining St Helenian Status and the citizenship rights and responsibilities that go with it, is currently the only way long term residency permission can be obtained. An alternative Path to Permanent Residency is then outlined:-

"In some countries, individuals who immigrate for the purposes of employment must first obtain permanent resident status or the equivalent before they are eligible to apply for citizenship. Permanent resident status allows people to live and work in a country without restriction but does not include the full rights of citizenship, such as a passport or access to government benefits. Typically, permanent residents become eligible for citizenship after an additional period of time has elapsed."

The section on permanent residency but not citizenship continues:-

"Feedback received during consultations for this LMS suggested that the 2019-20 Immigration Working Group's proposal to (1) extend the time required to attain St Helenian Status and (2) include a permanent resident category in the revised Immigration Policy and Ordinance should be pursued further. Such a category would address employer interest in retaining skilled workers on-Island – without international supplements – while also respecting public concerns about acquiring St Helenian Status."

The section ends with the following recommendation:-
"It is recommended that the specific details of a proposal for permanent resident status be developed by the Immigration Working Group and be incorporated in the draft Immigration Policy and Ordinance. As per SHG's consultation process, the draft would be made available for public consultation before it is adopted."

The full Labour Market Strategy final draft is available of the SHG website at - https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Labour-Market-Strategy-Final-Draft_20Nov19.pdf



Bye-Election 2019

Lionel Williams



To The Electorate.

Frustrated and wanting a change, then in this up-coming bye-election make sure you put your X by my name.

Your concerns and problems are mine as well so this is your chance to use me as your Councillor in voicing these within the St Helena Government. If answers or change is not forthcoming I will seek a dialogue at a higher level within the UK. I have already done this in the past and will not hesitate to use these channels again.

As you know I have always been involved in island affairs and is a firm believer that it is down to elected members to fight for the common grounds in taking the island forward, which also include identifying and removing the bottle-necks that is preventing this from happening. Business as usual cannot continue to go on.

The promise that an airport would solve our problems thru tourism has not happen and yet locals have invested. of large aircraft landing here. The people have the right to know. Air freight can be bumped depending on passenger numbers so even this is uncertain.

At present there is provision to explore a Ministerial Government (I have already had training attached to this form of system) however this will not happen overnight—we need to address the island's situation now.

I trust you will support me and turn out on polling day.

DRAFT ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS MODEL FOR FISH PROCESSING AND SALES ON ST HELENA THE PRESENT STATUS AND NEXT STEPS

Following an urgent application from the St Helena Fisheries Corporation (SHFC) to Executive Council (ExCo), requesting additional subsidy to fund repairs to equipment in the Fish Processing Factory, Elected Members instructed the formation of a Fisheries Task Group. The Task Group was set up to undertake a review of the current fish processing and sales on St Helena, and present an alternative business model to ExCo on 29 October 2019. The key focus for the Group was to produce a model that curtails the crippling losses incurred by the SHFC with a view to reducing the subsidy provided to it by taxpayers.

Background

Over the last five years a total of **£1,387,000** has been provided as operational subsidy by Government to the SHFC and the operation continues to report financial losses year on year. The SHFC's business model has been broken for some time but masked by SHG paying out ever growing levels of subsidy to the fishing sector on an annual basis. This is money SHG can no longer afford. The fish factory has not made any profit for several years, it continues to build up ever-increasing losses, in the forlorn hope that it just might earn some cash from overseas sales to pay back the hundreds of thousands of pounds that have been sunk into the venture. In 2019 alone in nine months of the financial year the SHFC has used up a subsidy of around **£450, 000** with nothing but even more losses to show for it.

The time has come for everyone, SHG, the SHFC, the St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association (SHCFA), all Fishermen and every resident of St Helena to realise that this cannot go on. A fundamental change in the system of fishing on the Island is needed with the adoption of a business model that, at the very least, has a fighting chance to break even. The SHFC and SHCFA have been asked repeatedly to propose, individually or collectively, a better way forward and to date neither entity has been able to produce a plan to address the serious losses.

In the absence of an alternative model from either entity, SHG's Task Group in October, put forward a draft interim business model for a slimmed down fishing sector that has, as its first priority, sustaining a supply of fish to the domestic market. The draft model proposes an alternative interim business solution lasting between 6-18 months focusing on providing the local market with fresh and affordable protein and the possibility of fresh exports by air of premium grade tuna. The plan depicts options for alternative revenue streams and options for cost reduction.

ExCo recognised the draft business model was not perfect and improvements needed to be made if it was to be acceptable. ExCo requested the Task Group to engage with the SHFC and SHCFA, as well as individuals with an interest in fishing, to work together to see if the plan could be improved. Targeted consultation is being carried out with the SHFC (staff and members of Board), SHCFA and Fishermen. To date the Task Group have met twice with the SHFC Board of Management and are awaiting feedback as promised, they have also offered support to the SHFC Board of Management for staff engagement.

The Task Group is keen to meet with Fishermen to get their input, the Group would particularly like to understand from the Fishermen whether there are any alternatives to some of the assumptions proposed within the model. The Group recognises that the SHCFA is well-placed to work with SHG to help to build a more promising business plan for the future, however to date the Task Group has not been successful in securing a meeting with the Association.

The Task Group is now extending an invitation to all commercial fishermen to attend a meeting next Monday evening, 25 November 2019, in the Council Chamber at 5.30pm, to meet with members of the Fisheries Task Group, Councillor Lawson Henry and the Chief Secretary.

Copies of the draft Business Model are available from the Press Office and any Fishermen requiring a copy should contact: kerisha.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh or tel: 22368.

SHG

20 November 2019



OPEN FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Catching fish, Processing fish, Selling fish; easy or difficult for St Helena

Three weeks ago SHG announced the longstanding and ill fated arrangements and organisations for buying fishermen's catches, processing the bought fish and the selling it on need a complete overhaul along with the sizeable subsidy SHG pay to various parts of the fishing industry. Subsidy will not end, but the aim is to reduce the size of the total subsidy paid in a variety of ways to fishermen, and for fish processing and fish sales.

A Fisheries Task Group was formed to put forward proposals for how this might be achieved. The Group's proposals were recently discussed by Executive Council and were supported in principle. The Fisheries Task Group was asked to consult with stakeholders in the fishing industry and submit a more detailed proposal to Executive Council in December; probably in three weeks time.

The Fisheries Task Group is consulting on a new fish processing arrangement; one which will be expected to last between six and eighteen months. The priorities will be supplying the local market and focussing on fresh premium grade fish for export to South Africa. Winding up the St Helena Fisheries Corporation (SHFC) and establishing a new private limited company to take on the role of fish processing and sales for the local market and for air freighted exports. The switch from SHFC to the new company must be seamless and the new company will replace SHFC. SHG did announce "The overall ambition of Executive Council is for a viable fishing industry on St Helena, one that enables the Island to fish for its future. SHG will continue to explore options for funding a purpose built fish factory in the meantime." A "viable fishing industry" means a fishing industry which eventually operates without any subsidy at all. The new private limited company at the centre of the transition from SHFC to a more viable business set up is also intended to be a more attractive organisation than the present SHFC and one which a potential private sector investor is more likely to buy.

Within and around the Fisheries Task Group proposal are several issues and new developments which are unstated but implied in the SHG announcement. SHG have not yet publicly released much of the detail while consultation with stakeholders is underway. SHG have confirmed a draft proposals paper from the Fisheries Task Force Group is being circulated widely within the fishing industry. The stakeholders consulted are invited to comments on assumptions made and offer alternative suggestions if it is considered improvements can be made.

Frozen Fish

The proposal excludes frozen fish either for local consumption or for export. It is widely accepted that freezing fish is the main reason for many of the problems faced by SHFC over several years. The cost of freezing the fish in the unsuitable and aging facilities SHFC inherited from Argos is enormous. It is understood frozen fish sales on the local market or for export make a loss, every time. Exported fish make a bigger loss because the ship freight cost is added to the high cost of



keeping the fish frozen. Freight cost averages 50p per kilo and standard tuna is bought at 90p per kilo. Last year the price paid by SHFC for tuna varied between £1 and £1.70 per kilo. By not freezing fish a large proportion of SHFC's losses would not occur and the problem would not be passed on to the soon to be established private limited company which is proposed will take over from SHFC.

