

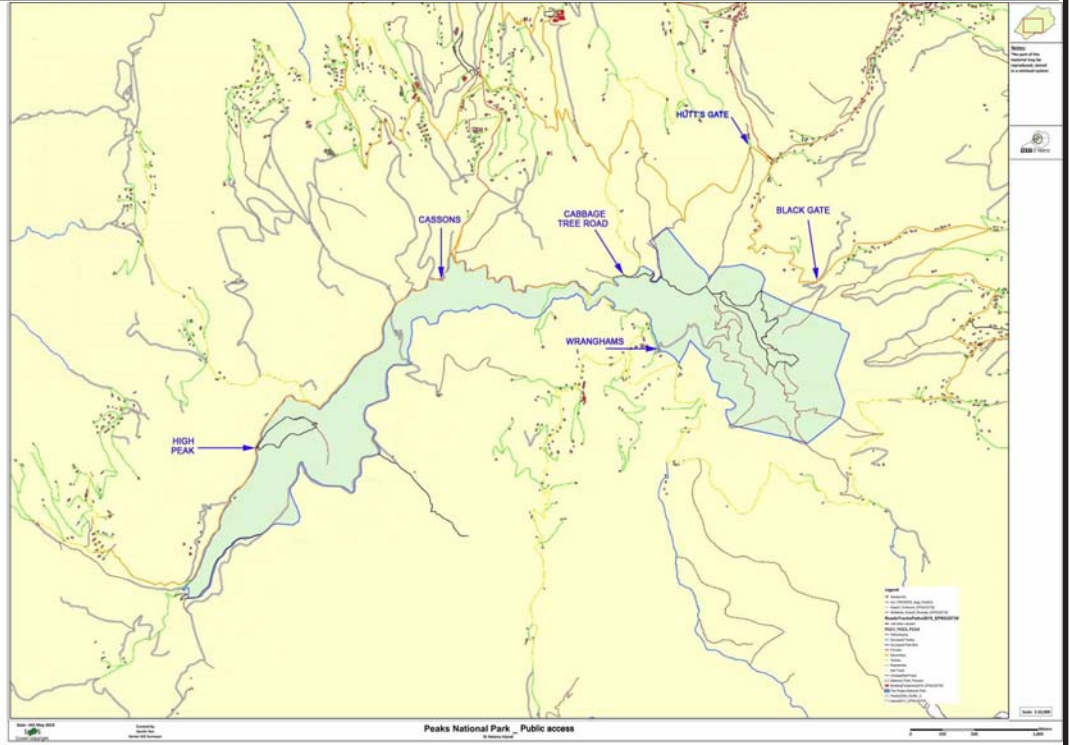
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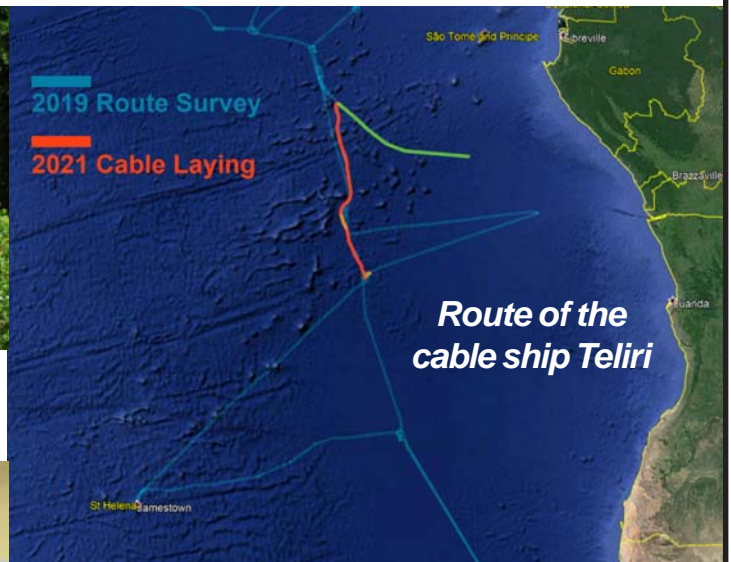
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Ready and Waiting to Connect St Helena

Vince Thompson

A team of twelve arrived in St Helena on Monday to connect the subsea cable to the land-side cable and onto the Cable Landing Station. The connection will happen soon after the *Teliri* cable ship arrives off Rupert's Bay; she is due to arrive on 21st August.

Until 13th August everything is on hold as all twelve serve out their quarantine time. The land cable engineers are from Alcatel Submarine Networks (ASN), based at Greenwich, London. The eight members of the team from Marine Contractors and Consultants (MCC) will deal with bringing the subsea cable from ship to shore ready for connection to the land-side cable.

The cable ship *Teliri* is scheduled to be in Rupert's Bay for two days before heading towards the west coast of Africa, laying 720 miles of cable as it goes. This cable laying should be completed by 4th September. The cable from St Helena will then be connected to the main Equiano cable which runs from Portugal to South Africa.

While the other connections are being made, a technical team from Telecom Egypt will be on island to complete the interface between the cable landing station and the networks used on island for public communications and other telecom services. Local staff will also undergo training with Google.

SHG's Equiano Project manager, Jeremy Roberts, said, "The Equiano cable will be the first to take advantage of a new technique called 'fibre-level switching', which will drastically improve the cable's ease of deployment as well as reduce its cost. Fibre-level switching, as the name suggests, doesn't touch a signal's particular wavelength. Instead, it mechanically moves the signal to the correct cable, like getting on the right bus to your destination. Fibre-level switching grew out of another recent Google undersea cable



Vaughan Burrows (left) and Kevin Saunders – two land cable engineers who will be connecting the subsea cable to terminals in the cable landing station.

development, called space-division multiplexing, which raises the number of fibre pairs that can be packed into a cable."

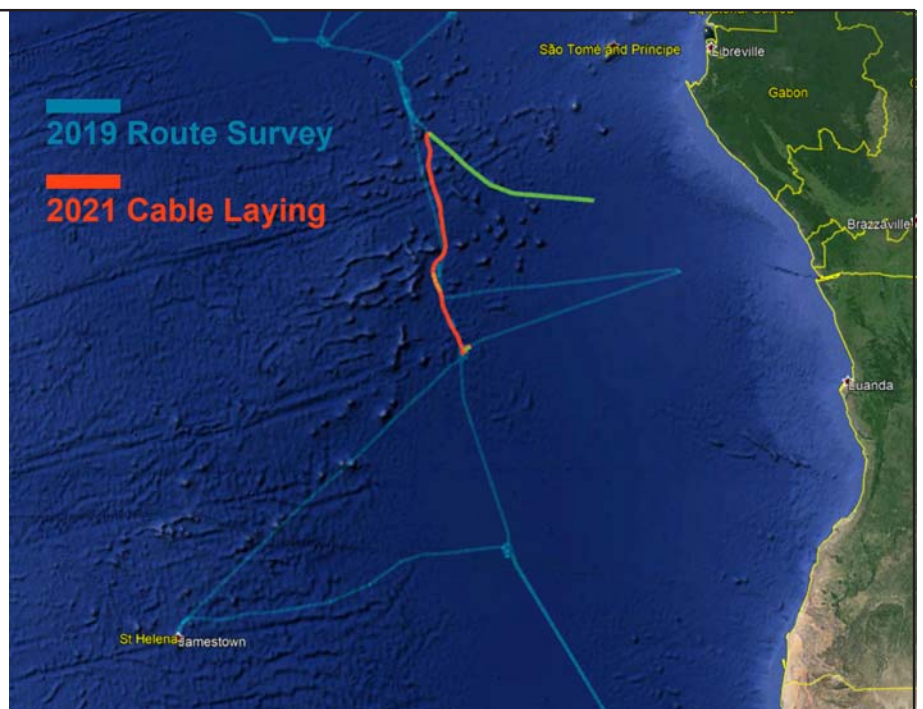
Until 13th August when Vaughan and Kevin can join their other colleagues and get this show on the road they are catching up on some of their favourite films which they wisely stored on their hard drives before leaving the UK. Vaughan is from Bideford which is not far from the northern coast of the Glorious County of Devon. Bideford has a population of about 15,000; Vaughan says his part of the world has not been affected by the coronavirus pandemic; it is the bigger towns and cities that have suffered.

There could be another reason. One verse in the old song 'Glorious Devon' tells us:

"When Adam and Eve were dispossessed
Of a garden hard by heaven,
They planted another one down in the west,
T'was Devon, glorious Devon!"

The Cable Ship's Location on 4th August

Attached comes the latest track of the *Teliri* as Google Earth file as well as screenshots which so far has laid around 740km of cable and spent the past two days installing the branching unit for the Democratic Republic of Congo including 20km of the DRC branch around 1100km off the north-western coast of Angola. She is expected to spend the next 7 days laying another 700km of trunk cable southwards to the next branching unit which will be the one facing St Helena. Once completed she will transit to St Helena and start laying the branch from the island back to the branching unit.



INDY PICTURE QUIZ.....Take a trip down Memory Lane and study this picture that was very kindly contributed.....



IN HONOUR OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT TODAY, THIS IS AN EX-TEAM OF PILLING PRIMARY FROM SEVERAL YEARS AGO.....

Send in your written or emailed answers only to 'The Shine Show' at Saint FM by next Friday, and the person who has identified the most faces, will win a nice prize!

**DARK SKY COMMUNITY STATUS
UPDATE**

St Helena has applied for Dark Sky Community Status from the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) and is awaiting a response as to whether the application has been successful. Dark Sky accreditation will have a positive impact for St Helena, in that it will help to protect the natural environment, conserve biodiversity, protect the night sky, and reduce energy waste and carbon emissions.

In order to meet the requirements for Dark Sky Community Status, amendments were made to the Environmental Protection Ordinance (EPO) in June 2021. These amendments will come into effect as and when a Code of Practice and supporting regulations are developed.

The Code of Practice will set standards to regulate the use of artificial light at night and provide educational information as to why and how the use of artificial light at night should and can be controlled whilst maintaining the positive benefits of artificial light at night.

Regulations will provide for lighting zones and controls for exterior lighting within these zones and will include values for the maximum levels permitted for domestic and non-domestic lighting, along with the maximum luminance permitted for illuminated advertisements and values for the level of exterior light permitted to shine into residential windows.

The Customs (Export and Import Control) (Amendment) Regulations were also approved by the Governor in Council in July 2021 to come into effect on 1 November 2021. These regulations prohibit the import of non-compliant exterior light fittings and light sources. However, there are certain exceptions that are allowed under the Environmental Protection Ordinance such as lighting for air and sea navigation, and exterior lighting for construction sites and emergency purposes.

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Editorial

On this day, 76 years ago, The United States Air Force became the first and only military force to use nuclear weapons in wartime. The blast from the bomb dropped on Hiroshima killed about 80,000 people; another 35,000 were injured. More than 60,000 died within 12 months as a direct consequence of the nuclear explosion.

Fast forward 76 years and there are 7,863 recorded deaths for yesterday alone due to the pandemic; bringing the worldwide death total since the pandemic started to 4,276,912. Also recorded are 575,387 new coronavirus cases yesterday, bringing the total number of people who are or have been infected to 201,512,122.

As well as plague, we have fire, flood and storms. There are already double the number of forest fires compared to last year, the number of hurricanes and typhoons look set to exceed last year's numbers and there have been 58 major volcanic eruptions in the seven months of this year compared to 72 for all of last year. The wind, the rain and the flame have added to the death toll due to unnatural causes which is already of biblical proportions. And, of course, nuclear bombs can kill and maim many more people now than they could 76 years ago.

Two other notable events made possible by the United States on 6th August were the first person sentenced to death to receive his punishment in an electric chair; this happened in 1890 and in 1910 the New York City Mayor at the time was seriously wounded during an assassination attempt. It's all good news whichever way you look!

