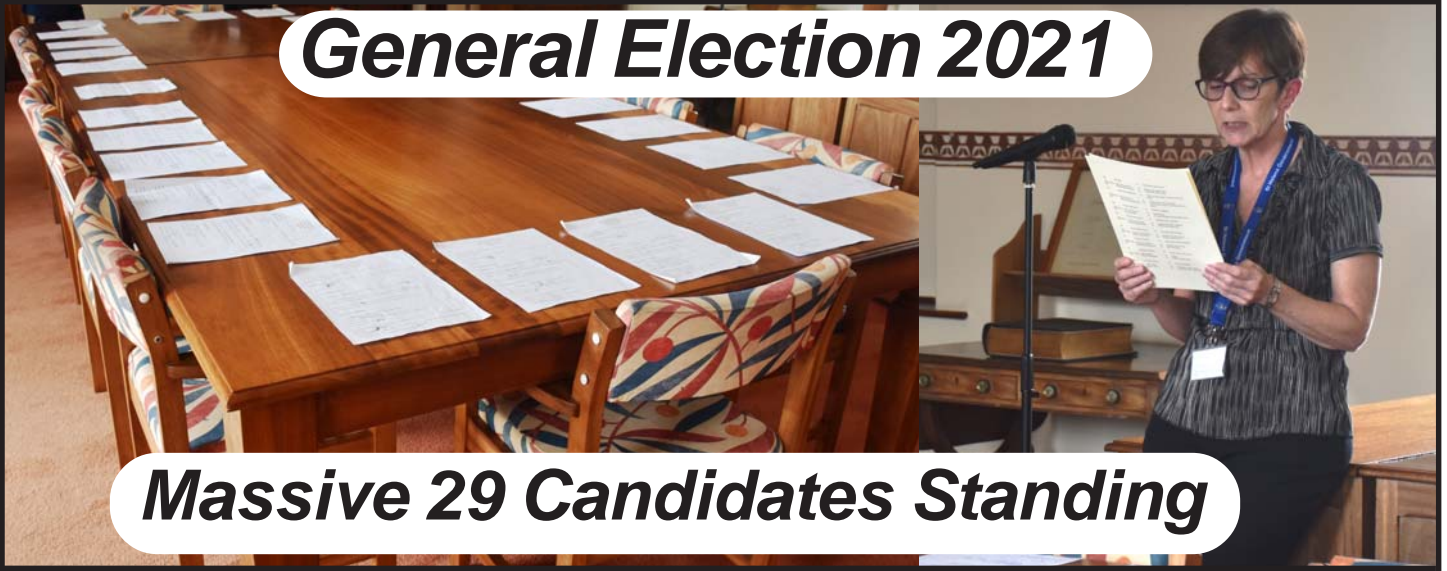


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Most people have heard of St Helena and perhaps a few are even aware that it is a UK overseas territory in the South Atlantic. Its greatest claim to fame is that Napoleon was exiled to the island and died there, but what many people might not appreciate is that the biodiversity on the island is almost equal to that of the Galapagos islands.

The cloud forests on St Helena contain 250 endemic species and entire ecosystems found nowhere else on earth. The foundation of these unique ecosystems are the endemic trees of the cloud forest; but they are under threat.

Historic logging and deforestation to clear land for pasture, commercial forestry and flax fibre plantations have reduced the vast swathes of forest (made up of the curiously named "Cabbage trees") to a relatively small area mostly on the mountain tops. Although deforestation stopped long ago new risks have emerged threatening these unique ecosystems. Cabbage trees and other native tree species suffer increasingly from dieback likely to be caused by a plant disease. Similarly, some endemic insect populations are also dimin-



***Black cabbage trees in flower on St Helena
(Credit: Rebecca Cairns-Wicks)***

ishing after becoming infected by fungal pathogens.

Attempts to reforest the mountain tops and extend the range of the cloud forest have been hampered by problems in the nursery-raised seedlings, the saplings exhibit signs of pests and disease and can struggle to thrive.

THANK YOU & TRIBUTE—Terry Hayes

Wife Brenda and family, along with brothers & sisters and their families of the late Terry Hayes who passed away on Friday the 13th August, would like to extend thanks to everyone here and overseas who supported the family and Terry during his illness whilst at home, as well as during his time at the General Hospital before and after his passing, in particular all of the medical staff.

There are too many to name, and that alone is considered a great testament to the wonderful caring community of St Helena that we live amongst. In particular we are thankful for assistance given with Funeral arrangements, the touching Service and Burial by Pastor Paul Taylor and members of the Baptist Chapel; to 2nd/Mate Mia for reading the lesson; to Daniel, Vince and Liz for the musical accompaniment, as well as to all who paid tribute & expressed their condolences via floral tributes. Thanks also to Roy and his team, those who attended the funeral and all who sent cards & emails along with messages of support in the many phone-calls. Special thanks to those special people who came to our rescue in our hour of need and gave us strength, faith and understanding – you know who you are and may you always be blessed.