The Frozen Fish Effect

By reducing the staggeringly high electricity bill for freezing fish and not adding to losses by paying the high ship freight rates on frozen fish exports simply by not freezing fish, one problem will be eased but other problems may arise. Sometimes fish catches tick along nicely and fishermen bring in a range of fish species which satisfies the local market and there is also some additional catches for fresh premium grade export. Sometimes there is a feast, when inshore and off-shore boats bring in several tonnes more than can be processed and sold on without freezing some of it. Other times there is a famine. We are just emerging from the 'green sea' famine which occurs every year. As a result of green seas no ground bait can be caught to catch the bigger fish and we go without for several weeks. Up to now, so long as the SHFC freezer has not broken down we can only buy frozen fish at these times.

The new company set up to take over from SHFC will have a chilling facility which allows fresh fish to be stored for seven days. A shelf life validation test is still to be completed which is expected to make it possible to store fresh fish in chillers for 28 days. Some fish famines have lasted longer than that in the past and with the effects of climate change on the ocean and marine life not fully understood we do not know what the situation will be for periods of feast and famine in the future.

Without a capability to build up a reserve of frozen fish in the fish processing factory fishermen may be turned away from the fish processing factory when fish are plentiful and cannot be sold on the local or the fresh export market. Will their catches just be thrown back as the practice of selling freshly

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caught fish in the street is illegal?

From Price Fixing Monopoly to Market Forces

Until now fishermen were required to offer their fish first to the SHFC at prices fixed by SHFC. The price fixing and 'SHFC first' requirement meant fishermen had some security in that fish they caught would be taken, most of the time at least, by SHFC at prices which fishermen could estimate as another large yellowfin was landed. It has been said that the new private limited company will accept fishermen's catches either to meet local demand, which averages about 8 tonnes per month and for whatever fresh export market requirement may be; up to 1.5 tonnes per month. The proposal now being put to fishermen includes each fishing boat being allocated a monthly tonnage quota based on what it is expected each boat is likely to bring in. It will be possible for quotas to be traded between boats.

When fish are plentiful and the pre-set quotas are exceeded it could be possible fishermen will want to set up a stall on the seafront and try to turn their catch into cash by selling fish which exceed the quotas direct to the fish-buying public. Fish prices will be subject to the ups and downs of market forces, price fixing will be a thing of the past. Can sales to the fish processing factory and sales direct to the public be made to work without factory sales being adversely affected by direct sales? Some fishermen may prefer to sell direct to the public rather than sell their catch to the fish processing factory. Is the Fisheries Task Group prepared for this? Will there be dedicated facilities for selling fish set up at Jamestown seafront which have passed inspection by Environment Health? It is reported that Environmental Health are prepared for fishermen who either want to set up their own fish market rather than sell to the new and smaller fish processing company or to sell fish catches which exceed the quota.

Will fishermen add a van to the fishing boat they already have and make arrangements to tour the island selling fish? If such a thing happens will it need some form of regulation and organisation so that 'fish van wars' do not develop in the same way ice cream van wars once prevailed in the UK or the bus wars when far too many buses flooded the centres of towns just after bus privatisation in the UK? What system will be in place to ensure the fish buying public can go to the end of the track (if meeting the fish van in the country) or to a shop in town and be certain of buying fresh fish at pre-arranged times and places?

Are the Retail Fish Shops included in the Plans and Consultation?

While SHG appear to have decided that freezing fish will be a thing of the past when the new and smaller fish processing factory replaces SHFC the fish retailers, such as the Star and Tinkers do freeze and refrigerate fish along with many other frozen products. More often than not, in the week or two before the MV Helena arrives they have spare freezer capacity. And of course we have our own refrigeration and freezer facilities in our own homes.

Are any plans being made to include the retail and domestic freezer capacity in the supply chain from ocean to kitchen?



In the weeks before the green seas cause a fish famine a fish retailer is likely to want to build up stocks of locally caught fish and customers will also want to buy extra fish – if they can afford to. Will fish retailers have to rely on the fishermen selling direct to the public on the street or will the fish processing factory be flexible enough to offer larger quantities of fish if they are available. Will the new and smaller processing factory offer discounts on bulk purchase when larger tonnages of fish are brought in by fishermen. If there is a move from the fixed price system to a more flexible scenario how will the changes be facilitated?

Exporting Premium Grade Fish

There are several questions attached to the exploitation of the overseas premium grade fish market. Some local fishermen have adapted to the changes required for catching premium grade fish, others have not. It is possible the need to catch the fish a day or two before the plane takes off for Cape Town can be avoided if the required shelf life validation tests on the storage of fish in chillers are completed. These tests have not been done and should have done about a year ago. If the tests are successful it allows premium grade fish to be stored for up to 28 days instead of the present one or two days. Larger volumes of fresh premium grade fish could be exported so why have the tests not been done?

The local fish sales may have fluctuations but there is not and will not be a trend of increasing sales until we get a good crowd of tourists eating out in St Helena fish restaurants every day and every night. As things stand fresh premium grade fish exports is the only possible growth market. Premium fish catches include more than the immediate bleeding, gutting and cooling techniques required for top quality fish. The fish skin needs to be free from scuffs and cuts, even very minor cuts, and any kind of abrasion. Pulling a big fish onto the deck of a fishing boat and at the same time ensuring the appearance of the fish remains perfect is difficult. It is said about 50% of the fish caught using the premium grade fishing techniques are rejected; often because of superficial scuffs and minor cuts on the fish skin. While price paid to fishermen for premium grade fish is higher than for standard fish, landing premium grade fish can be a tricky business.



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LINE PAINTING WORKS IN JAMESTOWN

SUNDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2019

The following is a public announcement from the Infrastructure & Transport Directorate:

The Highways Authority has given approval for the Roads Section to carry out line painting works on the parking areas in front of the Court House, Castle Gardens and the Mantis hotel, Jamestown, on Sunday, 24 November, starting at 7am.

All vehicle users are asked to vacate this area by 6.30am on Sunday, 24 November, to allow these works to take place.

The Roads Section would like to thank the public in advance for their cooperation.

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FIELD (RUPERT'S) ROAD CLOSURE

The Highways Authority has given approval for Field (Rupert's) Road to be closed from 9am to 3pm on Wednesday, 27, and Thursday, 28 November 2019.

This closure is to allow the Roads Section to continue with slurry works on Field Road.



During each closure the diversion route will be via the Airport Access Road and, as normal, only Emergency Services' vehicles will be granted access.

The Roads Section would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank the public in advance for their continued understanding and cooperation.

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MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE (MSME) BUSINESS GRANTS

Technical and Legal Assistance New businesses and youth entrepreneurship scheme.	Development Projects New businesses and youth entrepreneurship scheme.	Product and Service Enhancement Existing businesses only.	Hire for Reward and Vehicles/Trailers <i>(as per policy)</i> New and existing businesses.	Skills Development All Sectors.
75% to a Max of £2,500	75% to a Max of £5,000	50% to a Max of £10,000	25% to a Max of £5,000	75% to a Max of £7,500

Youth Loan from 16 to 26 yrs	£2,000 1% Interest
Youth Extension Loan up to 30 yrs	£3,000 3% Interest

These grants are subject to eligibility criteria. Policy, terms and conditions apply.

For further information contact a member of the Business Development Team on tel: 22920, or email: delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh & mandy.obey@esh.co.sh



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POLLING DAY
WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2019

Polling Day has been set for Wednesday, 27 November 2019, when St Helena will go to the Polls to elect a new Member to fill the vacant seat on Legislative Council.

Candidates for the 2019 Bye-Election are:

- Gillian Ann Brooks of Upper Cow Path, Half Tree Hollow
- Jeffrey Robert Ellick of Police Quarters, Alarm Forest
- Jeremy James Johns of Nr. Harlyn, Half Tree Hollow
- Elizabeth Knipe of Perkins Gutt, Sandy Bay
- Lionel George Williams of 'Brenville', Nr. Half Tree Hollow, St Paul's

Only those named on the Register of Electors dated 18 October 2019 will be able to vote in the Bye-Election. Votes must be cast in the Electoral District in which the voter is registered.

On Polling Day, Polling Stations will be found at:

- Blue Hill Community Centre
- Half Tree Hollow Community Centre
- Harford Community Centre
- Kingshurst Community Centre
- Levelwood Clinic
- Jamestown Community Centre
- Sandy Bay Community Centre
- St Mary's Church, the Briars



The electorate is reminded that if they are ill, physically incapacitated or off-Island, and cannot make it to the Polling Station on Polling Day, there is provision to vote by proxy.

To do so, permission must be obtained in advance from the Returning Officer, Carol George, at the Castle. To get permission, an application form must be completed and returned to the Returning Officer by no later than 10am on Monday, 25 November 2019. Any applications received after this time cannot be accepted.