Next Friday, 13th August, should be better for looking at what happened in history on that date. But the Good Lord only knows what will be in the news for Friday 13th April 2021. One thing that did happen on 13th August 1960 was the first two-way phone communication by satellite. The satellite was Echo 1 launched by NASA. It was a balloon satellite which acted as a reflector, bouncing signals sent to it back to Earth. Coincidentally, next Friday the teams from Alcatel and MCC will be released from quarantine to start work on the cable connection in Rupert's Bay. That reminds me of Neil Armstrong's famous quote as he stepped out of his space capsule onto the Moon just nine years after NASA launched their Echo 1 balloon. "That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind". Please let the cable connection be a giant leap for you and me.

The Olympics is reaching the end and I'm sure the whole of Japan will breathe a sigh of relief. The next Olympics will be in Paris in 2024; exactly 100 years since the Olympics were last held in that city. The Olympic logo for 1924 was the first It is used these days to show how NOT to design a logo, trademark, anything at all really.



The logo for 2024 Paris Olympics does not escape criticism.



The bit that puzzles people is the top bit. It is indicative of a gold medal – OK. It also suggests the Olympic flame is in there – Yes, but? The 'but' is what looks like a pair of lips at the bottom middle of the flame. What are they doing there? It is supposed to represent Marianne, the personification of the French Republic. Marianne to the French is similar to Britannia for the Brits. For many French the addition of a juicy looking pair of lips does not indicate the venerated Marianne – it looks more like an old 'slapper'.



Marianne – the Goddess of Liberty to the French and worth 10 of the Statues of Liberty in New York Harbour

Vince

Ten Year Plan Update Highlights Progress Over Four Years

Vince Thompson

The Ten Year Plan was published in January 2017. The aim of the plan is to monitor actions which support the objectives for making St Helena Safer, Healthier, Better for Children and Young People, Greener, and Wealthier. There have been regular six monthly reviews of the Ten Year Plan and now, at almost the halfway stage, an Update of the Ten Year Plan has been published. The main section of the Update itemises progress with the actions described in the original version published four year and seven months ago. The publication of the Updated Ten Year Plan was announced on Tuesday of this week however the Update records progress and changes to the end of March this year.

Some of the progress on actions is listed here; the full update is available on the SHG website.

Safer

Significant work has been done to meet the needs of vulnerable people living at home. This has seen a shift and increase in the number of service users now benefiting from domiciliary care services.

The use of mobility vehicles has increased the Child and Adult Social Care Directorate's ability to support 'hard to reach' people and to enable them to access amenities and improve their quality of life.

The Children and Adult Social Care (CASC) Directorate is now linked with a UK local authority for peer review, support and direction. Where relevant, colleagues from other directorates such as Health and Education, are invited to attend on-line work streams.

The Fit for the Future Review of Customs and Immigration has now been completed and it has been decided to combine both services to form a Border Force in order to provide a more effective and efficient service to protect St. Helena's borders. This project will commence with both services being co-located at the Port Control Building which will then embark on work to integrate the two teams. This is expected to take some time

Between 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2021, there were 186 referrals by the Police to Child Services. The Police Directorate directly supports Child Services by attending Strategy meetings and undertaking joint investigative actions and accompanies social workers when requested to undertake home visits.

The St Helena Police lead Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) and manage Registered Sex Offenders. Plus Joint Partnership meetings are held to ensure that relevant agencies have the information required to protect children from identified risk in the community.

The Road Section are continuously trying to improve unsafe conditions on roads and road edges. Within the past three years Dungeon's corner has been widened, numerous barriers installed on unsafe areas of the roads, and speed reduc-

ing measures and additional convex mirrors have been installed. There has been a focus on drainage improvement within Jamestown and other parts of the Island. Several retaining walls were rebuilt at Ladder Hill, Sandy Bay, Shy Road and Side Path.

Funding for the new prison will be secured via the EDIP programme: construction is unlikely to start before late 2023.

Plans to build a new fire station have been abandoned and instead improvements to the current location have been identified. Work is ongoing to identify funding for implementation.

Healthier

Medical Equipment: Replacement items were purchased to ensure continuity of health service delivery. A mammogram is now in place, and hospital and theatre equipment purchased include a ventilator, simulation model, scopes, ultrasound machine and a new biochemistry analyser. Also a new microscope and Retina Scan/OCT were purchased for the Ophthalmology Department. A portable Ultrasound machine that will enable cardio echoes to be undertaken with remote support and a GeneXpert machine for the Pathology Department enabling additional testing to be done on Island have also been purchased. The introduction of the latter machine has resulted in the requirement for less evasive sampling from patients. Updated and improved kits for community nurses to enhance/improve assessment in clinical settings have also been acquired.

Ongoing maintenance to GLH under the Capital Programme since April 2017 included work to homes at Cow Path, Ropery Field, Lady Margaret Field and Harbour View.

A planning application was submitted to Planning in May 2020 for the former Longwood Primary School. This empty property will be converted into eight apartments for residents over 55 years of age.

Surveys and costings have been carried out a RE Yard, with the intention of converting four dwellings into self contained units. Kitchens and bathrooms are currently located away from the bedrooms and living areas.

The Agronomist post was extended for a further year for 2021-22 to support producers, especially with vegetable production. In addition, the Agronomist has undertaken several master class training sessions in arable and farm business practices.

Greener

Customs Duty on vehicles with zero emissions from 1st December 2019 are charged duty of £200. This is minimum duty payable. As CO2 emissions increase the tariff increases on an incremental basis reaching maximum duty payable of £3,500 for vehicles whose CO2 emission is greater than 200g per km.

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The Blue Belt programme has been supporting the ENRP Directorate with implementation of actions for monitoring St Helena's offshore fishery through satellite surveillance and will continue to do so until the Blue Belt project for St Helena ends.

In September 2017 a tender process was underway jointly with SHG Procurement and Connect Saint Helena Ltd to move the Island to an initial minimum of 85% renewable energy. By March 2018 a preferred bidder was selected and a contract was awarded to PASH. Conditions Precedents are due to be satisfied at the end of January 2021 with actions from PASH, Connect and SHG outstanding.

The Water Strategy was approved by ExCo and EDIP funding is being sought to create a Water Resources Management Plan which will inform infrastructure decisions. Funding is likely to arrive in phases which will dictate the rate that progress can be made.

Children and Young People

In total there are 1,023 registered members in St Helena Community College. These are made up of 547 Females and 476 Males.

For the period October 2020 to 31 March 2021 the total number of course registrations were 647. These registrations are made up of 102 Males and 545 females. The total number of examinations passed in this period was 29.

Since launching the Social Enterprise grant scheme in July 2017, a total of seven grants were approved to a value of £20,910. Successful applicants were: Golf Club, Heritage Society, SHNT, The Rock Christian Fellowship, New Horizons, Sandy Bay Community Centre and The Saint Helena Recreational Club.

A policy for Crèche providers and child minders which sets out responsibilities and standards was introduced and implemented. Crèches and child minders are subject to inspection on an annual basis. These inspections are undertaken by a qualified children's service social worker.

The voting age was lowered from 18 years to 17 years in May 2017, prior to the July 2017 General Election.

Harford Primary has established a Nursery/Reception play area on their main playground, Pilling Primary has created an obstacle play area and St. Paul's has finally a covered area for outdoor play along with their 'ship' activity area. Work is on-going to continue to make the play areas safe for use. Pilling has ordered playground matting and St. Paul's is in the process of getting their fencing mended.

Wealthier

Recent development in the Customs tariffs was approved by ExCo in March 2019 and came into effect from 1st April 2019. This included the Customs Approved Investment Regulations which seek to make provision for Approved Investment Sta-

tus of enterprises whose activities will increase and retain money on St Helena by reducing the independence on imported goods or increasing exports or adding to the range of products and services available on St Helena. These Regulations provide for exemption from customs duties or reduced customs duties and delayed payment of duties on certain capital assets imported by Approved Investments.

St Helena Tourism has obtained Green Flag Accreditation on its Post Box Walks and Foot Trails. The Dark Skies accreditation is pending with the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA).

The Agricultural Support Programme was developed for the 2020/21 financial year only, due to uncertainties around future ESH project funding. This involved funding support from ESH for ENRP to support it to undertake a number of initiatives and for individual enterprises to bid for grant funding.

A tuna science programme and a bigeye tuna exploratory licence have both been approved and SHG now awaits the exploratory fishing operation to begin by Saints Tuna Corporation in June 2021.

A number of improvements were made to SHG Human Resources processes during 2020-21 in fulfilment of Labour Market Strategy targets. These include incorporation of a section titled 'Qualified by Experience' in the SHG employment application which allows individuals who do not have formal qualifications to demonstrate that they meet the requirements of the job advertised.

The Bank of St Helena (BOSH) and SHG are taking forward initiatives to improve banking facilities on the Island.

In 2018, SHG received European Development Fund (EDF) 11 funding towards the capital costs of a fibre optic cable which would be developed by SAEx and landed. Marine surveys were undertaken to map the route of the cable. When plugged in, the fibre optic cable will deliver superfast broadband, providing cheaper and faster internet.

St Helena Nature Conservation Group



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

will hold its **Annual General Meeting**
Tuesday 10th August 2021 at 5.00pm
at the Museum, Jamestown

Including a number of presentations on
conservation on St Helena

Light refreshments will be provided

All interested persons are invited to attend

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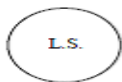
On Tuesday 3rd August the Governor issued a Proclamation dissolving Legislative Council. This brings to an end the committee system of government St Helena has used until now. The constitutionally required Proclamation was by an Extraordinary issue of The St Helena Government Gazette. The present Legislative Council and the committee based governing system passed into history at 23:59 on Monday 2nd August 2021. Another proclamation is required to announce that St Helena has officially changed to a ministerial system of government.

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PROCLAMATION



By Philip Rushbrook,
Governor of St Helena.

Philip Rushbrook
Governor

WHEREAS it is provided, in section 76(1) of the Constitution of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha Constitution Order 2009, that the Governor, acting in his or her discretion, may at any time, by proclamation published in the Gazette, dissolve the Legislative Council;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Philip Rushbrook, Governor of St Helena, do hereby proclaim, declare and make known that I hereby dissolve the Legislative Council with effect from one minute to midnight on 2nd August, 2021.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal at The Castle, Jamestown, this 2nd day of August, 2021.

The next major step in the transition to ministerial government will be the announcement of the date of the general election to elect a new Legislative Council. This will not happen until another update of the Register of Electors is completed. The deadline for applications to register as an elector is Thursday 12 August – next week. Executive Council continues until the date of the general election but the established convention is that Exco will not make any decisions on new ordinances, major policies or significant spending commitments. Any departure from this convention is only permissible if an emergency situation demands some form of significant action.

On the last day Legislative Council there were meetings of both Legco and Exco. Legco met at 10am in the Council Chamber. There was one item of business on the Order Paper concerning an amendment to the Merchant Shipping Bill. The final act was the Adjournment Debate when each member of Legco is given the opportunity to air personal views on a burning issue of the day. It should not go unnoticed that Cyril Leo used his Adjournment Debate speech to say the time it took to get legislation through the committee system of government was painfully frustrating and hopelessly challenging. He pointed out that even after a journey of eight long years to get some important social welfare legislation from a proposal in a consultant's report into law; this proposed legislation has still not been passed at Legislative Council.

The last Exco Meeting Before Legco Dissolved

The last Exco meeting to be held just hours before Legislative Council was dissolved stated at 1pm on 2nd August. There were three items on the open agenda. The first concerned the guidelines and codes of practice to be used by the Labour Regulating Authority and covered contracts of employment, disciplinary procedures and grievance procedures. As Cyril Leo had reminded his fellow councillors earlier the same day, it is the kind of basic legislation which should have been in place long ago. The next

was about a detail in the Regulations attached to the new National Honours and Awards legislation, which has passed through the legislative process in double-quick time. The 3rd item concerned the social welfare legislation where Exco members were asked, "In the event of the Social Security (Amendment) Bill, 2021 being passed by Legislative Council at the next formal meeting of the Legislative Council, Executive Council is asked to consider and advise whether the Social Security (Amendment) Bill, Regulations (Annex A) should be approved". The business of Exco on the last day of Legislative Council had the feeling of a 'mopping up exercise'. And so it will continue until after the next general election.