Terry was a man of few words and endured his suffering in the same manner. He always spoke very highly of the staff at the General Hospital, never complained about anything and always had kind or funny words for anyone who needed them at the time. He will always be respected and remembered for the knowledge and skills he passed on to many a young fisherman and sailor, and to those within his large extended family. His dry sense of humour will also help to keep his memory alive in our hearts with a smile on our face, but more importantly the lessons learned from him cannot be printed anywhere as they are already the strongest threads in the beautiful tapestry of our lives. He loved music and knew far more about popular songs than he let on; he could do macramé which was possibly a spin-off from the many knots seamen need in their daily life; he could make a tasty tomato paste and a heart-warming curry just as well as he could give new life to an old, broken-down car and he was always up to date with local and world news.

For those who miss him, always remember that his suffering is no more and there will always be a part of him that lives on in all that you have learned by his example.

***May he rest in peace, rise in glory and watch over us
whilst we sleep.....***

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an after-glow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways
Of happy times & laughing times and bright & sunny days
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry in the sun
Of happy memories that I leave, when my life is done.*



CABI to work in partnership to help protect St Helena's biodiversity and enhance its agriculture

St Helena is not quite the sub-tropical paradise you might imagine and life is tough for residents. A reliance on imports makes the cost of living high and volatile and, due to the pandemic, the island has already experienced food shortages and consequent significant price increases revealing the relative poverty that exists amongst low income families.

CABI has recently received a grant from the Darwin Initiative (funding from Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) to investigate the dieback of the cloud forest trees and the disease related decline of insect populations. The project also intends to catalogue the diseases affecting local farming systems and to improve the management advice, thus enabling growers to increase productivity.

A CABI team of plant pathologists, entomologists and a mycologist specialising in entomopathogenic fungi (fungi that attack insects) will be working with Prof Robert Jackson of the University of Birmingham and his PhD student Amy Webster in association with Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks of the St Helena Research Institute, and the Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Directorate on St Helena for three years.

Unravelling the potential causes of the cabbage tree dieback is going to be challenging says Dr Phil Taylor, one of the CABI scientists due to travel to the island in February. "The dieback could not only be due to a single disease but a number of different, but interrelated problems. Climate change either directly, or through the extension of the host range of pathogens or vectors that carry the problem is a possibility; alternatively, climate change may not be involved and the problem may have been caused by an only recently introduced pathogen."

As well as investigating the problems associated with the native flora and fauna, capacity building will also take place. Whilst the diseases and pests of most countries have been well documented, plant diseases of horticultural crops on St Helena are not so well studied and previous surveys are well out of date.

Dr Rob Reeder, a CABI plant pathologist, commented, "We are expecting to find many common diseases on fruit and vegetable crops, but the challenge will be to identify those that are causing the biggest problems and to help local people to recognise and overcome them. Special care needs to be given when designing management interventions so as not to upset in these unique and delicate ecosystems."

Dr Reeder will also be involved in the study of the tree dieback and will be investigated both the problems of the mature trees on the mountain tops and those in the nursery he points out. "The difficulty of working with an unknown problem is that there could be more than one problem; the death of trees in the cloud forest and those in the nursery may be due to several issues and these may not even be related. We need to identify the causes in both cases," he added.

Previous CABI work on St Helena, under the Darwin Initiative, included a two-year project to improve the biosecurity of the island – along with the Falkland Islands – by improving Pest Risk Assessment (PRA) procedures using the CABI Horizon Scanning Tool. The work sought to identify invasive species that can decimate plants, crops and native species before helping to support decision making on ways to respond to any introductions with adequate control measures.



Equiano update

Last weekend the Teliri completed the deployment of the branching unit that connects the branch from St Helena to the main cable and has since continued laying the so-called trunk cable over a stretch of 1,100km to the south-west towards Cape Town.

This weekend she will reach the location of the next branching unit. Once installed she will most likely lay the spur to Swakopmund, Namibia where Equiano will make its second landfall after St Helena. Although it is not planned to provision capacity between St Helena and Namibia, the landing in Swakopmund could in theory already enable high-speed connectivity to the island. In reality this will however not be possible as the cable cannot be powered while laying operations continue.

It is not known yet whether the Teliri has enough cable and repeaters loaded to complete the most southern segment to Cape Town after the Namibia branch has been laid but we will continue to follow the ship's itinerary closely.





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Editorial

It's been a memorable week, not least because what may be the highest ever number of candidates have been nominated to stand for election to Legislative Council. I've tried to work out why they should be such a big interest this time around in becoming a member of Legislative Council. Was the decision to change to a ministerial form of government more popular than the lack of participation in the consultative poll indicated? Of the small number who did get out to vote, was the tight finish not representative of the views of the silent majority? Does the prospect of a chance to be a minister draw people to put their names forward? 'Memorable' is a word which will surely come to mind again when those who do become ministers think back to their time in office in the years to come. Some of all of this might have something to do with 29 people being listed on a long ballot paper. But the complete or real answer lies somewhere else. The number of people who do come out to vote on 13th October may help arrive at the answer.