Application forms can be obtained from the Castle Reception, Assistant Returning Officers, Gillian Francis and Anita Legg, or from the SHG Website at the following link:

<https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/elections/>.

If a person wishes to vote by proxy, their proxy must be on the Register of Electors dated 18 October 2019 and in the same electoral district in which the voter is registered. An elector cannot be proxy for more than one person.

To inspect the Register of Electors you may contact the Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officers or Assistant Registration Officers. Copies of the Register are also available at the Customer Services Centre, Public Library, rural sub-post offices and on the SHG website.

For more information, see insert in this week's local newspapers.

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BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE RESEARCH COMPETITION

The introduction of the fibre optic cable on St Helena offers a unique 'one off' opportunity to study change and development pre and post cable landing.

The St Helena Research Institute, in conjunction with St Helena Government and the Fibre Optic Cable and Satellite Ground Station Board, are seeking to attract research proposals from local and international researchers to encourage research which would contribute to this evaluation of a pre and post cable environment on St Helena. Specifically to help St Helena realise the social objectives of St Helena's European Development Fund (EDF 11) 11th round project funding.

St Helena's remoteness has forged and shaped the Island's rich biodiversity, history and culture. Location has been the determining factor influencing opportunity for growth or impacting a downturn on the economy. St Helena now stands at the crossroads of a new and transformative digital future, connected to the world through a subsea fibre optic cable, bringing St Helena back on to the world stage on a digital highway, and engaging us in satellite communication and space technological advancement.

St Helena's Digital Strategy aims to improve the Island's health, education, economy and communications. The introduction of affordable, reliable and quicker broadband connectivity is key to the strategy and this is dependent on securing access to the subsea fibre optic cable that will enable the Island to have scalable connectivity, ranging from a few hundred gigabits per second up to multiple terabits as demand varies. It will open up new opportunities for education, business, research, helping to retain and attract St Helenians on and on to the Island and attracting a broader range of inward investment, visitors, digital nomads and researchers.

In June 2018, SHG secured €1.5 million European Development Fund, the majority of which is to support the delivery of the SHG Digital Strategy. The target is to deliver broadband to St Helena as early as 2021.

The proposals will be reviewed by the St Helena Connected Group and the St Helena Research Council and the research proposal which is considered to best support the EDF 11 social objectives, offering real benefits to the community and meets the Research Council criteria, will be awarded a grant of £5,000 to go towards the costs of travel to the Island or for local researchers, the sum of £5,000 to contribute to the costs of conducting the study.

Competition details are attached to this release. For an application form and for further information please contact: enquiries@sthelenaresearch.edu.sh

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NEW SET TOP BOX COLLECTION

TV HELPLINE: 121

DATE	DISTRICT	VENUE	TIME
20.11.19	RUPERTS / BRIARS/ ALARM FOREST	SAMS CONFERENCE ROOM	12PM – 6PM
21.11.19	RUPERTS / BRIARS/ ALARM FOREST	SAMS CONFERENCE ROOM	9AM – 1 PM
22.11.19	JAMESTOWN / HALF TREE HOLLOW	SAMS CONFERENCE ROOM / HTH COMMUNITY CENTRE	9AM – 6PM
23.11.19	JAMESTOWN / HALF TREE HOLLOW	SAMS CONFERENCE ROOM / HTH COMMUNITY CENTRE	JT 9AM -1PM HTH 10AM -1PM
25.11.19	JAMESTOWN / HALF TREE HOLLOW	SAMS CONFERENCE ROOM / HTH COMMUNITY CENTRE	9AM – 1PM
27.11.19	SANDY BAY / BLUE HILL	COLINS BAR / MOONSHINES BAR	12PM -6PM
28.11.19	LEVELWOOD / LONGWOOD/ ALARM FOREST	LEVELWOOD & LONGWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE	12PM – 6PM
29.11.19	LEVELWOOD / LONGWOOD / ST PAULS	LEVELWOOD, LONGWOOD & KINGSHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE	12PM – 6PM
30.11.19	ST PAULS	KINGSHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE	9AM – 1PM
02.12.19	ST PAULS	KINGSHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE	9AM – 1PM

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DATE	TIME
Tuesday 24 th December	9am to 1pm
Wednesday 25 th December	CLOSED
Thursday 26 th December	CLOSED
Friday 27 th December	9am to 2pm
Saturday 28 th December	9am to 12pm
Monday 30 th December	CLOSED
Tuesday 31 st December	9am to 1pm
Wednesday 1 st January	CLOSED

*Directory Enquiries will be available during opening hours and Faults can be logged 24/7 on 121

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**EXPRESSIONS OF
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CHAIR, ESH BOARD
OF DIRECTORS**

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

The Main Responsibilities of the Chair are:

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

Specific Knowledge, Skills and Experience:

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

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

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



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Festive Season Openings 2019

Date	Wharf Kiosk	St Helena Branch	Ascension Branch	Accounts & Payments	Lending
Tuesday, 24 December	Closed	09:00 - 12:00			
Friday, 27 December	Closed	09:00 - 14:00			
Saturday, 28 December	Closed	09:00 - 12:00	Closed		
Monday, 30 December	Closed				
Tuesday, 31 December	Closed	09:00 - 13:00			
Wednesday, 01 January 2020	Closed				

International Remittance Services will close at 11:00 on Tuesday, 24 December; at 13:00 on Friday, 27 December and at 12:00 on Tuesday 31 December 2019. These closures will also affect International Remittances undertaken with Online Banking.

The Bank's Airport Currency Exchange Kiosk will open as usual on Saturday, 28 December 2019 from 10:00 to 14:30.

Normal Bank opening times will resume on Thursday, 02 January 2020.

Bank of St Helena Ltd takes this opportunity to wish all our customers a Happy Festive Season and a Prosperous New Year.



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CUSTOMER DATA SECURITY GUIDANCE ON KEEPING YOUR DATA SECURE

Bank of St. Helena Ltd takes customer security very seriously. Whilst we employ a wide range of measures to help keep you protected, including multiple firewall solutions, data encryption, and fraud detection tools, you are ultimately responsible for the security of your data when engaging with our services.

With that in mind, we want to remind you of some useful tips and advice to help you keep your data secure:

PASSWORDS AND PASSCODES

- Use strong passwords and passcodes. Passwords should be a mixture of upper and lower-case letters, numbers and special characters. You should avoid using information which is easy to guess, for example because it relates to a fact about you it could be commonly known.
- Do not use obvious numerical combinations for your passcodes (for example your date of birth or sequential numbering like "123456").
- Do not write down your passwords or passcodes. If you receive them in a letter or email, memorise them before carefully destroying that letter or deleting that email.
- Do not share your passwords or passcodes with anyone else and do not give anyone else access to your accounts.
- Use a different password or passcode for each account you use or service you access.
- Consider changing your passwords and passcodes on a regular basis.

COMMUNICATING WITH US

- We will never ask you for your full password or security details.
- You must inform us promptly if any contact details you have provided to us have been compromised or are no longer valid.
- You should comply with any data security updates or advice we may provide from time to time.

Contact Us

To report suspicious account activity, please contact us promptly at SAR@sainthelenabank.com

If you believe that your account (or an account which you use to engage with our services such as an email account) has been compromised, please contact us promptly at customerservices@sainthelenabank.com

If you have any questions on data security, please contact us at helpdesk@sainthelenabank.com

A full version of our Customer Data Security guidance is available on our website, www.sainthelenabank.com and from any of our offices, call the Bank on +290 22390 or email customerservices@sainthelenabank.com

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Increase in Cheque Book Fee Effective immediately

Customers are advised that effective immediately, the fee for Bank of St Helena Ltd Cheque Books will increase to £6.10

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Business Account Packages Upgraded

Please be advised that with effect from 01 December 2019 Bank of St Helena **Business Account Packages** will be restructured as follows.

Package	Details	Monthly Fee
Basic	Local Debit Card	Free
	One Free Monthly Statement	
Standard	Local Debit Card	£5.00
	One free Cheque Book per month	
	Online Banking view/downloading statements/ 20 Account Transfers or International Payments/1 Journal	
Premium	£300.00 Interest-Free Overdraft	£30.00
	Local Debit Card	
	Online Banking Services (View/download Statements/unlimited Account Transfers/unlimited Journals/unlimited International Payments/BACs/Direct Debit)	
	£500.00 Interest-Free Overdraft	

For further information on these changes, or to apply for a business Account Package please contact Bank Customer Services on telephone 22390 or email customerservices@sainthelenabank.com

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Payroll and Direct Debit Processing Fees

Please be advised that with effect from 01 December 2019 manual processing fees for Payrolls and Direct Debit payments will increase from £0.50 to £1.00, per transaction.