The Councillors Cannot Decide, so the Governor Does

At the Legco meeting on 30th July the councillors decided not to agree to the pay levels recommended by the Independent Review Body for the chief minister, ministers and the remaining seven councillors who will take responsibility for scrutinising the work of the ministerial team. As a consequence the pay review recommendations will be presented again to the first Legislative Council after the general election. A press release from the Governor's Office states, "The Governor has reflected on the debate during the 30 July Legislative Council meeting and is satisfied the Independent Body acted in accordance with its remit and within the Constitution. The Governor is also satisfied the remuneration levels recommended are both appropriate and sufficiently generous to attract councillors to serve St Helena. There is absolutely no intention to repeat the work of the Independent Body, as has been suggested by some councillors. Consequently, the remuneration levels recommended by the Independent Body will remain the amounts to be presented for agreement to the first Legislative Council after the General Election."

The increase in pay for the new ministerial team is not popular with many people. Some observers think the outgoing councillors 'passed the buck' to the new Legislative Council after the general election. The reason for the increases in pay is to attract candidates for the next general election who have experience of decision-making on important matters, have administrative skills relevant to budget setting, also in keeping spending to planned levels. They also need to be good communicators, managers and diplomats. The unspoken truth is the new pay levels are aimed at attracting this calibre of candidate because the existing pay levels would not.

Identification of children or young persons involved in court proceedings

Section 93 of the Welfare of Children Ordinance 2008 provides as follows:

(1) Subject to subsection (3), no report of any proceedings in any court either in St Helena or Ascension may be published in St Helena in any manner whatsoever, which—

(a) reveals the name, address or school; or

(b) includes any particulars calculated to lead to the identification, of any child or young person concerned in those proceedings, either as being the person against or in respect of whom the proceedings are taken or as being a witness in them.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), no picture may be published in any newspaper or periodical or included in a relevant programme as being or including a picture of any child or young person so concerned in any such proceedings.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), a court may in any case by order dispense with the requirements of subsection (1) or (2) to the extent specified in the order.

(4) A court must not exercise the power conferred by subsection (3) unless it is satisfied that it is in the interests of justice to do so.

(5) If a report or picture is published or included in a relevant programme in contravention of this section, each of the following persons—

(a) in the case of a publication of a written report as part of, or of a picture in, a newspaper or periodical - any proprietor, editor or publisher of the newspaper or periodical;

(b) in the case of a publication of a written report otherwise than as part of a newspaper or periodical - the person who published it;

(c) in the case of the inclusion of a report or picture in a relevant programme - any

corporate body which is engaged in providing the service in which the programme is included and any person having functions in relation to the programme corresponding to those of an editor of a newspaper, commits an offence.

Penalty: A fine of £5,000, or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.

Identification of complainants in sexual offences in court proceedings

Section 1 Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992 provides as follows:

(1) Where an allegation has been made that an offence to which this Act applies has been committed against a person, no matter relating to that person shall during that person's lifetime be included in any publication if it is likely to lead members of the public to identify that person as the person against whom the offence is alleged to have been committed.

(2) Where a person is accused of an offence to which this Act applies, no matter likely to lead members of the public to identify a person as the person against whom the offence is alleged to have been committed ("the complainant") shall during the complainant's lifetime be included in any publication.

(3)

(3A) The matters relating to a person in relation to which the restrictions imposed by subsection (1) or (2) apply (if their inclusion in any publication is likely to have the result mentioned in that subsection) include in particular—

(a) the person's name,

(b) the person's address,

(c) the identity of any school or other educational establishment attended by the person,

(d) the identity of any place of work, and

(e) any still or moving picture of the person.

(4) Nothing in this section prohibits the inclusion in a publication of matter consisting only of a report of criminal proceedings other than proceedings at, or intended to lead to, or on an appeal arising out of, a trial at which the accused is charged with the offence.

Penalty: A fine of £5000

R v CEDRIC IVOR HENRY

You are 72 years of age. You have no previous convictions. You have pleaded guilty to two offences. The first offence is one of assault by penetration. The second offence is one of exposure. Both offences were committed against the same woman, who I will refer to as AB and

I am entirely satisfied, have been apparent to you from the outset that this was an extremely vulnerable woman. I have little doubt that you deliberately preyed upon that vulnerability for your sexual gratification firstly by putting your hand down her trousers, inside her underwear and then penetrating her vagina with your finger; and then, on a subsequent occasion, by exposing your penis to her and masturbating. I have little doubt too that you hoped AB's vulnerability would make it less likely that your offending would come to light. Happily, that has not been the case.

In determining the proper sentence upon you I have to take into account the sentencing guidelines. For the offence of assault by penetration I am satisfied that this is a Category 2 Culpability B offence for which the sentencing starting point is a sentence of 6 years imprisonment, with a sentencing range of 4-9 years imprisonment. For the offence upon Count 2 I am satisfied that this is a Category 1 offence with a starting point of 26 weeks imprisonment and a range of 12 weeks-1 year imprisonment.

I have listened carefully to all that has been said on your behalf by Ms Barber. I take account of the fact that you are 72 years of age and have hitherto never been convicted of any offence. I also take into account the fact that you have medical problems yourself which will make the inevitable prison sentence upon you a more difficult experience for you. In addition, I have no doubt that your offending will impact adversely upon your wife and two daughters, all of whom are on St Helena.

I have also noted what has been said about you in the pre-sentence report. I accept that you are remorseful for what you did as is indicated by your plea of guilty as a result of which you have spared a very vulnerable woman the need to give evidence. Nevertheless, it seems to me to be plain that you are still in denial as to the seriousness of your offending; and I also have to have regard to the fact that you are assessed by the Probation Officer as presenting a high risk of serious harm

It is clear to me also that you sought to befriend this woman and her friends before you committed these offences, conduct which was clearly groom-

ing, paving the way for the offending which you engaged in.

As I have said implicitly if not explicitly, the offence on Count 1 is so serious that only a sentence of immediate imprisonment is appropriate.

Despite your age and your lack of previous convictions the grooming aspect to this case and its overall gravity would have made the starting point provided for by the guidelines the appropriate starting point for this case also. However, in view of your medical condition, it is proper to reduce that starting point to some degree. I take the view therefore, that the appropriate starting point in your case is a sentence of 60 months imprisonment. I discount that sentence by a third to reflect your pleas of guilty at the earliest opportunity. On Count 1 therefore I pass a sentence of 40 months imprisonment. I would be justified, it seems to me, to impose a consecutive sentence of imprisonment in respect of Count 2 which compounds the gravity of the offence represented by Count 1, but I do not do so, having regard to your age, your medical condition, the totality of the sentence and the fact that the sentence on Count 1 takes account of the overall aggravation in terms of your offending as indicated by your conduct as a whole. The appropriate starting point for this offence is one of 6 months imprisonment which I discount to 4 months to reflect your guilty plea. The sentence on Count 2, therefore is one of 4 months imprisonment which will, however, run concurrently to the sentence on Count 1, making a total sentence of 40 months imprisonment.

In addition to the sentence of imprisonment I also make a Sexual Offences Prevention Order.

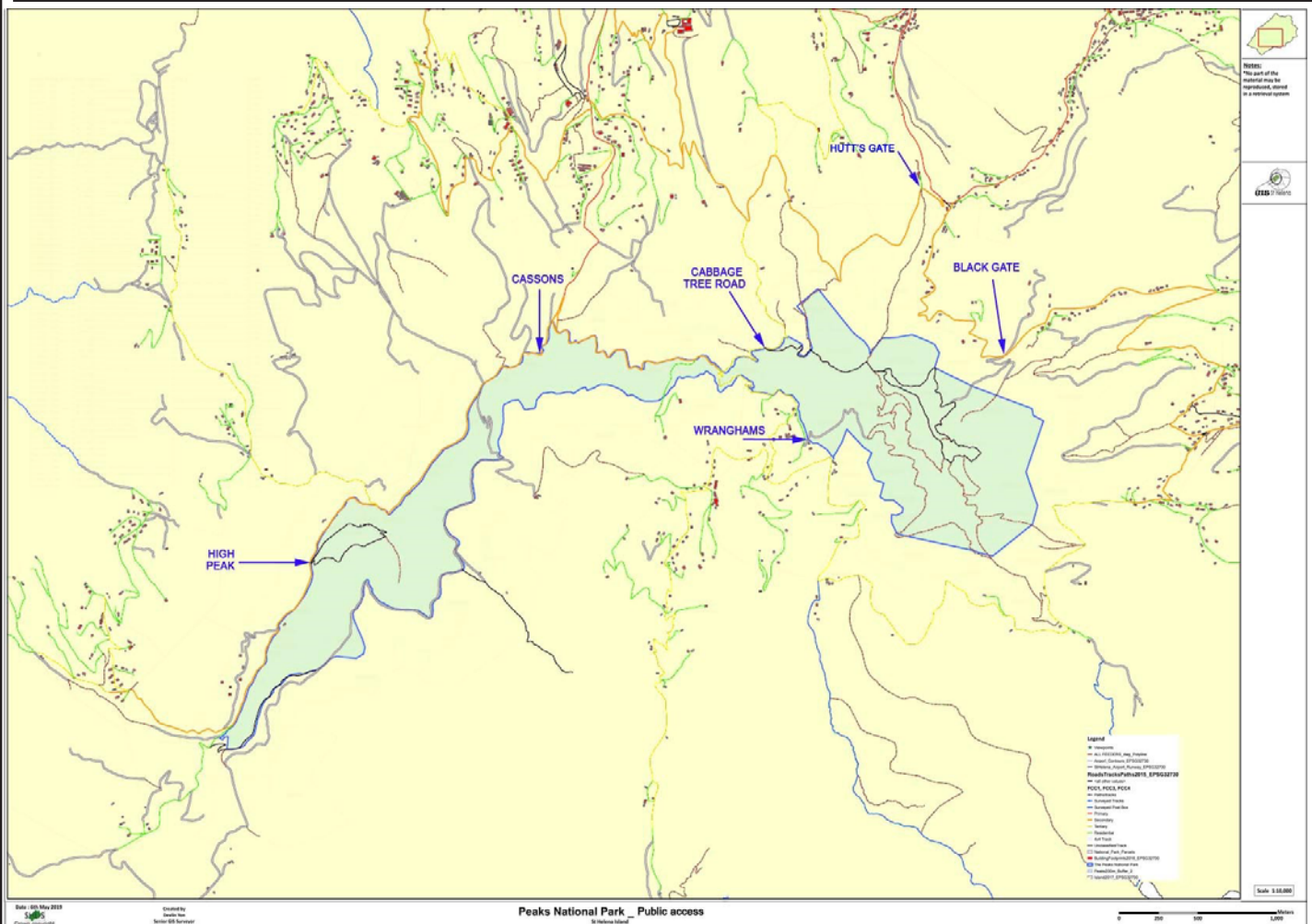
Counts 3, 4 and 5 on the indictment to which you pleaded not guilty will lie upon the file not to be proceeded with without the leave of this Court or the Court of Appeal.

Dated 22nd day of July 2021.



“St Helena’s cloud forest is perhaps the UK’s single most important conservation stronghold”

UK Environment Minister - Zac Goldsmith



Peaks National Park - Map of public access points and rights of way

New funding was announced yesterday to help save the ancient cloud forest in the Peaks National Park from disappearing completely. Described as the most important site for wildlife on British soil with at least 250 species found nowhere else on Earth, it is also critically endangered and an important source of fresh water supplies for our “drought-prone” Island. The cloud forest and the unique wildlife it supports has declined from about 1,500 acres before human discovery to a little less than 40 acres today.

The UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office is providing £900,000 for the first year of this long-term restoration project which is due to start immediately. The first year of funding finishes in March 2022. The aim of the project is to increase cloud forest habitat by 25% (10 acres) over five years and increase sources of fresh water by 20%. New forest habitat will be created around today’s remaining fragments of the ancient cloud forest. This will involve re-vegetation along the highest ridges and in other areas where mist capture is greatest. Additionally, new development opportunities for tourism, education and conservation job training are built into the project.

The project will be carried forward by a range of specialist

organisations. Locally, SHG’s Environmental Management Division, the St Helena National Trust and Connect St Helena are heavily involved. They will be supported by some of the UK’s top quality environmental research organisations including the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, the Royal Geographical Society, Arctium – an environmental consultancy and other independent experts.

Also involved is the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) who has been promoting, facilitating and co-ordinating the partnerships for this project since 2018. The RSPB have a 20 year history of working with conservation interests in St Helena on a wide range of projects. Jonathan Hall, RSPB Head of UK Overseas Territories, said: “Holding a third of all unique British species in an area roughly the size of the Isle of Wight, St Helena provides a precious refuge for nature. The island is home to hundreds of threatened species, and it would be a travesty to lose any more of its incredible wildlife and plants on our watch.”

He continued, “The fragments of the cloud forest which still survive are magical, harbouring one-sixth of all unique British species and capturing incredible amounts of moisture. Many

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“St Helena’s cloud forest is perhaps the UK’s single most important conservation stronghold”

UK Environment Minister - Zac Goldsmith

of these species are disappearing before our eyes, choked by invasive species, so we are delighted to be starting this restoration before they are lost forever.”

Jonathan Hall also spoke about previous conservation efforts in St Helena and the power of partnership working. He said, “The RSPB has been working with the amazing team on St Helena for about 20 years, but this is the most ambitious and exciting conservation work yet. With the expertise of scientists on island and support from the FCDO, we can bring this special habitat back to its former glory, protect the incredible species that depend on the cloud forest from extinction and help revive our world.

This project is above all a testament to the power of partnerships - only by individuals, companies, NGOs and Governments all working together can we now save this forest for wildlife, water security and the local community. We hope it can be a blueprint for future partnerships.”

St Helena also has longstanding working relationships with the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew where the sustained involvement of Colin Clubbe will continue further with this project. Alan Gray of the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology is involved and has also worked on previous St Helena projects on several occasions over the years and Ben Sansom, Director at Arctium was previously Head of SHG’s Environmental Management Division. The partnership indicates a strong team of specialists with a good local knowledge of St Helena.



Ben Sansom – Arctium



Colin Clubbe – RBG Kew

The funding support from the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office is reinforced by UK Minister for the Environment Lord Goldsmith. He said, “This small patch of woodland holds the UK’s highest number of unique species – including blushing snails, golden sail spiders and the he-and-she cabbage trees. But it is shrinking fast. Thanks to this partnership between St Helena, the RSPB and the UK Government, there is a chance to preserve it for future generations. This is another great example of the UK Overseas Territories tackling the challenges of climate change, especially ahead of the COP climate summit later this year.”

The project plan set out by the RSPB lists detailed actions covering biodiversity, water security and social and economic considerations. Another section gives an equally detailed timeline for the start and finish dates for every piece of work.

The schedule, when planned, envisaged the first year of the project starting in April this year. There has been a four month delay to the start of this project however some of the work scheduled in the first four months is likely to have been at least partially completed. Some of the people on-island who will be concerned with getting the project up to speed includes Isabel Peters, Melissa Fowler, Vanessa Thomas-Williams, Darren Duncan and Tracey Williams at SHG; also, Martina Peters and Mike Jervois at the St Helena National Trust and Lawrence Muranganwa at Connect who will be working with Ben Sansom on water security.

Cloud forests are found on high ground in the warmer tropical belt of the world where trees are surrounded by mist and fog for much of the time. This type of forest covers less than 0.4% of the world’s land area but is home to about 15% of all species. Over the last 40 years the land area covered by cloud forests has reduced by almost 20%.



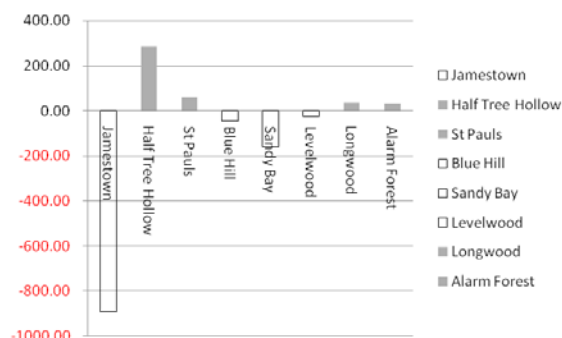
Vanessa Thomas- Williams – SHG Environmental Management Division

The Population and Housing Census 2021 - Final Results

Vince Thompson

Published last Friday, the final census figures are very similar to the first release in May. The headline figures remain the same; the total resident population on 7th February this year was 4,439 made up of 4,118 Saints and 321 who do not have St Helenian status.

The increase, decrease and movement of people within each district follows a well established pattern.



Jamestown has seen a continual fall in population since the 1976 census. The biggest fall in population was in the 1998 census count when the population dropped by 438 compared with the previous census in 1987. More recent falls in population have reduced to 59 and then 32 but the usual interval between census is ten years while it is five years between the 2016 and 2021 census and eight years between the 2008 and 2016 census. The 2021 population count for Jamestown is 625 compared with 1,516 in 1976.

Sandy Bay also shows a continual population fall from 338 in 1976 to 193 this year. Blue Hill has shown a small rise in population with an additional 21 people living in the area since 2008. However the previous decreases in population between 1974 and 2008 mean there are 46 fewer people living in Blue Hill than in 1976. The Levelwood population is 25 less than in 1976.

The population of Half Tree Hollow has not been a story of continual increases. The 2008 census show a fall of 225 in the population compared with 10 years before and this year's census shows the population holding steady with just one less person resident in the district. There are now 287 more people in Half Tree Hollow than there were in 1976. Longwood also shows falls as well as rises in the population; there are now 37 more people living in that district compared to 1976. Alarm Forest has a population of 394 this year which is a rise of 32 compared with 1976. The population dropped to 276 in the 2008 census. St Pauls also has decreases as well as increases in population. The population count this year is 928, that's 59 more than in 1976.

Population by District Since 1976

District	1976	1987	1998	2008	2016	2021
Jamestown	1,516	1,302	864	716	657	625
Half Tree Hollow	747	1,078	1,126	901	1,035	1,034
St Pauls	869	978	893	795	846	928
Blue Hill	220	191	176	153	158	174
Sandy Bay	338	304	254	205	193	177
Levelwood	367	414	373	316	369	342
Longwood	728	861	951	715	893	765
Alarm Forest	362	367	279	276	383	394
TOTALS	5,147	5,495	4,916	4,077	4,534	4,439

Country of Birth of the Resident Household Population

Country of Birth	2021	2016	change
St Helena	3,592	3632	-40
United Kingdom	332	342	-10
South Africa	156	147	9
Ascension	124	111	13
Falklands	12	12	0
Other Africa	61	17	44
Other Europe	37	47	-10
Asia, Americas, Oceania	59	35	24
Not stated	3	6	-3
TOTALS	4,376	4349	27

The reducing numbers of the young generation in the economically active age group in St Helena compared to the increasing numbers who are of retirement age has been a concern for many years.

The 2021 census shows this trend continues.

Age Group	2021	2016	change
0 to 14 years	547	560	-13
15 to 64 years	2,484	2,638	-154
65 and over	1,087	924	163
TOTALS	4,118	4122	-4

Voluntary Home Care by Family and Friends

The increasing number of elderly people in St Helena carries with it the need for increased resources devoted to healthcare and general assistance. While there is always concern over an increasing Public Health budget, voluntary caring because of age or disability by family or friends is also a considerable resource. The same question on voluntary caring at home was asked in the 2016 and 2121 census so comparisons can now be made to see if the voluntary caring commitment is changing.

Home Care Hours	2021	2016	change
1 to 9 hours	178	197	-19
10 - 19 hours	45	37	8
20 to 49 hours	43	34	9
50 hours or more	57	47	10
Not stated	33	20	13
TOTALS	356	335	21

Overall, the figures in the table tell us 27 more people are now committed to voluntary caring for at least ten hours a week compared to five years ago. The number of voluntary carers committing to less than 10 hours per week has reduced by 19. The number of people relying on voluntary are to some extent has increased by 21.

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The Trend in Smoking

From voluntary carers we move to voluntary contributors to government revenue. As with voluntary cares, the figure in the next table compare 2016 with 2021 and also compare the extent of smoking among males and females separately.

People Admitting to Smoking	2021		2016		change	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
18 to 49 years	239	114	291	159	-52	-45
50 years and older	258	121	276	125	-18	-4
TOTALS	497	235	567	284	-70	-49

More men smoke cigarettes or tobacco in some form compared to women and all comparisons between 2016 and 2021, either by age or sex, show a decrease in the number of people smoking. The biggest decrease for both men and women is in the younger age group. For women aged 50 or more there has been very little change with just a four fewer saying they smoke.

Religious Belief

Belief in religion predominates but there is some movement in followers of the various faiths. The majority of faiths have increased their following but the number of people who have no religious belief at all is second only to the number of Anglicans. Where followers of a Christian faith number ten or less they are included in the 'Other Christian' category.

Religion	2021	2016	change	% Diff
Anglican	2,765	2,997	-232	-7.7%
Jehovah's Witness	167	178	-11	-6.2%
Baptist	100	94	6	6.4%
Roman Catholic	96	53	43	81.1%
Salvation Army	88	75	13	17.3%
Seventh Day Adventist	85	77	8	10.4%
New Apostolic	72	61	11	18.0%
Rock Christian Fellowship	20	12	8	66.7%
Other Christian	43	61	-18	-29.5%
Islamic	16	0	16	
Baha'i	10	11	-1	-9.1%
TOTALS	3,462	3,619	-157	
No Religion or Undeclared	2021	2016	change	% Diff
No Religious Belief	395	266	129	48.5%
Religion not stated	407	429	-22	-5.1%
TOTALS	802	695	107	

Employed – Looking for Work – Not Looking for Work – Retired – Retirement Age and Still Working

The census results giving the employment status or unemployed situation of the St Helenian resident population cover a range of categories. Not included in the table below are the 601 schoolchildren in 2021 who have yet to complete their full-time compulsory education. In 2016 the number of school-

children in this category was 630. There is an indication here that the number of children who will join the Island's workforce is reducing – not a good sign.

The figures shown here cover only the St Helenian resident household population. There are a further 208 residents employed on the Island.

At the other end of the age range, there are now 49 more people of retirement age than there were in 2016 who are continuing in employment.

The number of people of working age (up to 64 years old) has reduced by 142 compared to five years ago and the total number of people in employment has reduced by 104.

Employment Status of the St Helenian Resident Workforce

Employment Status	2021	2016	change
Employed	2,359	2,463	-104
Looking for Work	87	76	11
Retired	702	624	78
Unable to Work (Disability)	89	91	-2
Not Looking for Work	217	153	64
Employed-by Age Group	2021	2016	change
Up to 64 years old	2,169	2,311	-142
65 and older	277	228	49



TIP OF THE WEEK

Make a habit of turning off the lights as the last person leaves a room.





Chartered Banker

ISABEL WINFIELD AND JULIE-MARIE YON GAIN CERTIFICATE IN COMMERCIAL LENDING WITH THE CHARTERED BANKER INSTITUTE

Bank of St Helena Ltd is pleased to announce Isabel Winfield, Lending Services Manager, and Julie-Marie Yon, Assistant Lending Services Manager, have successfully achieved a Certificate in Commercial Lending, EQF Level 5/6 or SCQF Level 9, gaining membership with the Chartered Banker Institute.

Comprising of 6 Units the qualification is designed to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills relating to the Commercial Lending environment in a digital age, considering the key drivers of change, the challenges faced, and the impact on banks and customers of technological developments and regulatory changes.