Ten of the 29 candidates have not yet uttered a word in public to explain why they are standing and what they hope might be achieved in the next four years. We have to wonder how serious they are at getting elected. Talking to people in the street is a great thing to do but it falls way short of getting a candidate over the line on polling day. More candidates will come forward to give their views during next week and maybe organise a few posters but with Election Day now just eight full days away I have to wonder how keen they are in getting elected; four of the so far silent ones are members of the last Legislative Council standing for re-election.

Previous councillors who are not standing include Brian Isaac who sadly died earlier this year, Lawson Henry who made it clear straightaway he would not stand again, Cyril Leo and Tony Green. It will be interesting to see how many among the eight candidates who were councillors in the last Legislative Council have done enough to convince enough people to vote for them.

When asked what the priorities would be if elected, one candidate said the government budget for next year will be the first thing to get to grips with. The budget process for the following year usually starts in August/September, with the new councillors in place on 14th October and time taken sorting out the details about how the new ministerial system will work, it could well be November before any worthwhile focus is given to next year's spending priorities and debating with the UK Government the size of their share of budget.

When it is much clearer how much money the ministers will be responsible for spending it will be a good time for the ministerial team to include Participatory Budgeting in the process for deciding what money is spent where. Participatory Budgeting was first used in Porto Alegre in 1989. No, I've

never heard of the place either; but it's on the coast of southern Brazil. Their first attempt at participatory budgeting was hailed as a great success and was credited with shifting priorities to better support the poorest parts of the city, improving services, improving infrastructure, strengthening governance, and increasing citizen participation. It was a real success in terms of involving people typically left outside of the political process. What the government of Porto Alegre did was hand over 21% of their total budget to a citizen's forum to decide where and how the money should be spent. The spending decisions at the citizen's forum were binding. If they decided a certain amount of the available money should be spent on health services then that is where the money went. Many city councils and other local government authorities have adopted participatory budgeting; the money allocated depends on the council and varies. In the UK direct public control over spending public money has been small scale. In Tower Hamlets, a London Borough, the council allocated about £5 million out of a total budget of £1.2 billion. A final report published ten years ago by a UK Government department found that participatory budgeting had several advantages and if presented and managed effectively is a good way to decide where at least some of the available public money is spent.

The report found Participatory Budgeting could attract additional funds into deprived areas, lead to different types of projects getting funding, improved the quality and quantity of information to service providers, caused service providers to meet local needs more effectively and demonstrated to government officers that greater inter-organisational co-operation can lead to local needs being met more effectively.

With all the new brooms of every sort sweeping through the Castle in the next few months, it seems a good time to give some serious consideration to Participatory Budgeting here.

The link for the report referred to is - https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6152/19932231.pdf -

Dance
Saturday 2nd October 2021
The Club House
Longwood
8:30pm
DJ KJ



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Equiano Link Means St Helena Needs to be Smarter about Cyber Security

Vince Thompson

Before the St Helena connection to the Equiano cable is live and the hoped for earth stations are operational our island will need to be much more aware than we are now about how to protect ourselves from cyber attacks. Digital communications from any part of the world will be able to reach us at super-speed; while this is good news, there is also a greater risk that along with legitimate communications, criminally organised destructive forces will attempt to paralyse the communication systems used by governments, businesses or your own laptop or handheld device.

Cyber attacks by criminal or just plainly disruptive people are intensifying at an ever increasing rate says Wes Lewis, a UK Home Office cyber security expert who will be out of quarantine in a few days to continue a risk assessment with the St Helena Government which started in February. He will be here until 20th October to help build into the digital communication systems in St Helena an improved ability to withstand cyber attacks.

Building strong defences against cyber attacks is not restricted to very technical defences added to computer networks operated by government, the larger businesses and what is known as critical national infrastructure. One of a range of activities Wes Lewis will get involved with while here is to emphasise the *Cyber Essentials* message. This message applies to everyone; from those of us with a smartphone or laptop to the organisations with the biggest, most complicated computer network.



Wes Lewis is here from the UK Home Office but the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office is also heavily involved in building and maintaining defences against cyber attacks. The National Cyber Security Centre is part of GCHQ (UK Government Communications Headquarters) and provides all the information anyone can need about Cyber Essentials. The link is <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberessentials/overview>. The advice starts by telling us "Cyber Essentials is a simple but effective, Government backed scheme that will help you to protect your organisation, whatever its size, against a whole range of the most common cyber attacks. Cyber attacks come in many shapes and sizes, but the vast majority are very basic in nature, carried out by relatively unskilled individuals. They're the digital equivalent of a thief trying your front door to see if it's unlocked. Our advice is designed to prevent these attacks." The advice continues through to *Cyber Essentials Plus* which is described as, "Cyber Essentials Plus still has the Cyber Essentials trademark simplicity of approach, and the protections you need to put in place are the same, but for *Cyber Essentials Plus* a hands-on technical verification is carried out." Certification is not a requirement and people are encouraged to also be self-taught by becoming familiar with cyber security terminology and learn-

ing the steps towards securing any computer device from a cyber attack. The certification scheme will give confidence to customers of any business large or small that connecting into a business with certification is safer than with a business that does not have certification.