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Enterprise St Helena (ESH) will be disposing of various items from previous capital projects which are surplus to our needs.

Items for sale will include, Saniware (Toilets, basins, bathroom fittings), Fridges, Freezers, Washing Machine, Kitchenware (glasses, jugs, trays, mincer, slow cookers), stainless steel shelving, tables, bedside lamps, fans, wall & floor tiles, projector screen and more....

Members of the Public are welcome to view items for sale at the Ladder Hill Business Park (Units 10 and 15) on Monday the 25th November between 1200 and 1400 and Wednesday the 27th November 2019 between 1600 and 1800

Bids must be submitted to our office by Friday the 29th November 2019 no later than 1500. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope.

For a complete list of items, please contact Mrs Robyn Franconi, Finance Manager on telephone 22920 or email on robyn.franconi@esh.co.sh.

For further information please contact Michelle Yon, Director of Resources on telephone 22920 or email on michelle.yon@esh.co.sh



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Tender Notice

The Ascension Island Government invites tenders for Lots 1 - 4 as listed below.

These items will be sold on an 'as is' basis. Viewing may be arranged with the Transport Team Leader, Mr Mark Thomas, on telephone no. 66791 or email mark.thomas@ascension.gov.ac.



Lot 1 – Vauxhall Vivaro
2.0L Diesel, 2007 Model (not in running order – require engine repairs)



Lot 2 – LDV Tail Lift Single Cab
2.4L Diesel, 2005 Model
In running order (recently fitted with new cylinder head and fuel injection pump)
and complete with spares



Lot 3 – Still 48V Electric Forklift 2T
2005 Model

Not in running order (require 48V battery system) but complete with spares

In addition, the Ascension Island Government invites tenders for Lot 4 as listed below.

This will be sold on an 'as is' basis. Viewing may be arranged with the Marine Team Leader, Mr David Beard, on telephone no. 66217 or email david.beard@ascension.gov.ac.



Lot 4 – Navigator & Schottel/Rudder propeller with air-cooled Deutz Engine
(can be used for spare parts)

All tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked 'Tender: Lot No. x' to the Secretary of the Tender Board, Administrator's Office, no later than 16:00 on Friday 06 December 2019.

Resources Directorate
18 November 2019

VACANCY – GENERAL OPERATIVE

The Infrastructure and Transport Directorate has a vacancy for a General Operative in the Roads section who will work as part of a team to deliver the roads maintenance programmes.

The candidate should be able to carry out operational duties, be physically fit, have basic written and verbal communication skills and an awareness of the importance of Health and Safety practices in the workplace.

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

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mr Darin Francis, Construction Supervisor on telephone number 22054 (e-mail roads.supervisor2@helanta.gov.sh)

Application forms and Job profiles are available from Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, Essex House or e-mail karen.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Tuesday 26th November 2019.

Proposed interviews for shortlisted candidates will take place on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at the Roads section.

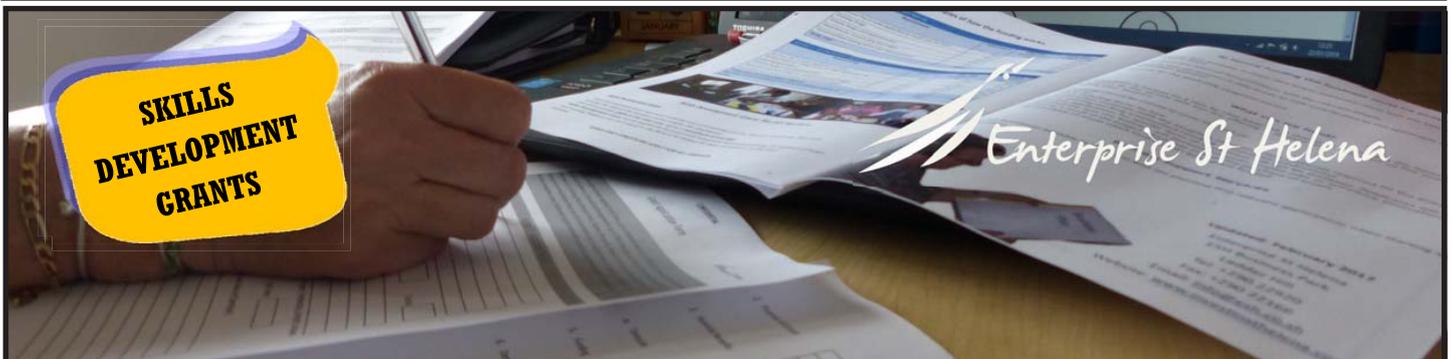
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Darren Duncan

Acting Director of Infrastructure and Transport Directorate

12 November 2019



Professional Development Opportunities

Always wondered about fulfilling your true potential?

Enterprise St Helena is here to assist you with achieving just that!

Skills Development Grants are potentially available to assist with the costs of an accredited course and/or a structured training programme, both local or offshore, with the intention of upskilling the Private Sector, Non—Government Organisations and Social Enterprises with business related skills. ESH will grant fund at 75% of total cost of course up to a maximum of £7,500.00.

This grants is subject to eligibility criteria. Policy, terms and conditions apply.

For further information contact a member of the Business Development Team on tel: 22920, or email: delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh & mandy.obey@esh.co.sh



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**Meeting of
Enterprise St
Helena Board of
Directors**



A meeting of the Enterprise St Helena Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday 27 November 2019 at 9:00am at the Head Office, Ladder Hill Business Park. Specific items that will be discussed which are open to the public:

1. Proposed Budgets 2021—2023;
2. Proposal to Use On-line Banking;
3. Promoting Local Businesses;
4. Review of Funding Support Policies 2019/20;
5. ANRD Application for Funding Support to Agriculture Development 2019/20;
6. London 2019, Back to Office Report;
7. Travel Shows attended Quarter 2/3, 2019/20;
8. ESH Subcommittee Updates.

A copy of the Agenda and Papers open to public will be available from Monday 25 November from the Board Secretary via email: natasha.bargo@esh.co.sh or telephone No. 22920



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VACANCY FOR A HOME ECONOMICS TECHNICIAN

The Education & Employment Directorate has a vacancy for a Home Economics Technician. The successful applicant will be responsible to the Subject Leader for the cleaning of the Home Economics Department and assisting with the preparations and delivery of practical lesson material under the direct supervision of the class tutor.

Applicants must have basic numeracy and literacy skills, and previous experience working with young people would be desirable.

Salary for the post is grade A starting at £5,713 per annum.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Penelope Bowers, Headteacher, Prince Andrew School on telephone number 24290 or e-mail penelope.bowers@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 Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Wednesday, 04 December 2019

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Mrs. Wendy Benjamin
Director of Education & Employment
21 November 2019

VACANCY

DEPUTY HARBOUR MASTER

Are you interested in safeguarding and protecting St Helena's harbours and surrounding waters? If so, this is an opportunity for you. Corporate Finance is seeking a motivated and organised individual to fill the position of Deputy Harbour Master within the Port Control Section.

The Deputy Harbour Master is required to control and manage the harbours in St Helena in accordance with the Harbour Ordinance 1997 and the Harbour Regulations 1998. The Deputy Harbour Master is the responsible port authority for coordinating the day to day running, control, management and development of the Jamestown Wharf and Rupert's Jetty and any other designated landing place and shall perform any other duties as may be required for the good management of the post. Some of the main duties of the post will include:

- To be an active member of the Maritime Authority in the absence of the Harbour Master;
- To assist with strategic planning and development relating to harbour areas and Port Control;
- Collecting and collating data required for statistical purposes pertaining to all vessels calling at St Helena;
- Assisting the Emergency planning department with any maritime incidents;
- Operate the cranes, reach-stacker and fork-lift trucks to aid everyday port operations

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above or equivalent qualification

(applicants without a Level 2 qualification in Maths and English may still apply and can undertake a functional skills assessment as part of the recruitment process);

- Health & Safety (IOSH Certificate) or similar qualification;
- Able to demonstrate experience of Wharf Management, Harbour and Cargo Operations and Port Security duties and;
- Driving Licence Classes A, B, C, D, E, F, H3 and J3

The post holder will be a 'warranted' law enforcement officer, with the powers of arrest, search and seizure, therefore, prior law enforcement experience is essential.