Isabel commented:

"The course was interesting and informative, particularly in regards to changes in banking and banking processes which are a result of the world becoming more digitalised; and the opportunities and challenges that advances in technology can bring. It also reaffirmed my knowledge and strengthened my confidence in the processes carried out at the Bank of St Helena and the guidelines that we adhere to. I will continue to apply this knowledge and experience in my everyday role."

Julie-Marie commented:

"The completion of this certificate has enhanced my knowledge and understanding of the commercial lending environment in a digital age, understanding the external influences and challenges for banks."

"The course provided an understanding of different techniques and tools which can be utilised to appraise the creditworthiness of a business, develop relationship management strategies and endorsed the banks current practices ensuring risk verses reward balance, when providing funding."

"I am happy to have completed this qualification and will utilise the skills and knowledge attained."

Joey George, Managing Director, said:

"Well done to both Isabel and Julie-Marie on their achievement; this is yet another outstanding example of staff's commitment to training and development to enhance the service offering to our customers."

Bank of St Helena Ltd offer their congratulations to Isabel and Julie-Marie on their achievement.



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PRESS RELEASE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PASSENGERS ARRIVING AND DEPARTING ON THE FORTHCOMING TITAN AIRWAYS FLIGHTS

Arrivals

The public is reminded that the Terminal Building remains closed on flight days. However, family members who are isolating with arriving passengers are permitted to come to the Airport to collect them from the car park located outside the Terminal Building. Please wait in the car park for your arriving passengers to meet you.

Departures

Passengers leaving St Helena on the flight to the UK are advised that due to strict weight limits and the number of passengers departing, a number of processes will be put in place at the Terminal Building to make the departure process as smooth as possible. Passengers are kindly asked to fully cooperate with airport staff to minimise disruption and delay.

Bag weigh, PLF and COVID test check

A welcome desk will be positioned outside of the Terminal Building entrance; all passengers **must** first visit this desk before proceeding into the building.

Given the strict weight limits on those departing St Helena to the UK (via Ghana), passengers will be asked to weigh their hold and cabin baggage to ensure it does not exceed the notified limits - 15kg of hold baggage and 5kg of cabin baggage. Any bags exceeding these maximum weights will need to be re-packed to meet the weight limits. **No exceptions will be made.**

Additionally, those whose destination is the UK will be asked to show proof of their completed Passenger Locator Form (PLF). The PLF is a requirement for entry to the UK if it is the final destination, and must be completed any time in the **48 hours before passengers arrive in the UK.** The PLF can be accessed and completed at the following web address – <https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk>

For those who are travelling to a destination that requires a negative COVID test for entry, the test results will need to be shown to airport staff at the welcome desk before proceeding to check-in.

Check-in

Once passengers have had their bags weighed and documentation checked, they will then proceed to check-in. Check-in opens at 05:00 and passengers are strongly advised to check-in early to minimise any delay to the intended departure time of 09:00.

Departure lounge

Given the number of passengers expected to be on this departing flight, the Business Lounge will be open to those travelling with children under the age of 12; parents and children may use the Business Lounge to wait for boarding. Child-friendly films will be shown on the TV and there are a number of workstations where laptops and tablets can be plugged in.

Boarding

The departures area will be very busy due to the number of passengers boarding the flight, therefore passengers will be boarded by row/section. Please remain seated until your row or section is called.

St Helena Airport Limited, 2 August 2021



Would you like to be a part of the team at St Helena Airport?
St Helena Airport has a part time vacancy for:

Cargo Processor

Working hours will be according to flight operations, including both weekdays and weekends.

Applicants should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
 - Possess a good standard of English & ICT
 - Be committed to delivering an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be available to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks
 - Be able to undertake Manual Handling & physically demanding duties

Rate of pay will be £6.20 per hour

For further information, please contact
Miss Tegan Knott, Agencies Administrator, on telephone number: 22523
or via email address: agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh

Application forms & Job Profiles may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via email address: agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, by 17 August 2021.



Would you like to be a part of the team at St Helena Airport?
St Helena Airport has a part time vacancy for:

Passenger Services Agent

Working hours will be according to flight operations, including both weekdays and weekends.

Applicants should:

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St Helena Airport has part time vacancies for:

Security Officers

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Ramp Handlers

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Applicants should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
 - Possess a good standard of English & ICT
 - Be in possession of a clean & valid Drivers' Licence
 - Be committed to delivering an excellent level of Customer Service
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VACANCY

PORTFOLIO ASSISTANT

Are you a highly motivated individual looking to do something new or different? Are you able to provide a high quality personal administration service to a Portfolio Director and Committee Chairman/Minister that supports the smooth running of Portfolios and delivers a high quality, customer focused service? If so, this is a new post which forms part of the Central Administration Team whose role it is to support Portfolios to function effectively.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and/or equivalent level of experience:

- A Level 2 or above qualification in a relevant subject – such as English, ICT, Business Administration etc. or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience.
- Able to work on own initiative, demonstrates attention to detail and excellent interpersonal skills, with the ability to communicate effectively and professionally and remain calm and polite under pressure
- Awareness of Council Committee Rules, the Constitution of St Helena and Legislative Council Code of Conduct
- Confident in using ICT systems relevant to role, including Management Information Systems and MS Office

We offer the following:

Salary: £8,613—£10,765 per annum depending on qualifications and experience
Leave: 25 days per annum
Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme
Paid Sickness Absence
Flexible working hours scheme

Further information about the duties of the post, interested persons should contact:

Carol George, Head of Corporate Support on telephone number 22470 or email: carol.george@sainthelena.gov.sh

Job Profile and Application forms are available from:

Corporate Human Resources or the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Tina Sim, Senior HR Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Wednesday, 11th August 2021**.

To be considered for this role, you must complete our application form. Failure to do so will mean that your application will not be considered.

Please do not submit your CV.

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



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VACANCY

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OFFICE ASSISTANT (Central Support Service)

Are you a highly motivated individual looking to do something new or different? Are you able to provide the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Members of the Legislative Council with secretarial, research and administrative support. If so, this could be the post for you!!

Applicants should have the following qualifications and/or equivalent level of experience:

- A Level 2 or above qualification in a relevant subject – such as English, ICT, Business Administration etc. or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience
- An understanding of how to handle, resolve and escalate enquiries and pass on information promptly
- Able to work on own initiative, demonstrates attention to detail and excellent interpersonal skills, with the ability to communicate effectively and professionally and remain calm and polite under pressure
- Confident in using ICT systems relevant to role, including Management Information Systems and MS Office

We offer the following:

Salary: £6,722—£8,402 per annum depending on qualifications and experience
Leave: 25 days per annum
Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme
Paid Sickness Absence
Flexible working hours scheme

Further information about the duties of the post, interested persons should contact:

Connie Johnson, Assistant Secretary (Councils/Clerk of Councils) on telephone number 22470 or email: connie.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Vacancy – Counterpart to Electricity Distribution Manager

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking to recruit a Counterpart to the Electricity Distribution Manager. The Electricity Distribution Manager is a key role within the Company and has responsibility for the operation, maintenance and development of the Island's high voltage and low voltage networks.

Candidates should have demonstrable experience of working with high voltage and low voltage networks. Management experience is essential in this role and candidates should have the ability to motivate staff to perform both generally and in challenging environments. Careful attention to detail and a strong awareness of safe working systems are essential qualities in this role.

Qualifications & Experience

Candidates should have a qualification in electrical or electromechanical engineering at HND level or higher, and should have, or be willing to work towards an HV Switching Certificate.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd offers a competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Other benefits includes 15% of base salary pension contributions.

For a full job description and/or further details on this position please contact Annalisa Young on 22255 or email Annalisa.Young@connect.co.sh

Completed application forms should be sent to Annalisa at the above email address or handed into Seales Corner, Jamestown by 9.00am on Monday, 09 August 2021.



Sure delivers mobile, broadband, fixed line and television rebroadcasting services to the St Helena community and forms part of the South Atlantic Region with Sure Ascension and Falkland Islands.

Sure Academy schemes are part of our long term commitment to offer local people a channel into the workplace. It is a 1 year paid opportunity for enthusiastic and motivated individuals to join our business and gain practical training and a high quality experience that can lead to an exciting and challenging career.

If you are interested in the telecommunications industry, the Sure Academy is open to anyone from the age of 16 years (post compulsory schooling). We offer placements in roles ranging from engineering to marketing, finance and administration.

Ideal candidates should possess a minimum of grade C/5 and above, or equivalent, in Maths, English and Science. For further information, please contact Keirah Wade on telephone: 22800 or email: Keirah.Wade@sure.com

If you are interested in the Sure Academy Scheme, please forward your expression of interest and CV to the above email address by Monday, 16 August 2021. Candidates should outline in a covering letter what their area of interest is within our St Helena Business Unit and how this experience will benefit their future career aspiration.

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a satisfactory Police disclosure.





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VACANCY

SECRETARY TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (Central Support Service)

Are you a highly motivated individual looking to do something new or different? Do you have the ability to provide an effective and efficient administration and secretarial service for the Executive Council? If so, this could be an exciting opportunity for you.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and/or equivalent level of experience:

- A Level 2 or above qualification in a relevant subject – such as English, ICT, Business Administration etc. or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience
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POLICE CONSTABLES (Safety Security and Home Affairs Portfolio)

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Applicants should have the following qualifications and/or equivalent experience:

- Have Functional Skills Level 2 English or above or equivalent (If applicants do not have these qualifications they will be required to successfully pass a Functional Skills assessment in English as part of the selection process).
- Have a valid driving licence, class A.
- Must be 18 years of age or over,
- Able to demonstrate effective communication skills.

We offer the following:

Salary: Commencing at £10,704 per annum Level C1 'Entry Level' progressing to £13,620 per annum when full competency is demonstrated.
Leave: 25 days per annum
Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme
Paid Sickness Absence
Training & Career progression opportunities

Further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact Police Inspector Julianne Stevens on 22626. email: julianne.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application packs/forms are available from Anya Richards and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to HR & Admin Officer Anya Richards at Coleman House, Police HQ, Jamestown (or email anya.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Tuesday 24th August 2021**. **To be considered for this role, you must complete our application form. Failure to do so will mean that your application will not be considered. Please do not submit your CV. Please note as part of the recruitment process you might be required to undertake a work base assessment.**

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

SALE



Alcohol

Clothing

Cigarettes

Shoes

HM Customs
will be holding a sale at
bargain prices on
Friday, 13 August 2021
from 10am – 6pm
at the Customs
building at the Wharf

APPEAL NOTICE

A Notice of Appeal has been submitted to the Land Development Appeals Tribunal against the Decision of Refusal by the Land Development Control Authority (LDCA) at its meeting on 21 June 2021:

Proposed Development: Siting of Replica Water Fountain for a period of Three Months

Location: The Paved Area, the Canister, Jamestown

Parcel Number: JT070015

Applicants Name: Environment and Natural Resources Committee **Application Number:** 2021/29

Should you be interested and wish to be updated on the progress of this Appeal, then please write to or email Mrs Amelia Gough, Clerk of the Land Development Appeals Tribunal at the address below:

Judicial Services
The Castle
Jamestown
Email: amelia.gough@sainthelena.gov.sh

Date of this notice 6 August 2021

Signed Shane Williams

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

The curtain raiser for the 2021/2022 top flight football season will take place on Saturday 7th August 4.30pm when Champions Manchester City play FA Cup Winners Leicester City in the Community Shield.

The most successful teams in the competition are Manchester United (17 outright wins, 4 shared), Arsenal (15 outright wins, 1 shared), Liverpool (10 outright wins, 5 shared) and Everton (8 outright wins, 1 shared).

Chelsea (2010, 2012, 2015, 2017 and 2018) and Newcastle United (1932, 1951, 1952, 1955 and 1996) share the joint-longest run of appearances without winning or sharing the trophy.