The Cyber Essentials Certification Mark

Sure Telecom, as the service provider, is the first line of defence against cyber attacks in St Helena but some emails which try to trick the receiver into 'opening the front door' do get through. Such emails can pretend to be from a Bank or business and say they need you to confirm your bank details. A lot of the time these emails look suspicious and if they are, delete them.

Another part of the armoury against cyber attacks is data protection. Wes Lewis is not here to check out data protection in St Helena, probably because we do not have a Data Protection Act. However, data protection is part a part of cyber security.

A Recent Example of Cyber Crime was Highlighted by Sure SA

"Dear Customer,

We are aware that there have been several recent attempts to impersonate SURE SA Ltd via email, social media and messaging apps. These communications offer recipients free data or alert you to something being wrong with your services with SURE SA Ltd. This is an attempt to have the user respond to the messaging in a bid to have them surrender private information which is then used fraudulently.

SURE SA Ltd will never ask for personal information such as passwords via email. If you receive an email or message allegedly from SURE SA Ltd asking for this type of information, you should NOT respond. SURE SA Ltd does not contact customers via Social Media platforms or messaging apps. All correspondence is sent direct to our customers via the email addresses provided to us. If you are ever in doubt, please contact us directly via service@sure.co.sh or tele. +290 2900."



294-day route and innovative Baton design for the Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay revealed

The Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games has unveiled details of the international route and the design of the Queen's Baton for the 16th official Queen's Baton Relay.

The Queen's Baton Relay is a Games tradition that celebrates, connects and excites communities from across Commonwealth during the build up to the Games.

The Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay will arrive in St Helena on 5th December, spending two days exploring the culture and community.

The Relay begins on 7 October 2021 at Buckingham Palace, where Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will place Her message to the Commonwealth into the Baton. The Baton then takes on an incredible 294-day journey through all nations and territories of the Commonwealth, arriving back in England in July 2022.

The Baton will travel an epic international route, spanning an impressive 269 days, spending between two and four days in each nation or territory, covering approximately 90,000 miles (140,000 kilometres), having over 7,500 Baton bearers trusted with the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to carry the Baton.

The Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay will visit all 72 nations and territories of the Commonwealth yet will travel almost half the distance than the previous Gold Coast Queen's Baton Relay in a bid to reduce the carbon footprint.

Over the course of the Relay, the Baton is set to spend Christmas Eve in the Seychelles, will bring in the New Year in the Maldives and plans to be in Jamaica over the Easter weekend.

Before arriving in St Helena the Baton will have just visited Botswana. After departing St Helena, the Baton will make its way to South Africa

During each visit, nations and territories will host events and activities that showcase untold stories from Batonbearers, athletes, and young people who are striving for change in their community, as well as showcasing a project that addresses at least one of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The global journey will conclude at the Birmingham 2022 Opening Ceremony where the final Batonbearer will return the Baton to Her Majesty The Queen.

St Helena CGA President Nick Stevens said: "We are extremely pleased that the Queens Baton relay will reach St Helena this time as the Baton was unable to get to us prior to the Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast in 2018. We have an exciting itinerary planned where we are aiming to become the first nation to get all its citizens to touch the Queen's Baton. Although our main focus for the visit of the Queen's Baton is on our youth we have also planned some unique events including an underwater relay.



The Baton was conceived in an innovative West Midlands collaboration that fuses art, technology, and science. Product designers and engineers Raymont-Osman Product Design, design and development specialists Kajul, and artist Laura Nyahuye from MAOKWO each injected their creativity and expertise into the Baton. The technology within the Baton is the work of BOM (Birmingham Open Media), a leading centre for art, technology and science in central Birmingham, dedicated to 'creative innovation with purpose'.

The Baton champions the individuality in humanity and celebrates bringing people together. It embodies the idea that every individual has distinctive lived experiences that are threaded together and woven into a collective tapestry of cultures. The Baton form is entwined with unique components and displays connectivity to represent the power of collaboration.



AVIATION ON ST HELENA

WHY IS IT DIFFICULT TO FLY TO ST HELENA?

Over the last few months a number of questions have been asked about St Helena Airport (HLE) and air access to the Island in general. As a result, St Helena Government's (SHG) Sustainable Development Civil Aviation Team will over the next three weeks provide answers to the frequently asked questions:

- *Week 1: The difficulties flying to and from HLE, including all the factors that need to be considered by airlines that want to operate here*
- *Week 2: Who can fly to HLE, given the challenges*
- *Week 3: Where flights can and can't operate to from HLE.*

St Helena has a relatively short runway, limiting the aircraft (and therefore airlines) that can operate here

The maximum landing distance available of HLE's runway is 1,550 metres (5,084 feet). This is quite short given the Island's remoteness.

For instance, Stansted is 2,749m, Walvis Bay, 2,234m, Ascension Island, 3,054m (after runway works are completed) and Johannesburg, 4,421m.