Applicants should possess good IT skills and be proficient in Microsoft applications, have effective verbal and written communication skills and good people management skills, with the ability to relate to internal and external customers. It would be an advantage for candidates to have the ISPS Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) Certificate, or be willing to attend overseas training, in order to obtain this certification.

Salary for this post is Grade D, commencing at £11,034 per annum.

For further details about the post, interested persons can contact Mr Steve Kirk, Harbour Master on telephone number 22750 or e-mail: steve.kirk@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday, 29 November 2019.

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VACANCY

SENIOR PAYROLL EXECUTIVE

Corporate Finance is seeking to recruit a highly-motivated person to join their team as Senior Payroll Executive in their Payroll function.

The post holder will be responsible to the Business Support Manager, for the day to day management of the Central Payroll function and processing of all SHG payrolls.

Some of the main duties of the post will include:

- Process payroll for SHG employees, Pensions and Income Related Benefits by established deadlines;
- Verify payroll data from directorates to ensure compliance with the Code of Management and payroll procedures;
- Reconciliation of period end payroll accounts and prepare journals for posting to main accounts;
- Prepare month end (P6) and year end (P7) returns for submission to the Income Tax Office;
- Collate Pension contributions for the Defined Pensions Contribution Scheme

Applicants should possess the following qualifications and experience:

- GCSE Maths, English and Accounts at Grade C or above or an equivalent qualification

(applicants without a Level 2 qualification in Maths and English may still apply and can undertake a functional skills assessment as part of the recruitment process);

- The ability to demonstrate good experience of finance and accounting across the whole financial year cycle and experience of managing a team to deliver results

Prospective candidates should have intermediate IT skills in Access Dimensions and Microsoft Excel, experience with Select Pay or an equivalent payroll system. The post requires excellent oral communication skills, good people management skills with attention to detail and accuracy.

An ACCA Diploma in Financial and Management Accounting (RQF Level 3) would be an advantage.

Corporate Finance provides an environment for professional development in the field of Finance and Accountancy. The starting salary for the post will be £8,613 per annum, and will be reviewed on the achievement of competencies in line with the Finance and Accountancy Cadre.

For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Miss Sarah Greentree, Business Support Manager on telephone number 22470 or e-mail: sarah.greentree@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Corporate Services 18 November 2019





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CHRISTMAS MARKET

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

Join us
Friday 13th December

Jamestown Market
10am – 2pm



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 Maths. With relevant background experience in Call Centre operations or customer care and experience of dealing directly with the public. Candidates should also have experience of managing other staff at supervisor or team leader level.

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

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

Applicants who are short listed for interview will be required to complete a practical exercise prior to interview.

For further details or an information pack, interested persons are invited to contact Ian Johnson, Operations and Civil Contingencies Manager on 25052 or 22626

Application forms are available from the Police Directorate (Police Headquarters, Coleman House). Applications should be completed and submitted, through Directors, where applicable, to Anya Richards Human Resources Officer at the Police Directorate, email anya.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 6th December 2019.

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

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David Lynch

Director of Police 14th November 2019



FIREFIGHTER VACANCY

The St Helena Airport is looking to recruit an experienced professional in firefighting/ aircraft ground handling.

The successful applicant will be a member of the Rescue and Fire Fighting Service and will be trained in the use of Aircraft Ground Service equipment to support aircraft turnarounds at the St Helena Airport.

Applicants must be of a professional manner and achieve the following:

- A full medical assessment
- Pass a narcotic and Alcohol test
- Pass a fitness assessment and agility test
- Clean driving license (J4)
- Able to pass a Criminal Background Check and Employment verification Check in accordance with the Overseas Territories Aviation Requirement (OTAR) 178.



**ST HELENA
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All applicants will be viewed with preferred experiences and certifications in the following:

- Experience within a firefighting service
- Experience within an airport environment
- Fire fighter 1 and 2 or equivalent
- Driver/pump operator

The safety driven environment will expose the applicant to new hazards. It would be advantageous if the applicant:

- Is safety conscious
- Is willing to undergo continued training
- Has a Professional demeanour

If you think you have the relevant qualifications and skills to suit this role, or you would like more information, or to receive the job description and application form please contact Elaine Hopkins at the St Helena Airport on Telephone number 25180 Ext 0 or email address recruitment@sthelenaairport.aero

The closing date for this position is Wednesday 27 November 2019. Interviews will take place between 2nd and 6th December 2019. Should we not contact you by 2nd December 2019 you can consider your application not successful on this occasion.

Henley Standard

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Hard-working immigrant who was brave to the end



Olga Spiers, a young woman from overseas who worked as a housemaid at the White Hart Hotel in Nettlebed in the early Sixties.

During her first two years in this country she worked in conditions which today would be considered intolerable. The then 16-year-old was on call six days a week and could never take her day off on weekends. She worked from about sunrise until midnight with a break in the middle of the day and had only two weeks' annual holiday.

Mrs Spiers, née Young, who died of breast cancer in April last year, was born on the South Atlantic island of St Helena and came to work in Britain under a contract brokered by her government in 1963. There were few jobs available in the former Crown colony, which had about 5,000 inhabitants, and many saw working here as a way to improve their lives.

Mrs Spiers landed a rare clerical job with her government at age 14 but was lured by the prospect of migrating when she saw the Nettlebed role advertised in *The Lady* magazine. She had always wanted to move here after watching British films at the cinema and reading periodicals sent over by relatives in South Africa. Her uncle had also fought for Britain in Korea and Malaya during the Fifties.

After obtaining her mother's permission, she travelled north on a liner which docked at Southampton before she was driven to her new workplace, which was then run by Beryl Clements. She was paid 80 shillings a week, about £80 in today's money, and given a uniform and lodgings in a shared bedroom plus the option of a return journey at the end of her 24-month contract.

Young Olga, who was not told her working hours before she started, would get up early to carry out domestic chores then prepare each day's lunch and dinner from scratch following a short break for breakfast. Once lunch was served, she had up to three hours off before dinner service at 6pm. Despite this, she and a colleague from the Seychelles would often walk into Henley, then ride the bus back or travel to Reading and London on their days off. A typical menu from 1964 shows she prepared mostly traditional fare like roast chicken, pork and veal, salmon with tartar sauce, pâté de foie gras and assorted ice creams and soufflés.

Soon after emigrating, she became engaged to a young man who lived in Greys Road, Henley, but he died in a road acci-

dent before they could marry. After leaving her job, she met Peter Spiers and they were married in 1968. Mr Spiers, from Marlow, says: "Her contract looked reasonable but completely failed to state the hours to be worked. Olga had little idea of the fine detail — she was excited and wanted to go as soon as possible. "It was very brave as she had never left St Helena before and knew no one in England but she was young, determined, spirited and prepared to work hard — she had helped her mother to raise four younger sisters.

"She soon settled in and made a lot of friends both among the staff and the village. She was a very pretty girl with striking good looks and a lively personality — and was most likely a revelation for the village lads who would turn up waiting for the girls to finish work. "The hours she had to work were onerous to say the least — the contract offered them no protection and I feel the colonial government really let its citizens down." Once her contract ended, Mrs Spiers enjoyed more reasonable hours working as a resident nursing assistant for autistic children at the Smith Hospital, off Fair Mile in Henley, which shut in 1988.

She became friends with Suzannah Piper, the daughter of the artist John Piper, and often spent weekends with her at the family home in Fawley Bottom.

She was diagnosed with cancer in 2004 and died just eight weeks after her sister Sandra Bowers, who moved to Britain in 1999 and was diagnosed with leukaemia. She left her husband, sons Richard, Rupert and Philip and five grandchildren. Mr Spiers says: "In later life, she lived with her illness with great dignity and courage and many people were not aware as she never complained and carried on as near to normal as possible while remaining a very positive, cheerful and caring lady."

The League of Friends Annual Sale will be held in the Jamestown Market on Thursday 28th November from 9.30am.

There will be cakes, bric-a-brac, bottle & can, Xmas raffle tickets and a tombola stall for you to try your luck. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support.

Suzanna's Gift Shop

Phone :22792



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Aubergine p.p.

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Latte p.p.

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Cream p.p.

Eyelet

46x72 drop
Cream p.p.

90x90 drop
Cream p.p.



46x54 drop
Red p.p.

66x72 drop
Red p.p.

66x90 drop
Red p.p.

90x90 drop
Red p.p.