The highest scoring game was Manchester United's 8-4 win against Swindon Town in 1911.[8]

Everton hold the record for most consecutive wins from 1984 to 1987; however, the 1986 'win' was shared with Liverpool. Manchester United holds the record for most consecutive losses from 1998 to 2001. During this period Manchester United also held the record for most consecutive games played from 1996 to 2001 in which they won 2.

Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper Pat Jennings scored against Manchester United from his own penalty area in the 1967 Charity Shield, which was shared at 3-3.

Brighton & Hove Albion is the only club to win just the Shield, never the FA Cup or the League. In the five years that the Charity Shield was contested by the winners of the Football League and Southern League between 1908 and 1912, this was the only occasion on which the Southern League champions prevailed. The victory remains Brighton's only national honour to date and they were crowned the 'Champions of all England'.



FA Community Shield

St Helena Football League results week 6

The first game of the weekend saw the Rovers go top when they play the inform Axis.

The Rovers took the lead with a good goal from Clayton Benjamin only for Scott Crowie to equalise with a brilliant free kick just before half time. The Rovers create numerous chances in the first half but their strikers fail to convert.

Early in the second half after some good work by veteran player Denis Leo the Rovers scored their second through Brett Isaac.

The Rovers went on to score three more goals; one from Trystan

Thomas and two from man of the match Rico Benjamin. Rover's legend Peter Darker played the last 15 minutes and despite turning 60 in a few days' time still has the ability to produce quality football as he created two brilliant chances that the Rovers strikers fail to capitalise on.

This win for the Rovers moved them to the top of the table by 3 points.

The second match on Saturday saw the Wirebirds rack up the goals as they beat the young Ballez team 14 nil.

Man of the match Shane Stroud scored four as did his strike partner Alex Langham. Tyler Benjamin scored two; Cody Harris two, Weston Clingham scored one and Dylan Stevens scored one. Dylan is one of the most improved players in our league and always performs consistently well at right back for the Wirebirds.

Credit must go to the Ballez defence as they kept the score to a respectable level. Jerome Peters picked up the Young Player of the match. Jamie Peters; Scott O'Bey and Callum Young all defended well for their team.



Action from Wirebirds and Ballez

The first match on Sunday saw both the Bellboys and Saints struggle to field a full team because of injuries and illness.

The Bellboys took a two nil lead inside the first three minutes with an own goal from Brooklyn Fowler and a strike from Rhys Francis. The Bellboys were four nil by the 21st minute with further goals from Andrew Yon and Matthias Young.

Finally the Saints got organised and manage to stop the Bellboys scoring any further goals before half time.

The Saints continue to defend well and only conceded two goals in the first 25 minutes of the second half; both from man of the match Rick Joshua in the 53rd and 54th minute. However with 20 minutes to go the Saints ran out of steam and the Bellboys scored a further six goals. David Young scored the best goal with a curling shot from 40 yards, Kyle Shoesmith scored with a fine header after a brilliant cross from Michael Bedwell, Michael then scored from a corner, Matthias scored his second as did Andrew Yon. Rick Joshua completed his hat trick in the 86 minute.

Credit to Saints keeper Rieedwaan Richards whose brilliance along with great defending from Mick Luke kept the score to 12.

The final match of the weekend saw the Harts title charge suffered a setback after they lost four nil to the Lakers.

The Lakers was dominant right from the kick off and took the lead early in the first half when Man of the Match Kyle 'Bush'

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens



Bellboys attacking the Saints defence

Yon took a free kick near the half way line which bounce over the Harts Keeper and into the net. Minutes later the Lakers was two nil up when Cody Thomas scored from the penalty spot.

With just 25 minutes gone in the half a further mix up in the Harts defence saw Jace Williams on hand to capitalise.

Jordan Yon then scored a brilliant individual goal to complete the scoring.

This brilliant performance and result by the Lakers has made the league title challenge wide open for not only themselves but also for the Bellboys; Wirebirds and Rovers.

Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Rovers	6	5	1	0	40	4	36	16
2	Harts	6	4	1	1	42	11	31	13
3	Wirebirds	6	4	0	2	36	10	26	12
4	Lakers	6	4	0	2	26	11	15	12
5	Bellboys	6	3	1	2	28	10	18	10
6	Axis	6	1	1	4	10	27	-17	4
7	Saints	6	1	0	4	5	53	-48	3
8	Ballaz	6	0	0	6	3	64	-61	0

Position	Name	Team	Goals Scored
1	Sean Lee Thomas	Harts	19
2	Shane Stroud	Wirebirds	13
3	Alex Langham	Wirebirds	10
4	Cody Thomas	Lakers	10
5	Joey Thomas	Harts	10
6	Brett Isaac	Rovers	8
7	Matthais Young	Bellboys	8
8	Tyler Brady	Harts	8
9	Ronan Legg	Rovers	7
10	Rico Benjamin	Rovers	7
11	Andrew Yon	Bellboys	6
12	Clayton Benjamin	Rovers	4
13	Jamie Thomas	Lakers	4
14	Kyle Shoemith	Bellboys	4
15	Scott Crowie	Axis	4
16	Sean Benjamin	Rovers	4
17	Tyler Benjamin	Wirebirds	4
18	Cody Harris	Wirebirds	3
19	Dane Wade	Rovers	3
20	Jordan Johnson	Lakers	3
21	Rick Joshua	Bellboys	3
22	Ryan Backhouse	Axis	3
23	Trystan Thomas	Rovers	3
24	Jace Williams	Lakers	2
25	Jordan Yon	Lakers	2
26	Julian Henry	Rovers	2
27	Kyle Yon (Bush)	Lakers	2
28	Mufaro	Saints	2
29	Phus Francis	Bellboys	2
30	Weston Clingham	Wirebirds	2
31	Ajay Bennett	Saints	1
32	Alex Osborne	Wirebirds	1
33	Brandon Harris	Harts	1
34	Christen Yon	Rovers	1
35	Christian Phillips	Saints	1
36	Colby Richards	Axis	1
37	Dane Leo	Wirebirds	1
38	David Young	Bellboys	1
39	Dylan Stevens	Wirebirds	1
40	Ethan Harris	Ballaz	1
41	Greg Phillips	Harts	1
42	Jai Jai Buckley	Axis	1
43	Joachim Naulaetas	Axis	1
44	Louis Banikel	Lakers	1
45	Michael Bedwell	Bellboys	1
46	Nick Stevens	Saints	1
47	Nico Benjamin	Lakers	1
48	Poss O'Dean	Harts	1
49	Ryan George	Harts	1
50	Sanjay Clingham	Wirebirds	1
51	Shane Clifford	Rovers	1
52	Simon Scipio	Harts	1

Fixtures

Saturday 7th August

13.30 Bellboys Vs Lakers Organisers: Harts
15.30 Wirebirds Vs Saints Organisers: Axis

Sunday 8th August

13.30 Axis Vs Ballez Organisers: Bellboys
15.30 Rovers Vs Harts Organisers: Wirebirds

The mid-season transfer window will open on Sunday 8th August from 6pm and will close on Friday 13th August at 6pm.

Only one player can be transfer from a team and the transfer needs to be agreed by captains of the teams involve and sanction by the SHFA secretary Wayne Crowie.

Junior Football results

The first match on Saturday saw the Predators come from 4-2 down to draw 4-4 with the much improved team the Ranglers. G/S Predators: Tyler Anthony 2; Hugo Richards 1 & Lebron George 1

G/S Ranglers: Dirk Peters 2; Laine George 1 & Joel Peters 1
POM: Tyler Anthony & Dirk Peters

The second match saw the Yellow Devils beat the Young Rebels by 12 goals to nil.

G/S Yellow Devils: Aden Thomas Stevens 5; Ryan Stevens 1, Zac Francis 2, Ephrem Stroud 2, 1 own goal & Joshua Crowie 1

POM: Nolan George & Louie Fowler

In the senior boys league the Rebels drew with the Fugees four all.

G/S Rebels: Taylon Phillips 2 & 2 own goals

G/S Fugees: Blake Peters 3 & Dodi Williams 1

Sat 7th Aug

6-11 9.15 Predators v Young Rebels Referee: Nick Stevens

6-11 10am Dominators v Ranglers

Referee: Trystan Thomas

11-15 9.15 Jungle Rangers v Rebels

Referee: Owen Richards



Ranglers

REGISTER OF ELECTORS

LAST CHANCE TO GET ON THE REGISTER BEFORE THIS YEAR'S GENERAL ELECTION

A General Election, to elect a new Legislative Council for St Helena, is due to be held in the coming months. To be able to vote in the General Election, stand to be a Councillor, or to sponsor or support somebody to be a Councillor, your name must be included on the Register of Electors. The current Register came into force on 1 July 2021 and was published in an Extraordinary Government Gazette dated 21 June 2021. If your name is not already listed on the Register, this is your final opportunity to apply to have your name included.

The deadline for the Registration Officer to receive applications, using the prescribed **Form A**, is no later than 4pm on Thursday, 12 August 2021. Please note, applications received after this date will **not** be accepted for inclusion in the updated Register to be used in the General Election.

Persons eligible to be registered must:

- Have St Helenian Status as defined in the Immigration Ordinance, 2011
- Be 17 years of age or older with St Helena as their ordinary place of residence.

There are some exceptions, such as mental incapacity or someone serving a prison sentence of 12 months or more.

Persons already on the Register should also check if their details are correct. For example, if you have changed your name or address, you are encouraged to update your details. This is your last opportunity to do so and is especially important if you are considering standing for Election to the new Legislative Council.

You can also take the opportunity to make voting easier for you. For example, if you live in the Sandy Bay area and work in Jamestown, it might be more convenient for you to vote in the Jamestown Electoral District. This is possible but the Register needs to list you in the area you wish to vote in, so if you want to make this type of change, please complete Form A (available at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/elections/>) or contact either the Registration Officer or any of the Assistant Registration Officers.

Individuals who are temporarily absent from the Island and who wish to have their name included on the Register can make an application using the prescribed **Form B**. Eligibility for inclusion on the Register of individuals who are temporarily absent is as follows:

- a) Individuals must have St Helenian status
- b) Individuals must be ordinarily resident on St Helena but absent from there temporarily in connection with employment, education or training (of themselves, their spouse or life partner) or for the purposes of medical treatment (of themselves, spouse, life partner or a dependent); and
- c) Must not have been absent from St Helena for a continuous period of 30 months or for periods exceeding in aggregate 625 days in the preceding 30 months.

Form B is available from the SHG website via the following link: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/elections/>

The current Register is available for viewing on Gazettes page of the SHG Website at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government-gazettes/>.

Hard copies can also be found at the following locations:

- Customer Service Centre, Jamestown
- Public Library, Jamestown
- ENRPP Offices, Scotland
- Rural sub Post Offices,

And held by Assistant Registration Officers and the Assistant Registration Officer at the office of the Administrator, Ascension Island.

All applications will need to be submitted to the Registration Officer, at the Castle, by no later than 4pm on Thursday, 12 August 2021.

Further information about registering and making amendments may be obtained from Registration Officer, Carol George, at the Castle on tel: 22470 or via email: carol.george@sainthelena.gov.sh.

The final Register to be used in the General Election will be published in due course and the public will be made aware of this via a Press Release.

#StHelena #RegisterOfElectors #GeneralElection

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SHG, 3 August 2021



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From the St Helena Golf Club From SHGC

Golf Report for Sunday 01 August 2021

It was a rather chilly start for the 17 golfers who turned up to compete in the 18 Hole Stableford Competition on Sunday 01 August 2021. As the game progress, so did the weather with some beautiful sunny spells enjoyed by all.

A Stableford competition is a handicap competition where points are awarded depending on the score achieved for each hole.

Topping the leaderboard, with a score of 37 Stableford points was Jeffrey Stevens. Following closely behind Jeffrey, were Tony Green and John Colclough, both players with a tie of 36 points. After a countback Tony emerged to take 2nd place. The two-ball pool was shared between John Colclough and Auggie Augustus, both claiming a two-ball on the 7th green. The prizes were sponsored by the St Helena Golf Club and presented by Ladies Captain Helena Stevens. Congratulations to the winners.