The short runway automatically restricts the types of aircraft that can land here and even imposes payload restrictions on those that can (e.g. the Titan B757 or Airlink Embraer 190). This means higher ticket prices to reflect the higher flight costs per passenger to St Helena.

So the short runway instantly limits those airlines that could operate here depending on the types of aircraft in their fleets.

HLE can only operate in daylight

The company that regulates HLE (Air Safety Support International, based in the UK) only certified (gave permission) for the Airport to operate in daylight.

This means that any flight would have to depart between 3pm and 4pm to ensure that, in the event of an emergency, it has enough time to turn around and return to HLE for a landing in the hours of daylight.

St Helena Airport Ltd (SHAL) is undertaking a study to investigate night certification – but this is not a simple process. For example, it is likely to require one or more additional shifts, which means finding more firefighters, security etc. and having enough income from night flights to accommodate increased staffing and training costs. Given that the Airport is unlikely ever to reach break-even point, this will just mean a larger subsidy needed for the Airport from SHG and the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.

The optimum weather window for landing is around lunchtime

Based on weather studies, the optimum weather window – to allow for the best possible weather on landing – will be around lunchtime. This explains why the Titan flights depart Stansted at midnight (or just after) so as to arrive at HLE (allowing for the fuel stop in Accra) at this optimal time.

An arrival time before or after this optimum weather window may introduce additional safety issues for aircraft, particularly regarding strengthened winds and more variability in conditions e.g. fog/low cloud.

'Equal Time Point' indicates the point at which an aircraft must continue on to its intended destination, or return to its originating airfield or a diversion airfield. When aircraft fly to HLE, a decision is made just prior to the Equal Time Point (if not before) on whether the weather is forecasted to be sufficiently good to allow the flight to continue on to St Helena; if not, the aircraft is turned around or diverted to an alternate airfield.

Finally, we need specially-equipped planes and pilots trained to fly to and land on St Helena

Airlines must overcome a number of operational challenges to operate flights to St Helena.

The most important would be the Extended Twin Engine Operations (ETOPS) regulations. These are the global regulations that operators of twin-engine aircraft need to adhere to in order to make long oceanic crossings should one of the two engines fail. ETOPS regulations do not apply to aircraft with three or four engines.

Obtaining 'ETOPS approval' is a lengthy and costly process. It took Airlink 10 months to achieve and may cost up to \$1m per aircraft as extra navigation and safety equipment (e.g. life rafts, beacons and locator devices) need to be installed. Pilots also need enhanced training, which also costs money. An example in the USA is when Southwest Airlines (one of the largest airlines in the world) needed almost two years to obtain ETOPS approval for its California-Hawaii flights.

In addition, because our runway is 1,000 feet above sea level (on the edge of a cliff top) and is surrounded by high ground (e.g. the Barn), there is an unusual navigational landing procedure. This is deemed by regulators to be a 'high pilot workload' landing approach, called 'Category C' (Cat C). There are a number of other airports in the world also graded as Cat C, such as London City Airport, Funchal in Madeira and some airfields in the European Alpine mountain resorts.

Regulators only allow highly experienced captains to perform landings at Cat C airports, and captains need to train for this in flight simulators – all of this adds extra complexity, approval time and cost to the airline (and ultimately SHG).

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Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

Costly Mistakes

As the island approaches the 2021 General Election, it may be a good time to reflect and identify where there were failures in attempts to maximise the social and economic development of St Helena.

Without reflection, we run the risk of repeating mistakes of the past.

On reading SHG's answers to 'Why is it difficult to fly to St Helena?', (see PAGE 5) one cannot help but ask: why were the obvious obstacles and difficulties not initially considered by the experts involved during the planning stages of the St Helena Airport project? St Helena's geographical location and isolation demanded meticulous attention to detail by the experts for the safety and reduced risks to the travellers.

The St Helena Airport was to be the master key for the **ongoing** development of the island.

Clearly the officially predicted social and economic benefits of the St Helena Airport will never be maximised accordingly.

Let us remind ourselves of some of the Projected Benefits as stated in DFID's Consultation Document:

'...the annual number of round trips made by Saints and business travellers would rise from the current level of 1,820 to over 14,000 over the 40 year period, while the annual number of tourist arrivals would grow from the current level of 1,439 to 59,000 over the same period.'

'Other benefits would include lower transport costs and time saving for existing travellers and additional travellers that take advantage of **cheaper and quicker** travel to St Helena. The present value of total benefits was estimated to exceed £700 million.'

'The graph also illustrates the cost of operating the airport drop to zero after 2035 as St Helena is expected to reach a point where UK financial assistance is no longer required.'

The community of St Helena is heavily reliant on the British taxpayer for financial aid. The UK government has been committing some 70% to SHG's recurrent budgets.

Financial assistance from the United Kingdom for local ongoing infrastructure development has included more than £285.5m of taxpayer's money for an airport and £80m for a bulk fuel installation. Even though Covid-19 is currently a significant limiting factor, serious questions are being asked about how both major projects can never be utilised to maximise the ongoing social and economic development of the island and yet there is absolutely no accountability. Furthermore the local Public Accounts Committee has been powerless in obtaining and providing the necessary public accountability.