For Sale

1	OFF	LEC SILVER FRIDGE FREEZER 50 WIDE X 120MM HIGH	-	350.00
4	OFF	WOODEN DOOR CASES	-	35.00 EACH
1	OFF	BATH AND SHOWER MIXER	-	89.00
1	OFF	WHITE CERAMIC INSET KITCHEN SINK C/W WASTE 100 X 50MM	-	189.00
17	BOXES OF 9	CERAMIC FLOOR TILES BEIGE 330 X 330MM	-	1.50 EACH

ALL ITEMS ARE NEW AND STILL IN PACKAGING.

Please, Contact Donald or Gay Fagan at Somerville

REDUCTION IN SURFACE FLOW DUE TO CURRENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

ST HELENA WATER SITUATION REMAINS SERIOUS



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St Helena's water situation remains serious and, due to current hot weather conditions and lack of substantial rainfall, surface water flow has gradually reduced over the past week.

Consumption rates also remain an issue with the required rate of under 1000 cubic metres of water occurring only on Friday, 15 November, meaning consumption rates were above 1000 cubic metres for six of the seven days in the past week.

If daily consumption rates of above 1000 cubic metres continue and the stored water volume subsequently continues to decrease, further Island-wide water restrictions will be imposed.

Connect Saint Helena (CSH) continue to pump from Chubb's Spring and Hutt's Gate as well as from Fisher's Valley and Warren's Gut. They have also begun pump testing from Shark's Valley each day, starting on Thursday, 14 November, yielding a daily abstraction of around 80 cubic metres.

With St Helena nearing the holiday period, and with warm weather patterns and no significant rainfall forecast, it is therefore very important that we all keep our water consumption to essential use only.

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

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

**St Helena Resilience Forum
20 November 2019**



TIP OF THE WEEK

Don't run the tap when washing vegetables.

Fill the sink or a bowl instead and save water.

A running tap uses around 10 litres per minute.



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RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITES FOR SALE

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

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

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

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

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

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



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APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

- Application 2019/104:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of a Two Bedroom Split Level Dwelling**, Bellstone, Levelwood on Parcel 0216 Silver Hill, adjacent to the property of Virginia Henry.
Applicant: Jeromy J Henry

Copy of the Application and Plan 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 Representation 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 Representation Closing Date:

4pm – 6 December 2019

Shane Williams
Planning Officer

NOTIFICATION MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, 4th December 2019, at 10 am at the St Helena Community College, Jamestown.**

Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors. The Agenda and redacted versions of the Handling Reports will be available on the LDCA Web Page on the SHG Web Site.

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

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

POLICE APPEAL FOR INFORMATION DAMAGE TO VEHICLE NEAR CHINA LANE

St Helena Police are currently appealing to the public for information regarding damage to a vehicle that was parked in Upper Jamestown, near China Lane.

The damage occurred between the hours of 9pm on Friday, 15 November, and 11am on Saturday, 16 November 2019. The vehicle was a black and silver Suzuki Vitara parked opposite Brick House. The damage sustained was mainly to the front bumper and grill of the Vitara and appears to be the result of a collision with another vehicle.

If you have any information on this incident, regardless of how minor it may seem, please contact Investigating Officer, Police Constable T-Jay Coleman, on tel: 22626, email: emergencycontrol@helanta.co.sh, or speak to a Police Officer of your choice. Alternatively, you can leave a message on our confidential crime line: 22888.

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20 November 2019**



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Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Due to Euro 20/20 qualifiers there was no Premier League football last week. Going into match week 13 we have a significant managerial change as Tottenham Hotspurs sack Pochettino and replace him with Jose Mourinho. Mourinho has been without a job since his sacking by Manchester United last season.

Former Chelsea and Manchester United boss Mourinho has signed a contract until the end of the 2022-23 season.

"The quality in both the squad and the academy excites me," said the 56-year-old Portuguese. "Working with these players is what has attracted me."

Spurs chairman Daniel Levy said: "In Jose we have one of the most successful managers in football."

Jose has also previously managed Portuguese side Porto, where he won the Champions League in 2004.

At Italian club Inter Milan, Mourinho won a league, cup and Champions League treble in 2010 and was named Fifa's world coach of the year, while he led Spanish team Real Madrid to the La Liga title in 2012.

He takes over a Spurs side that are without a win in their past five games and have slipped to 14th in the Premier League, 20 points behind leaders Liverpool after just 12 matches.

Spurs will travel to play West Ham in the early kick off on Saturday.



Spurs fans beware this could be a case of out of the frying pan and into the fire.

3pm games on Saturday will see Arsenal host struggling Southampton, Bournemouth will play Wolves, Brighton will host in form Leicester City, Crystal Palace will play the runner way leaders Liverpool, Everton will play Norwich and Watford will host Burnley.

In the late match at 5.30pm the Champions Manchester City will face a difficult match against Chelsea.

There will be one match on Sunday as Manchester United will travel to the steel city to play Sheffield United at 4.30pm.

On Monday Aston Villa will host Newcastle.

Euro 2020

Wales became the 20th and final team to secure automatic qualification for Euro 2020 after beating Hungary in their final qualifier on Tuesday.

Ryan Giggs' side finished second in Group E and join England in guaranteeing their place at next year's tournament.

Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland will be in the play-offs, which take place in March 2020.

The following teams has qualified: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, Wales.

Top seeds are: There will be six top seeds for the Euro 2020 draw on 30 November. They are Belgium, England, Italy, Germany, Spain and Ukraine. Defending champions Portugal and World Cup winners France are not a top seed for the tournament.

Teams in the Play offs are: Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Norway, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia.



Having previously qualified for a major tournament in 1958 Wales has now qualified for two consecutive European Championship tournaments.

SHFA and Junior Football Presentation Day

Saturday saw the conclusion of the 2019 St Helena Football Season. The day kicked off at 10am with the 11-16 year old Futsal Knock Out Cup final. Galacticos 17 v Titians 1.

Goal Scorers Galacticos: Aiden Yon-Stevens 8; Ethan Harris 3, 1 own goal, Evan Constantine 2 & Musa 3

Goal Scorer Titians: Ethan Johnson 1

Player of the Match: Aiden Yon-Stevens (Galacticos)

The second final saw the Jungle Rangers defeat the Yellow Devils 5-3 in an exciting final.

G/S Jungle Rangers: Toure Osborne 1, 1 own goal & Blaze Baldwin 3

G/S: Yellow Devils: Aden Thomas Stevens 2 & Zac Francis 1

Players of the Match: Blaze Baldwin and Aden Thomas-Stevens

Friendly match between League Champions Rovers and the Lakers

Rovers 10 v Lakers 1

G/S Rovers: Dane Wade 1; Ronan Legg 1, Brett Isaac 1, Rico Benjamin 4, Aiden Yon-Stevens 1, Christian Yon 1 & Peter Benjamin 1

G/S Lakers: Tyrone Cansick 1

SHFA Knock Out Final:

Harts 2 v Bellboys 0

G/S Harts: Sean Lee Thomas 1 & Selwyn Stroud 1

Man of the Match: Selwyn Stroud

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Futsal League 7-11 years
Knock Out Cup Runners Up: Yellow Devils
Knock Out Cup Winners: Jungle Rangers
POM: Blaze Baldwin

League Runners Up: Yellow Devils
League Winners: Jungle Rangers

Best Goal Keeper: Ephren Stroud Yellow Devils
Top Goal Scorer: Taylon Phillips 21 goals
Solomons Futsal League 11-15 year olds

9aside Runners Up: Yellow Devils
9aside Champions: Jungle Rangers
Top Scorer: Blaze Baldwin 8 goals
Player of Season 7-11 year old: Blaze Baldwin 6 POM

11-16 years
Knock Out Cup Runners Up: Titans
Sure Knock Out Cup Winners: Galacticos
POM: Aiden Yon-Stevens

League Runners Up: Titans
League Winners: Galacticos
Best Goal Keeper: Christo Crowie Galacticos
Top Goal Scorer: Aiden Yon-Stevens Galacticos 47 goals

11aside League Runners Up: Titans
11aside League Champions: Galacticos
Top Scorer: Aiden Yon-Stevens 20 goals

Best Female Player: Annika Lawrence Rangers
Player of the Season: Aiden Yon-Stevens 8 POM

SHFA:

Knock Out Cup Runners Up: Bellboys
Knock Out Cup Winners: Harts
Man of the Match: Selwyn Stroud (Harts)

District
Runners Up: HTH
Champions: Jamestown
District Top Goal Scorer: Shane Stroud Jamestown 7 goals

League Runners up: Harts
League Champions: Rovers

Goal Keeper of the Season: Keith Yon Rovers
Top Goal Scorer: Andrew Yon Bellboys 23 goals
Young Player of the Season: Brandon Harris Harts
Player of the Season: Rico Benjamin Rovers

Extracts from my speech last Saturday

2019 was a significant year in the history of football on St Helena. This year we the SHFA along with our families; sponsors and the St Helenians here and abroad made the impos-

sible possible when we manage to take our first ever international football team off to Ynys Mon to play in the International Island Games football tournament.