Coming up on Sunday 08 August 2021 will be the Par 3 competition sponsored by the St. Helena Golf Club. The usual tee-off time will be at 12 noon and registration closes on Saturday 07 August 2021 at 15.00 If you are interested in participating and have not register, do leave a message on telephone 24421.

Happy Swinging



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VACANCY

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT OFFICER

Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development Portfolio

Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress your career? Would you like to support the Sustainable Development Team deliver the goals of the Sustainable Economic Development Plan? If so, this could be an opportunity for you to join their team.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and/or equivalent level of experience:

- A Level 2 or above qualification in a relevant subject (eg English, ICT, Business Administration) or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience
- Effective administrative skills with understanding of the need for confidentiality
- Experience of using information to develop solutions and solve problems
- Able to work on own initiative, demonstrates attention to detail and excellent interpersonal skills, with the ability to communicate effectively and professionally and remain calm and polite under pressure
- Confident in using ICT systems relevant to role, including MS Office

We offer the following:

Salary: £8,613 - £10,765 per annum
 Leave: 25 days per annum
 Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme
 Paid Sickness Absence
 Flexible working hours scheme
 Training opportunities
 Career Progression Scheme

Further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact: Melissa Fowler, Investment Coordinator on telephone number 22470 or email: melissa.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh

Job Profile and Application forms are available from:

Corporate Human Resources or the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Dianne Venning, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Thursday, 12 August 2021**.

To be considered for this role, you must complete our application form. Failure to do so will mean that your application will not be considered. Please do not submit your CV.

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Dear Editor,

I was interested to read about St Helena's on/off consideration of WHS application. The situation here in Liverpool is that the site for the new football stadium has been derelict for decades. Nobody came up with any suggestions as to use of the land. (Check out New Goodison Park on Google Earth). The area is not open to the public. This project is what has been the tipping point with UNESCO. Only academics seem to care about the loss of the UNESCO cachet. They forget that a lot of the river frontage in Liverpool is reclaimed land and old docks build on. Indeed at the famous Pier Head, the Royal Liver Building, Cunard Building and the Dock Office were all built on former docks over 100 years ago. With or without WHS accreditation, people

Dear Editor,

Hi. It is good to see that Saint FM and the Independent are wishing to hear from prospective candidates for the next election. Given the significant changes afoot, it is vital the voting public get to hear what the candidates say to decide on their competency (or otherwise!) to be a councillor / minister / chief minister.

I hope that candidates will be asked the same, searching questions so that the public can compare their responses. I for one are certainly hoping for more than the usual "putting Saints first blah blah blah", "down with TCs blah blah blah", "holding SHG to account blah blah blah" rhetoric that we are usually treated to. These are tired and meaningless answers that tell the public nothing about what they actually, specifically intend to do when in office.

What we need to hear is what do they want (NOT hope!) to achieve in the first 24 months of office, what are their top 5 issues/challenges in the short and longer term on St Helena, how are they going to get the Island out of the economic and social mess that its currently

in, what are the hard decisions that they will need to take, are they interested in any of the ministerial posts (and if so, why), what qualifies them for such an important role, and so on.

And for candidates seeking re-election, what were the 'promises' that they made 4 years ago, how successful were they in achieving them, what did they fail to achieve, what percentage of meetings where their presence was required did they actually attend, etc.

The change to a ministerial constitution is monumental and will almost certainly be chaotic, inefficient and ineffective in the first 12 to 18 months, perhaps longer. So the media play a crucial role in questioning, probing and challenging candidates to really draw out the wheat from the chaff because the Island's future is at stake.

I look forward to your work on this to see whether anyone is worthy of my vote.

**Kind regards,
James**

Dear Editor,

I listened with interest to the Councillors comments in Legislative Council on Friday, 30 July 2021 on the Recommendation on remuneration of Councillors, Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

I could comment on a lot of what was said but it would probably take up two pages.

Firstly, surely it's a conflict of interest that these Councillors who are eligible to run again in the next General Election are allowed to accept or reject the recommendation on the salaries for Councillors, Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

We always tend to follow the UK on procedures so why don't we have an independent body who is responsible for setting the salaries to prevent *anti-corruption*. If our current law/procedure needed changing why wasn't this done? Other Bills for Ordinance have over the past weeks been rushed through Council.

Most democratic societies have independent bodies undertaking this role and for information in the UK it is done by the Independent Parliamentary Stand-

ards Authority (IPSA). They are also required to undertake a statutory review of members pay in the first year after a general election.

The way the matter of Councillors salaries is being approved is an embarrassment to our governance.

Secondly, the salaries of the Chief Secretary and Financial Secretary were revealed and they are nothing short of being ridiculous! They're equivalent to the basic salary of an MP in the UK.

I read 'Nicks Rant in the Independent about the struggle of people in our community and then one hears this! I'm sure people are lost for words. What is happening to St Helena, the gap between the rich and poor is widening - so much for the Sustainable Development and Economic Plan and 10 year Plan your island, your vision, your future it just words for the world to see, nothing more.

Thirdly, we need more women to balance Council at the next general election. Don't be put off by some of the adverse comments made on Friday about what will be required of the new Ministers. I wonder how many of our current Councillors has even got an A level.

You'll no doubt take time to get to grips with the way government work if you're new to it, but that is to be expected. Remember so did our current Councillors, but with training which hopefully will be arranged for the new Council it will assist you in becoming a confident politician.

Contributed

(it's not about who wrote this, it's the content of what's written above)



Dear Editor,

With fundamental changes taking place locally and globally we need an anchor to secure and safeguard the interests, aspirations, rights and culture of the people of St. Helena. We have such an anchor. That anchor is the Preamble to the Island Constitution.

The Preamble starts with the words "**The people of St Helena**" and lists twelve

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key statements advocating the wishes of Island citizens as the overarching principles for development. It sets the historic context of St Helena as a British Island under the Royal Charter of 1673. The Preamble states that **"British citizenship has been restored"** and records **"that everyone has the right to a nationality and the right not to be arbitrarily deprived of his or her nationality."** Citizenship rights under the Royal Charter of 1673 were reduced in 1983 but restored in 2002, the law coming into force on 21st May 2002 especially to coincide with the 500th anniversary of the discovery of St Helena.

The above statements are important. The present Island Constitution contains a chapter on Human Rights. In the draft for consultation, the section on the right to a nationality was not included, only the right for St Helena status not to be taken away arbitrarily. The Island Citizenship Commission was invited to take part in the consultation process particularly in the contents of the Preamble. With help and support from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, the right to nationality and not to be arbitrarily deprived of British citizenship was eventually included in the Human Rights chapter.

Included in statements in the Preamble is the importance of **family values, tolerance** and **"protection of the environment."** These principles guard against introducing local and global systems which create divisions and tension within the community, and care for the environment - terrestrial, marine, built, cultural - an inheritance for us to enjoy, use and improve for future generations.

Another statement that is highlighted is the right of people to **"freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development."** This joins with the last statement of **"commitment to government in partnership with the United Kingdom on the basis of mutual obligations and responsibilities, to democratic principles and protection of**

fundamental human rights and freedoms.

The Preamble ends with the statement that the overall aim of the content is **"with the United Kingdom Government and other members of the international community, to build a sound future on the island for their local community"**.

The Preamble is the people's manifesto. It is the **Manifesto** on which all developments should be based. It contains criteria to form the basis for all development and safeguards to ensure continuity and sustainability, to have sound foundations on which to secure systems that strengthen the island community where everyone can contribute and be valued, where all children can grow and thrive.

The statements in the Preamble are part of the Island Constitution, endorsed by the UK Parliament and the Queen.

Basil George
1 August 2021



THE CONSTITUENT

Formal Legislative Council – 2nd
August 2021 – Adjournment
Debate – Cllr C Leo

Mr Speaker,
We have reached the finish line of the tenure of this Council.

Over the last two months we have managed to squeeze in a number of formal Legislative Council meetings in relatively quick succession. Now there are various reasons for this, but for me there is one reason that must be addressed with some urgency. As the island moves to a new system of governance, the reasons for the bottlenecks within SHG and that includes the Attorney General's Chambers, which have been holding up the progress of work that elected members considered priority, must be addressed. It is unacceptable that progressing legislation and other important business through local government can take up to five years or more. Work on the

Immigration legislation, the Road Traffic legislation and the Land Development Control Plan, for a start, should have been implemented during the tenure of this Council. Over the last four years progressing draft legislation and other pressing work has been hopelessly challenging and painfully frustrating for elected members and for members of the public. The Roy Sainsbury report on the Social Welfare Review was presented to SHG in April 2013; eight years on and the primary recommendation that required urgent attention was finally addressed on Friday. We may want to ask ourselves how many of our vulnerable and elderly have been negatively impacted over the last eight years.

Both Governor Rushbrook and the substantive Attorney General have been made aware of the current bottlenecks within SHG that are responsible for holding up the progress of local government business according to the objectives and priorities of elected representatives.

Mr Speaker, if this serious weakness within certain local government sectors is not addressed with transparency and urgency, such that these sectors are made more efficient and accountable, then even the new system of governance, the new council and the efforts of the next assembly of elected representatives will be seriously handicapped.

Mr Speaker, members of the Electorate,
On request, in January 2017 the then Governor Lisa Phillips informed me that the local general election was likely to be held around July 2017; I was determined not to miss the window of opportunity and therefore wanted to be in St Helena for the 2017 election. However, pursuing my long-held ambition to serve on Legislative Council required me to give up my fulfilling comfort zone on Ascension Island and risk stepping into significant unknowns in St Helena. As a Saint Helenian "outsider", I was very dubious over successfully gaining sufficient support and votes in the 2017 St Helena general election. Nevertheless, I decided to make the sacrifices, put the fears of the unknown to one side and allowed the Electorate of St Helena to decide my fate.

Here we are, four years on, and I want to take this opportunity to publicly

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thank all who made a special effort to vote at the last general election, and, in particular, those members of the electorate who personally gave me the opportunity to serve on Legislative Council.

I am satisfied that I worked to the best of my ability with loyalty, according to what I believed was in the best interest of the island. It has been a worthy experience that has enhanced my knowledge in many positive ways.

It really has been a special honour and privilege for me to have now satisfied my long-held ambition and served my beautiful island and the local community at Council level.

To anyone who contemplates taking on a responsible leading role in the ongoing development of St Helena and serving the local community on Legislative Council, I sincerely encourage you to put your name forward as a candidate, without hesitation, and enter the political arena for the next general election.

My closing message to the Electorate is: if you are interested and care about the ongoing development of St Helena and the future of your community, then make a special effort to "have your say" and vote in the next general election.

I will take this opportunity to thank you Mr Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and my Honourable colleagues for your valuable assistance over the last four years.

There is no substitute for experience – thank you.

And finally I will give a big shout-out to "my walking encyclopaedia"; she is currently in South Africa, Cllr Dr Corinda Essex.

Mr Speaker, for the very last time – I beg to move.

Dark Sky Legislation Needs Regulations and Code of Practice

The use of artificial light at night was incorporated into environment protection legislation in June this year. The new legislation will not come into effect until supporting regulations are developed and a Code of Practice has been drafted. No date is specified for when the new environmental legislation will come into force. Despite this, SHG has applied for Dark Sky Community status from the International Dark Sky Association (IDA), the global organisation widely recognised as being the most influential in setting standards for effective and efficient use of artificial light. The IDA itself publishes a range of information to assist with regulations to support the main legislation and establishing codes of practice.

In a recent update published by SHG it is claimed Dark Sky accreditation will help protect the natural environment, conserve biodiversity, reduce light pollution to protect the quality of the night sky, reduce energy consumption, carbon emissions and also electricity bills. This assessment can be seen as being the wrong way round. It is the dark sky legislation which results in the benefits listed, not the accreditation by the IDA. The IDA accreditation is awarded because a community has the legislation and supporting regulations in force which is designed to achieve these benefits.