The SHG press release dated 29 September 2021 and titled 'Why is it difficult to fly to St Helena?' confirms the following extracts taken from the House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts Report of the St Helena Airport and released on 14 December 2016:

'St Helena is a small self-governing UK overseas territory in the South Atlantic, previously only accessible by sea. The Department for International Development is funding a £285.5 million design, build and operate contract for an airport on St Helena to improve the island's accessibility and to support development of the tourism industry, with the ultimate

aim of the island becoming self-sufficient. The airport is now built and the St Helena Government had planned to start operating it in May 2016. However, test flights in April 2016 revealed dangerous wind conditions on the airport approach, an effect known as 'wind shear'. While the airport has since handled a small number of flights, the wind conditions have precluded operations of the planned commercial service.

It is staggering that the Department did not foresee and address the impact of difficult wind conditions on landing commercial aircraft safely. The Department was evasive on the question of who should be held responsible, and is yet to hold anyone to account, either internally or externally for the failure to identify this fundamental issue. Nor has it identified the extent or cost of remedial action required. There is also doubt over whether the airport, when operational, will lead to St Helena becoming financially self-sufficient, due to the significant uncertainties over projected tourist growth figures and a lack of progress toward attracting investment. Thus far, the Department has unquestionably failed the residents of St Helena and the British taxpayer.'

"It is a useless mistake if not one lesson is learnt."

Special thank you to the local Civil Aviation Team for just telling it as it is.

**Yours sincerely,
Cyril Leo**

SIDE PATH ROAD CLOSURE UPDATE

Construction works by Isaac's Contractors have started on Side Path Road and are progressing well.

The Capital Programme Section would like to remind the public that Side Path Road is closed to both pedestrians and vehicles for the duration of these works which are likely to take around seven months to complete. Pedestrians and vehicles can still gain access to Ruperts via Field Road.

Drivers who have been using the diversions since the road closed on Monday, 27 September, are thanked for their patience and consideration. This has resulted in very few instances of congestion.

There have been a few incidents concerning cars parking near the Hospital, and drivers are asked to respect the new 'no-parking' signs and barriers that have been erected, as well as the existing yellow lines. Isaac's Contractors have spotters located at key locations. They are primarily there to assist with traffic movements via radio communications, so please look out for them and respect any directions that they may give to drivers or pedestrians.

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OFFICIAL LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2021 GENERAL ELECTION

Returning Officer, Carol George, this afternoon announced the names of 29 Candidates who will be standing for this year's General Election. The electorate now has the opportunity to vote for up to 12 Councillors to represent the Island on the Legislative Council:

The Candidates are as follows:

Leslie Paul Baldwin of Half Tree Hollow

Rosemary June Bargo of Half Tree Hollow

Clint Richard Beard of Market Street, Jamestown

Keith Gordon Brinsden of "Stoneybroke", Lower Cow Path, HTH

Gillian Ann Brooks of 25 Barracks Square, Jamestown

Mark Alan Brooks of 2 Fullers Flats, Jamestown

Cruyff Gerard Buckley of "Amourville", Half Tree Hollow

Ronald Arthur Coleman of Silver Hill, Levelwood

Gavin George Ellick of New Ground, St Pauls

Jeffrey Robert Ellick of No 76 Wirebird Drive, Half Tree Hollow

Corinda Sebastiana Stuart Essex of "Villa Ajaccio", Napoleon Street, Jamestown

Julie Christine Fowler of Jayanns Villa, Guinea Grass, St Pauls

Melissa Kim Fowler of Nr. Writing Stone, Sandy Bay

Martin Dave Henry of Cow Path, Half Tree Hollow

Elizabeth Knipe of Bamboo Hedge, Sandy Bay

Paul Laban of Little Varneys, Alarm Forest

Robert Charles Midwinter of "Vasco Da Gama House", Tern Drive, Half Tree Hollow

Christine Lilian Scipio of Blackfield, Longwood

Damien Shaun Thomas of Old Boys School, Jamestown

Derek Franklin Thomas of Cow Path, Half Tree Hollow

Donald Eric Thomas of Cardinal Drive, Half Tree Hollow

Julie Dorne Thomas of Gordon's Post, Alarm Forest

Karl Gavin Thrower of The Flag, Levelwood

Andrew James Turner of Burgh House, Barren Ground, Blue Hill

Helene Virginia Williams of Thorn Cottage, Sandy Bay

Lionel George Williams of "Brenville" Nr Half Tree Hollow, St Pauls

Patrick Arthur Williams of "Patlinrose", Ruperts Valley, Jamestown

Russell Keith Yon of Nr Avondale, Half Tree Hollow

Peter Anthony Young of "Oursins", Ladder Hill, Half Tree Hollow.



The full Declaration, including the names of Sponsors, will be Gazetted as soon as possible and published on the St Helena Government website.

Polling Day is set for Wednesday, 13 October 2021. Details on how and where to vote will be published next week.

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THE ROLE OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE AND SELECT (SCRUTINY) COMMITTEES

A General Election will be held on Wednesday, 13 October 2021. This year's Election will be historic – the first under a ministerial system of Government.