Results didn't go our way but our team made an impact on the international stage..... 5 months on and football magazines are still writing about us and our fans.

What this team have done will hopefully inspire the youngsters who played in this seasons Junior League to train with the hope of one day going off to represent St Helena on the world stage.

Many times Johnny Isaac said to the team when they were training 'just imagine boys; soon you will be flying out with your mates for 3 weeks doing what you love'

Fingers cross we can continue to create these opportunities for years to come.

The tournament was an eye opener for us all; we learn so much from the other teams' players and coaches.... I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Coach Merv Williams to St Helena.... We look forward to working with you Merv over the next two weeks....

Since we return it hasn't been plain sailing for us the committee....one of the things we need to address is the number of forfeits in the last two seasons...it is unfair on the team who wants to play and for the individual players who are going for individual awards

I wish to thank the past committee Mike E; Happyman, Johnny Isaac, Keith Yon, Rico Benjamin, Wayne Crowie and Brett Isaac and their families as we put their lives on hold this year for the sake of Football.

Before moving on to the Presentation I wish to thank our Junior Football Sponsors; Nigel George; Colin's Garage and New Horizons.

Also wish to thank Gareth and Kyle Bush Yon for refereeing all the senior matches and helping me with the Primary league.

Thanks also to all the coaches for your work and to Happyman; Dax and Laurence along with parents who organised the Beginners League football.



Beginners League Players 2019



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Young Rebels



Aden & Blaze players of the match



Yellow Devils



Ephren Goal Keeper of the Season

Taylon Futsal Top Goal scorer



Blaze Baldwin Player of the season and top Goal scorer



Treble Winners Jungle Rangers



Titans

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Galacticos Treble winners 2019



Harts Knock out Cup winners and League Runners up



Christo Goal Keeper of the Season 2019

Annika best Female Player



Rovers League Champions 2019

Aiden Yon- Stevens Player of the season; Top Goal Scorer Futsal, Top Goal Scorer 11 aside; Player of the match futsal cup final



Rico Benjamin player of the season 2019

Keith Goal Keeper of the Season



Bellboys Knock Out Cup Runner up



Top Goal Scorer Andrew Yon

Brandon Young Player of the Season



Jamestown District Champions



Harts Crowned KO Champions

The local football season came to an end last Saturday with Harts getting their hands on the KO cup with a 2 v 0 win against Bellboys. The match kicked off at 2pm with both teams trying to settle on the ball. It didn't take long for Harts to register their first goal with just under 10 minutes played. From a Harts goal kick, Shane Stroud out jump the Bellboys defence with a header that sent Sean Lee Thomas on his way, one on one with the goalie Sean Lee finish with a brilliant chip to put his side a goal ahead. The goal seemed to wake the Bellboys who should have equalized not so long after going a goal down. A great pass over the Harts defence saw Andrew Yon one on one with the goalie only to see his effort sail over the bar. At this stage in the first half Bellboys were all over the Harts with Andrew Yon getting two more glorious chances to level the scores. Last years Player of the season Ryan Benjamin was having another good game in the heart of the Bellboys midfield, linking well with his team mates. The first half came to an end with Bellboys playing the better football but with Harts a goal up. The game became a bit scrappy in the second half with both sides not really finding their rhythm, but Harts where causing more problems on the attack. A free kick was awarded to Harts inside of Bellboys area for a back pass. Sean Lee step up and fired the ball over the wall with Wayne Crowie making a great save, tipping it onto the bar. Then half way through the second half Selwyn Stroud made a



run down the left wind towards the corner flag, only he would know if it was a cross or shot, but it sailed over the goalie and into the far side netting like a guided missile. With Harts having conceded the lease goals for the last two seasons it was going to be a tuff ask for the boys in yellow to get back into the game, with senior players Simon Scipio and Marc Williams having another standout performance at the backline. Bellboys didn't really tested Harts goalie to much more in the second half, with Harts happy just to sit deep and run down the clock. The final whistle came with loud cheers from players and fans, who can call themselves champions yet again.

Ageways Christmas Wonderland

Saturday 23rd November, Longwood Green, 4pm 'til late

A pre-christmas family event for all to enjoy, come along and support our elderly community

Look forward to :

- **Car Boot sales and various stalls**
(If you would like to do a car boot/stall then just turn up on the day and a collection of £5 will be collected – NO SHELTER/GAZEBO PROVIDED)
 - **Santa's Grotto** *(photo opportunity)*
 - **Fire Truck Pull** *(teams of 6 – fastest team wins a case of beer)*
 - **Face Painting**
 - **Joshua's Family Fun**
 - **Shooting Stars**
 - **Chrishay's Balloons**
 - **R&K's Milkshakes & Popcorn**
 - **Shirley's Ice creams**
 - **Pamper Me Stall**
 - **Family Bingo** *(Prizes & Cash)*
 - **Various Raffles** *(Multi and Booze)*
 - **..... And much more including food vendors,**
- Mixed music, karaoke and Bar** (alcohol from 6pm)



Entrance Fee:

£1 (Adults)

50p (5 - 16yrs)

Limited car parking permitted on the Green

Golf Report - Contributed



ST. HELENA
GOLF CLUB



Thirty players participated in the 18 Hole Stroke play competition on Sunday 17th November 2019 sponsored by the St Helena Golf Club. The winner of the turkey was Arthur Young with a net score of 68, Pat Henry claimed the gammon with a net score of 71. Jeff Stevens claimed 29 balls for the two ball pool – he putted a two on the 7th. Congratulations to all winners.

The monthly medal is scheduled for Sunday 24th November 2019. You may register your name on the sign-up sheet at the Golf Club or leave a voicemail on telephone number 24421 by 6pm on Friday 22nd November 2019.

Lee and Gary head out to the golf course for a quick nine holes. On the first tee, Lee turns to Gary and says, "What do you say we make this time worth something. Play you for five bucks?" Gary agrees, and they start their rounds. It's a great game, and the two lifelong friends reach the No. 9 tee box with Gary ahead by one stroke. After Lee hits a great drive, right down the middle, Gary steps up and promptly hooks a ball into deep rough and trees. "C'mon," Gary says to Lee, "help me find my ball. I'll look in this patch of trees, and you look around over there." They look and look and look, but no ball can be found. The five-minute time limit on searching for lost balls is about to run out. Gary gets desperate. He gives a quick glance over to Lee to see if he is looking, then swiftly reaches into his pocket and drops a new ball into the rough. "Found my ball!" Gary shouts out triumphantly. Lee looks at his friend with great disappointment. "After all the years we've been friends," Lee says, "you'd cheat me at golf for a measly five bucks?" "What do you mean cheat?" Gary asks indignantly. "I found my ball sitting right here!" Lee lets out a heavy sigh. "And you'd lie to me, too? All for a tiny little sum of money? You'd cheat me and lie to me, for what? For five bucks? I can't believe you'd stoop so low." "Well what makes you so sure I'm cheating and lying, anyway?" Gary asks. "Because," Lee replies, "I've been standing on your ball for the last five minutes!"

Happy Swinging

Exciting year for St Helena Yacht Club

By Stephen Coates, SHYC Commodore

The St. Helena Yacht Club has had a busy year following the hectic start in January with the yacht race and the World Arc Rally reaching Jamestown. Since then a lot has happened and the club has been ticking over nicely through the quieter months in terms of yacht traffic. We open regularly on Wednesday evening from 5pm and Sundays from 3pm, all are welcome!

Recently we have secured some funding to improve facilities and we will be revamping the club with new furniture, improved bar facilities and a kitchen where snacks can be prepared and served. We have also signed a new 5 year lease on the premises, which includes the upstairs, so it is a very exciting time.

In recent meetings the committee has been in discussion regarding how to get the yacht club sailing and we aim to repair the existing craft owned by the club in the near future. Bosun James Herne has been assisted by Jamestown Scouts in working on 'Duet' the yacht clubs small yacht. Also, we have two smaller dinghies and three catamarans to fix up and would be interested in any help in the coming months from anyone with experience or who is willing to learn. We are also looking at alternative ways of getting people out on the water, enjoying themselves by kayaking or paddle-boarding.