On 1st November this year import controls will be come into force which will prohibit non-compliant exterior light fittings. The legislation does allow for necessary exceptions such as sea and aviation navigation lights. A range of other exemptions are also allowed for in the legislation, mostly on a temporary basis. They include exterior Christmas lighting and illumination to allow construction work to continue after sunset. Sport field illumination does not appear to be specifically mentioned in the Environmental Protection Amendment Bill which went to Legislative Council on 18th June but it must surely be covered by a legal definition somewhere in the amended legislation.

Jacob's Ladder Refurbishment Consultation

The project group progressing the refurbishment of Jacob's Ladder are holding two consultation sessions next week to explain what the job entails and to get your feedback. In an announcement SHG listed the main parts of the work as the steps, the metal structure and the track bed. The current lighting is not mentioned, nor any move to replace it with more energy efficient light fittings.

Finance Committee Shows Concern

A report on what happened at the Finance Committee on 30th June was published this week, five weeks after the event. It is reported there is some concern because HM Customs revenue will be less this year due to a consignment of fuel to Rupert's scheduled for this financial year arriving early and the revenue from the duty raised

went into the accounts for the year ending in March 2021. So the HM Customs revenue budget looks good for last year but seems destined to look bad for this year. It only looks good or bad on paper; maybe a paper adjustment will put it right? Of more real concern is the budget to pay for medical evacuation flights. There have been eleven such flights so far this year and the money assigned to pay for the flights, almost £2million, appears in danger of being over-spent as we are not yet half-way through the current financial year. If this budget is over-spent the money will need to come from some other budget and that will no doubt cause someone to squeal.

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Superheroes morning celebrating special Father's day at SPPS on Friday 18th June 2021



On Friday 18th June, St Pauls Primary School opened their doors to just over 110 superhero figures to celebrate Father's day with their children. Among these superheroes were Dads, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, godfathers and of course not forgetting 4 Mums who took the place of Daddies.

There was a real buzz of excitement, enthusiasm, apprehension in the school as each year group engaged in learning activities that were both challenging and fun. Some heroes felt like it was going back to school again but that teaching had taken a step to higher levels.

All were invited to the hall for tea and refreshments during break time, having a chance to mingle among each other and staff to share their experiences. Headteacher was so proud to see that some had taken time out to be with their son/daughter on this special occasion. They were all thanked for coming and was wished a happy Father's day. She hoped that she could engage them again sometime in another event that would bring our Dads together. They commented on the brilliant morning delivered and were so appreciative of staff and the school for organising this get together with their children.

Here are some snippets from our classrooms.

There were lots of fun and laughter in **Nursery** as all the dad's busily became involved in interacting with their children in their play. One of the challenges consisted of making a parachute for Jack who wanted to escape from the giant down the beanstalk. Children had a blast in testing and experimenting



whose parachute floated the longest. There were other hands on activities such as: Sand, Water and playdough which captured everyone's interest especially the dad's who built impressive models along with their child. A very successful morning and thank you to all the dad's and grandpa's for popping in and sharing these beautiful moments.

In **Reception** class we began the morning with an art session. The dad's and papas were tasked to draw their children whilst the children drew them also. At the end, we received the pictures and guessed who was who! We then completed a STEM project (Science, technology, engineering and mathematics) designing a car which could move using wind, elastic bands or balloons. The cars were tested and the winning Dad and daughter received a trophy! It was a brilliant morning and the children loved learning with the family.

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VACANCY FOR FIELD ASSISTANT

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the St Helena National Trust's team in a supporting role. We are looking for a Field Assistant to join the team on the Darwin project 'Community supported multispecies invasive vertebrate control' and play a central role in delivering the Trust's vertebrate project.

Applicants must have an interest in conserving St Helena's valuable biodiversity and be willing to learn and 'get stuck in'. Experience of working with, or knowledge of, invasive species or St Helena's endemic species will be strongly favoured.

The Trust is an independent non-governmental organisation driven by a passion for St Helena and our built, cultural, and natural heritage. We have a strong emphasis on team-work and collaboration and believe that our staff are the greatest asset that we have.

If you feel you could contribute to the Trust and would like to join a team passionate about seeing good things happen on St Helena then we want to hear from you.

For further information on these posts please contact Marjorie Fowler, Vertebrate Project Manager on 22224 or email: marjorie.fowler@trust.org.sh

A full job description can be obtained from Amanda Constantine at the St Helena National Trust office at Broadway House, Jamestown. Alternatively email amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh or call 22190. Applications should be in the form of a CV and Cover letter indicating how you meet the requirements of the job description.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday, 20th August 2021

Superheroes morning celebrating special Father's day at SPSS on Friday 18th June 2021



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Our **Year One** class had a brilliant turn out of fathers and godfathers representing 17 out of 19 children. All were welcomed and the day was introduced with a power point presentation 'what is father's day and how it all started'. Children then had to think of words describing, what we would like to have as a father figure or a superhero Dad.

We then had an exciting team building timetable challenge then followed with a loop game, where fathers joined in reading their card given with a two digit number as tens and ones. This was very interesting as fathers were taught tens and units when they went to school and not tens and ones like is taught today, so there were some hesitation before reading out loud. Fathers then had the opportunity in joining in with their child in a colouring of a superhero and creating a superhero face mask before going to the covered area to play a game of traffic lights.

Our morning ended with a reflection using oranges with the vocabulary written on of a good father and used in a floating and sinking experiment.

What a wonderful turnout and splendid morning we had!

In **Yr 2M** Dads had a Superhero Maths Wizard morning. We began our day with Mental Maths whereas the children prepared times tables for their dads and tested them! Dads then engaged in a table top activity with their children. Children showed them how to do addition Maths sentences using hundreds, tens and ones.

We broke for another brain break which involved testing dads' knowledge on the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

The last 20 minutes dads spent time doing activities with children which included Board games and free drawing activities. This was an enjoyable and great morning for everyone! Thank you.

In **Yr 2B**, we invited superhero role models in the form of Dads, granddads, uncles and even Mums who shouldered Dads responsibilities. The day began with the children introducing their superhero and why they were so special. Later children were challenged to create a cape, mask, shield of cuffs for their superhero. They also needed to give them a name and super power- some of the cheated names were 'super power', 'super veggie' and 'lightning 95!' To round of the activity, the children took selfies in a superhero frame and did a shirt game of 'baked beans'. This game was thoroughly enjoyed and motivating for the children and their special heroes. Our morning was a success in yr 2B J

Year 3

We welcomed our Dads, brother and a Mum! The class read heart-warming poems expressing thanks and love to parents which brought tears to man an eye. Later they formed parent and child teams making a creative construction together with lots of glue etc.

We ended with a hip hip hooray and happy father's day! What a wonderful time together!

d with their fathers/superheroes to find ten words and their meanings. At 9.30am children did took part in a long Multiplication tournament, which saw children and loved ones complete sums using one, two and three digit numbers. To end the morning children wrote an alliteration using their superheroes name, in turn, fathers/superheroes wrote an alliteration about their son/daughter. It was an exciting morning, with lots of learning and laughs. Children appeared to have enjoyed having their fathers/superheroes in the classroom.

On Friday our superheroes fathers and mothers were welcomed to **Year 5** class for an action packed morning to celebrate Father's Day.

Parents and pupils were reminded of how important punctuation is in reading and writing. The morning was Kick started with a PowerPoint presentation Kung Fu Punctuation demonstrating how to do different punctuation using our hands and making the appropriate sound to go with. Punctuation marks included full stops, comma, semi-colon and colon. Once familiar with punctuation marks, everyone had to perform the correct move and sound to match the punctuation mark. This was enjoyed by all and was the perfect warm up.

The rest of the morning was spent doing Maths. The session started off by testing knowledge on times tables. Everyone had 5 minutes to complete their worksheet. This was followed by an outdoor activity, whereby parents and pupils had to go to the field to identify acute, obtuse, right and reflex angles. Parents were able to work alongside of their child and it was great to hear discussions on their findings. On returning to the classroom, we continued our learning around angles and it was great for parents to see how we approach and take our learning forward and how work is differentiated for the level of the child. It was great seeing the pupils teaching and explaining to their parents how it needs to be done.

The morning was enjoyed by all, the look from some pupils faces said it all, they really did enjoy and appreciated having their parents in. Well done father figures!

Year 6 did a Math's treasure hunt, based on the order of operations. The class was split into four teams and the fastest team to return to the class with the correct answers won.

They also worked together in teams to create the tallest newspaper tower, this tower also needed to hold two wonder bar chocolates.



PRINCE ANDREW SCHOOL HOLDS CERTIFICATE AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Students, parents and invited guests gathered at Prince Andrew School hall to celebrate the annual Certificate and Awards ceremony on Thursday, 29 July 2021.

The Ceremony began with a welcome speech by HE Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook. Governor Rushbrook said:

"The annual Awards Ceremony is the opportunity to take pride in what each of us has personally achieved. Undeniably, 'achievement' is a peculiar word. People typically think it is all about good exam results or being top at doing something, but it is not. A synonym in a thesaurus is 'realisation'. Achievement is realising what you personally have done that you feel went well or was successful. A new skill, finding the courage, doing something a different way or knowing you have done your personal best with things that were difficult."

The first round of presentations were to award former year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students their certificates in the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE), Vocationally Recognised Qualifications (VRQ), Foundation Certificate of Secondary Education (FCSE) in French, Level 3 certificates and General Certificate of Education (GCE).

Shortly after presentations were made for individual achievements:

Award	Awardee
Jean Beadon Art Award	Hannah Hickling
The Governor's Award for Excellence at Key Stage 3	Vivian Ponsford and Jacob Williams
The PTA Student of the Year Award	Katie-Ray Williams and Tyanne Williams
SURE Sponsorship Awards	Katie-Ray Williams and Ronaldo Johnson
The Jeanette Williams Maths Awards	Katie-Ray Williams and Demi George
The English Language Awards	Katie-Ray Williams, Kyla Joshua and Ronaldo Johnson
Bishop Houghton Award	Luke Bowers
The Joy George Award (recognising outstanding work at KS3)	Cheyenne Yon-Andrews, Amber George and Tyran Henry

The Ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks from Student President, Ronaldo Johnson, and Vice Student President, Luke Bowers, and closing remarks from Portfolio Director of Education, Skills & Employment, Wendy Benjamin.



PUBLIC CONSULTATION ***JACOB'S LADDER REFURBISHMENT PROJECT***

The Working Group for the Jacob's Ladder Refurbishment Project will be holding consultation sessions during the month of August 2021 to inform the general public of the proposed works and to give an opportunity to provide feedback.

This Project is one of those identified for funding from the generous donation of £300,000 made by Lord Michael Ashcroft KCMG, PC, to the British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust to support the preservation of the built heritage on St Helena. The sessions will cover the proposed refurbishment to the main elements of the Ladder including the steps, track bed, and the metal structure which aims to improve the safety for users whilst preserving its historic character.

Public consultation sessions will be held as follows:

Date	Venue	Time
Monday, 9 August	The Canister, Jamestown	7pm
Thursday, 12 August	Half Tree Hollow Community Centre	7pm

In addition, a drop-in session will be held at the Jamestown Market on Thursday, 12 August, between 10am and 1.30pm. Members of the public are encouraged to attend any of these sessions.

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Prince Andrew School Head Teacher, Penny Bowers, concluded:

"It has been a long road to be able to award our 2020 students their certificates. When we first heard about COVID-19 in China, I myself, didn't realise the effects and impact COVID-19 would have globally and locally. This has certainly affected the way we've had to operate here on our Island in terms of examinations. Hence here we are in July 2021 instead of December 2020 giving out these awards. Thankfully, our students were still able to be awarded these grades, even if it was in an unconventional way."

A copy of Governor Rushbrook's welcome speech is annexed to this release.

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