Over the past few weeks we have provided regular information articles on how a Ministerial Government will work. In our final article this week we focus on the role of the Public Accounts Committee and Select (Scrutiny) Committees.

If you have any questions on this or previous articles please send them to the SHG Press Office via: Kerisha.Yon@sainthelena.gov.sh or on tel: 22368.

What is the Public Accounts Committee (PAC)?

The PAC was established under section 69 of the Constitution.



The PAC reports to Legislative Council. It must examine the annual statement of accounts of the Government of St Helena as audited by the Chief Auditor. It also considers such management letters and reports of the Chief Auditor as laid before Legislative Council or brought to the attention of the Council by the Chief Auditor. The Committee can also carry out other functions prescribed in law.

The Public Accounts Committee pursuant to the Constitution is independent and not subject to direction or control by any other person or body. Its functions, composition (including both Elected Members and non-Elected Members as detailed below) enhance the political accountability of Government.

In carrying out its functions the Committee scrutinises how the Government and other public bodies spend money, it helps ensure good standards of fiscal management and accountability. It also considers compliance with relevant Ordinances and financial reporting standards.

The PAC has power, subject to other laws, to summon individuals before it and to require answers to questions.

Formal meetings of the PAC are guided by Standing Orders and the Public Accounts Committee (Procedure) Ordinance 2019.

Will the PAC still operate under a ministerial government?

Yes. The PAC will operate under a ministerial government as it does in the current system.

What is the membership of the PAC?

Legislative Council will appoint three Legislators (non-Ministers) to the PAC and the Governor, in consultation with Legislative Council, appoints two independent members of the public, one of whom must be the Chairperson.

Pursuant to the Constitution the Chief Auditor acts as Adviser to the PAC.

How often does the PAC meet?

The PAC meets informally at least once a month and formal meetings of the PAC are held at least four times in a year.

What are Select (Scrutiny) Committees?

Under the Constitution amendment the authority to create scrutiny committees was established. Following legal discussions with the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office they are formally described in the Constitution as Select Committees.

Part of the remit of the seven Elected Members of Legislative Council who are not Ministers will be to examine and scrutinise the performance of sectors of government through Select Committees. This will include scrutinising the decision making of Ministers and contribute to ensuring the effective use of public funds. At least two Select Committees will be set up and the Non-Ministers will be members of these committees. A working title for the two committees are Select Committee 1 and 2. The names may be amended in due course.

The Non-Ministers will decide amongst themselves within the Legislative Council the Select Committee on which each will serve. A Legislator would only be on one Select Committee. The Governor, on receipt of the names of the Legislators to be on each Select Committee from the Clerk to the Legislative Council, would issue a letter of appointment to each member.

Select Committees will meet on a regular basis.

These Information Releases are available online at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislative-council/general-election-2021/>

SHG, 30 September 2021

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GENERAL ELECTION 2021 – VOTING BY PROXY

A General Election will be held on Wednesday, 13 October 2021, if more than 12 valid nominations are received on Nomination Day, which is 29 September.

Those on the Register of Electors effective from 27 August 2021 should know that if they are ill, physically incapacitated, or off-Island and cannot make it to the Polling Station on Polling Day, there is provision to vote by Proxy. This includes Saints on Ascension or the Falkland Islands whose names are included on this Register.

To vote by Proxy you must obtain advance permission from Returning Officer, Carol George, at the Castle. **To get permission, you must complete and return the relevant application form by no later than 10am on Monday, 11 October 2021**, (any applications received after this time will not be accepted).

Application forms are available from The Castle Reception, the Customer Services Centre and the Public Library. Forms can also be obtained from the Returning Officer, Carol George, via email: carol.george@sainthelena.gov.sh or Assistant Returning Officers, Gillian Francis, via email: gillian.francis@sainthelena.gov.sh and Clerk of Councils, Connie Johnson, via email: connie.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh and are also available on the St Helena Government Website at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislative-council/general-election-2021/>.

If you wish to vote by Proxy, your nominated Proxy must be on the Register of Electors effective from 27 August 2021 and they must be registered in the same Electoral District in which you are registered.

An elector can only act as a Proxy for one person and should vote for the candidates requested by the person, which should be no more than 12.

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28 September 2021



**St Helena
Government**

Candidate Patrick (Pat) Williams

I Patrick Arthur Williams is a candidate for the new Ministerial Government commencing on 13th October, 2021.

I strongly advise for constituents on the Electrol Roll to go to the Polling Stations and Vote for the candidate or candidates of your choice to represent you on this New Ministerial Form of Government.

The government that is elected is the Government you will get, so no use complaining that you are not getting the representation people wants after polling day. There is No Second Chance.

VOTE: FOR PAT

We need people who will speak out and fight for benefits that will not only serve a few, but the island as a whole. We have seen a declining population since the opening of the airport. Our Present Government promised us that this would increase with the introduction of air service? It has not happen and we now have to find ways and means to get the island back on tract to retain our young people. Without an increase population, the island cannot go forward and the cost of living will increase and slip even further into poverty.