Lastly I have been doing a little research, with the help of the museum, into the historical appearance of the building and found a photograph of the yacht club with passengers from the Papa Nui, which sank in 1911 in James Bay. What is interesting to me is the harbour masters balcony for surveying the bay, it is now an ambition to reinstate the balcony or create one similar to it and in doing so renovate the building to its original appearance.

WE ARE SAILING.....

Sharon Wade

Imagine if you had unlimited amounts of moneyborn into it or not..... and didn't need to worry about whether you can cover the utilities bill this month, or whether you can afford the luxury of a family event etc., would you book a trip on a vessel such as the those who visited us recently? Both the 'Aquijo' and 'Katharine' (Superyachts in their own classes) gave those who came within a few metres of their anchorage, a glimpse of what it could be like to live a different lifestyle where "let's take a trip" would mean 'around the world, with exotic island stops' and not down to Sandy Bay beach! It is said that to charter a superyacht such as the Katharine, would cost 120,000 Euros per week (roughly 100,000 GBP pounds)– and that will just get you on the yacht...living expenses and other luxuries would be in addition to that figure. Aquijo is the newest yacht – the largest sailing ketch in the world and Katharine is a little older and has had a re-fit, but could still show off her class and opulence just as well. Both have left our shores, and the Katharine updated us briefly after departure....they said they had bit of a bumpy ride from St Helena over to Namibia where the crew could have a well-deserved rest. From there, they were expecting to stop at Cape Town, and then on to Mauritius and possibly the Seychelles. Captain Vlad spoke to Saint FM whilst at anchor as well, and was impressed with the island's inner beauty, despite having a rugged coastline....(a description that could suit many people as well!!) He also felt that the secret to success with our Airport, would be to open it to other airlines who might have suitable aircraft to land here...at least it could open St Helena to a wider tourist audience!



'Aquijo'

Good luck and safe sailing to both vessels and we wish them fair winds and calm seas on the remainder of their journeys.



'Katharine' and Captain Vlad



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Bye-Election 2019

Voting: Your questions answered

Polling Day is on Wednesday, 27 November 2019. This is when St Helena will go to the Polls to elect a new member of Legislative Council to fill the currently vacant seat.

In this insert we answer all your questions on voting and going to the Polls.

Form B
ELECTIONS ORDINANCE 2009
ELECTIONS REGULATIONS
BALLOT PAPER AND COUNTERFOIL

(Regulation 5)

Legislative Council Bye Election 2019 Ballot Paper	
No.....	
Ballot Paper Counterfoil	ADAMS, Eric Henry
	DUDLEY, Peter Robert
Elector's Serial No.....	JOHNSTON, Johnny David
	KINGSLEY, Ali Douglas
	WILSON, Daniel James

Candidates for the 2019 Bye-Election are:

Gillian Ann Brooks
of Half Tree Hollow

Jeffrey Robert Ellick
of Alarm Forest

Jeremy James Johns
of Half Tree Hollow

Elizabeth Knipe
of Sandy Bay

Lionel George Williams
of St Paul's

The Presiding Officer will provide each voter with a ballot paper (see example above) which will have a unique number printed on the back and an official mark on both sides. On this, you will mark an 'X' by the name of the candidate you want to fill the seat on Legislative Council.

Questions and Answers

Q I want to vote in the Bye-Election but I am not registered. Is it too late to get my name on the Register?

A Whilst you can make application at any time to get on the Register, applications received after a Writ of Election has been issued cannot be processed until after the election. So, if your name is not already on the Register as published in the Government Gazette dated 18 October 2019, you cannot vote in this Bye-Election.

Q I can't remember which electoral district I am registered under. Where can I view this information?

A This information is printed in the Register of Electors; this can be inspected at the office of the Registration Officer in the Castle or you can check with any of the Assistant Registration Officers. Copies are also available at the Customer Service Centre, the Public Library, rural Sub Post-Offices and on the SHG Website.

Q Where can I cast my vote?

A There will be one polling station in each electoral district.

The venues are as follows: Blue Hill Community Centre, Sandy Bay Community Centre, Kinghurst Community Centre, Half Tree Hollow Community Centre, Jamestown Community Centre, Harford Community Centre, Levelwood Clinic and St Mary's Church, the Briars. You must vote in the electoral district you are registered under on the Register of Electors published on 18 October 2019.

Q When will the Polling Stations open and close?

A Polling Stations will open at 10am and will close at 7pm on Wednesday, 27 November 2019.

Q If I am working in Jamestown on Polling Day, can I vote at the Jamestown Community Centre?

A You can only do so if you are registered in the Jamestown Electoral District. If, for example, you are registered in Levelwood, you will have to vote at the Levelwood Clinic.

Q Will I be allowed to have time off work to cast my vote?

A Polling stations will still be open after normal working hours and will not close until 7pm. However, the Elections Ordinance states that employers must allow their employees reasonable time to vote on polling day. The employer cannot deduct this time from the employee's pay. If an employer refuses to grant a reasonable period for the employee to vote, then the employer will commit an offence (maximum penalty fine of £1000, six months imprisonment or both). This applies to all employers, including the private sector.

Q I hear that there are five candidates. Can I vote for all of them?

A No. You can only vote for one candidate to fill the vacant seat on Legislative Council.

Q Will candidates be allowed to vote?

A Yes, candidates can vote in the electoral district in which they are registered.

Q Who will I find at the Polling Station?

A At the Polling Station you will find a Presiding Officer and an Assistant Presiding Officer. You may also find candidates and their polling agents since they are allowed to be at the Polling Stations. A Police Officer might also be present.

Q How will the names of the candidates be listed on my ballot paper?

A Names will be listed alphabetically with the surname appearing first.

Q Why will my ballot paper be numbered?

A Each ballot paper has a unique number. In addition, the Presiding Officer will write your serial number on your ballot paper counterfoil before you vote. This is needed in case anyone challenges the elections before the Supreme Court. The election papers are sealed up in separate packages in such a way that an individual ballot paper cannot be linked to its voter unless the Supreme Court orders the opening of the packages; this would only be done if there was good reason to suspect some kind of electoral fraud.

Q When I select my candidate, should I use a tick or an 'X'?

A You should put an 'X' alongside the name of the candidate you want to represent you on Legislative council.

Q What should I do if I mark the wrong box on my ballot paper by mistake?

A If you mark the wrong box, take your ballot paper to the Presiding Officer, explain your mistake and if the Presiding Officer is content that you made a mistake he or she will take your ballot paper and will provide you with a new one.

Q If I can't make it to the Polling Station, can someone else vote on my behalf?

A Yes. There is provision to vote by proxy if you are going to be away from the Island or if you are ill or incapacitated. However, you must get permission from the Returning Officer before this can happen. To get permission, you need to complete the relevant form and this must be handed in **by no later than 10am on Monday 25 November 2019**. Forms are available from the office of the Returning Officer and

from Assistant Registration Officers, the Castle reception, and on the SHG Website

Q Can I ask anyone to be my proxy?

A No. Your proxy must be registered in the same electoral district that you are registered in and they can only be proxy for one person.

Q How will my proxy prove to the Presiding Officer that they are my proxy?

A The Returning Officer will have informed the Presiding Officer in advance. In addition, the Returning Officer will provide your proxy with a form certifying that he or she can vote on your behalf. Your proxy must present this form to the Presiding Officer on the day and will need to sign it in the presence of the Presiding Officer.

Q If I am incapacitated, can I arrange for someone to accompany me to the Polling Station?

A Yes, this is allowed but they cannot help you to vote. Your helper can take you to the Presiding Officer who will help you to cast your vote if necessary. As an alternative, you can choose to vote by proxy.

Q Are candidates allowed inside of the Polling Station?

A Yes, candidates are allowed inside, along with one of their polling agents. However, they are not allowed to communicate with voters. Candidates must inform the Returning Officer of the names and addresses of their polling agents at least 48 hours before the poll.

Q Will I be allowed to witness the counting of votes on Polling Day?

A Generally, 'NO'. The law restricts access to the count, so that the count can proceed efficiently without unnecessary distraction. However, the candidates and their counting agents are entitled to attend.

Q When the votes have been counted, can a candidate or a counting agent demand a recount?

A Candidates and counting agents, who are present when the count is complete, can ask for a recount. The Returning Officer can refuse if she considers the request to be unreasonable.

Want to know more?

If you need more information, please contact Returning Officer, Carol George, via email: carol.george@sainthelena.gov.sh or tel: 22470, Assistant Returning Officers, Gillian Francis, on email: gillian.francis@sainthelena.gov.sh, tel: 22470, or Anita Legg, on email: anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh, tel: 22590