In the world news Prime Minister Boris Johnson said there will not be any new taxes following Covid-19 to help hardships? Gas Prices going up? food shortages? strain on single wage owners and inflation envisage up for the next 2 years?

**Come Polling Day, October, 13th VOTE X
for Patrick**

Councillor 2021

VOTE

ROSIE BARGO



**REAL RESULTS,
NOT EMPTY PROMISES
WITH INTEGRITY &
EXPERIENCE!**

A FIGHTER FOR:

Young & Old A Vibrant Economy

Salary Equality Affordability

A Greener St Helena





Karl Thrower

For Councillor

Better Communication

In order for our island to move forward, we need to vastly improve the relationship between our government and the people. Saint Helena Government (SHG) should reach out and be transparent with the populous, as often they feel more like a villain in a movie more than our governing body; this has to change.

People are demanding the new Ministerial System deliver a more open, transparent and accountable government. In order for this to happen, we need to improve communication between the elected members, public service and the people. This can be achieved quickly and easily through the established media of local radio, local newspapers, and the internet.

The government could quickly increase the number and quality of public announcements, interviews, and phone-ins. The new fibre optic cable currently being installed should bring faster internet with few limitations. We need to embrace this, and to start using the internet to our advantage. Video conferencing, streaming services, chat and push services will drastically improve our quality of life in a number of different ways and if used correctly can also be used to improve the relationship between government and the public.

Like fishing and tourism, the new subsea fibre optic cable is being heralded as the saviour of Saint Helena's economic future. Personally, I'm more cautious. I spent fifteen years designing and managing networks for Internet Services Providers (ISP). The new cable should be a great asset to the island but could – as history has proven – be the next mismanaged disaster.

The cost of the new internet and cable link runs into hundreds of thousands per annum, this cost has been taken on by SHG and will be passed on to end users. With several large customers such as Satellite Ground Stations, the final cost to end users could be cheap enough to prove successful. Without them however, it could be astronomical. There are also misconceptions about the island's attractiveness to other types of users, such as Crypto Currency and server farms. There are many reasons why this simply isn't true, but only people whom have extensive knowledge in the sector can identify the types of problems this type of installations face early on.

We must ensure we the people have access to a better service through the new Telecommunications Contract. Previously this has not been the case, both affordability and internationally acceptable service levels were not part of the contract and therefore not met. The new link and contract must be fit for the future, in five years' time we cannot be tied into a contract that no longer fits our needs and finds us in the shadows of the rest of the world. At a time when 1,500MB/s speeds are becoming the standard target Worldwide we can't accept less. Getting the cable to Saint Helena is the easy part, now we have to ensure the benefits reach the people.

In order to ensure that the people receive the full benefits of the new cable our Councillors will have to make some very complex decisions based on their understanding of communication and Telecommunication.

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MANIFESTO – JULIE THOMAS

To the Community of St Helena,

I step forward as a prospective councillor with belief and vision that we can provide our island community with the much needed tangible opportunity to reach our full potential. I recognise that achieving our goals will not be easy: it will take hard work, willpower and relentless energy, but I do have faith in us.

I love my island home and perceive it as a rare and precious gem - one that has not been fully discovered, nor has it been given the attention it deserves in order to accomplish *'real'* success. With many others, I have expressed the need to recognise our greatest assets – the people of this island.

Good Governance

We need to refine and adjust the current approach; the people of St Helena, both here and overseas, need to be included in formulating the vision for our island. We need to be provided with the opportunity, the information and the tools to become involved in deciding our future. Our current situation is grim, but we cannot continue to blame Covid-19. Yes, Covid has caused upheaval worldwide and has had an impact on our budding tourism industry, but our primary problem is not associated with this killer disease. Our major problem is in-house: our government has lost the trust of its people. Trust needs to be regained to ensure a productive working relationship.

Work needs to be done to analyse our spending of grant-in-aid. Are there areas in which we can become more efficient? Are we doing sufficient to prioritise our spending? Are we always getting value for money? Are we exercising prudent planning? These are areas that I would be keen to learn more about if I was successful, as there might be room for improvement, which could go some way to improving the conditions for our working population.

If I am elected to serve as your councillor, this would be one of the first areas I would wish to address by way of improved communication.

Communication

Open communication is vital, and must be applied appropriately and consistently. Government must be more engaging, more transparent, have the ability to acknowledge the value of its people and encourage input from them at all levels of development. How else is accountability and success achieved?

The island's 10 Year Plan, approved some four years ago, refers to our National Goals. Our objective at that time was to continue to make St Helena a wonderful place to work, live, raise children, visit and do business – are we progressing at a desirable rate?

Our People

Currently we are faced with an exodus of our working age population which, in some cases, includes entire families.



Of course, exposure to the outside world, for those who choose, is beneficial but more needs to be done to attract some of these people back, whilst acknowledging the resilience of those of us who have remained. What about the detrimental impact this is having on our private sector? We cannot continue to expect businesses to operate successfully within a decreasing demographic whilst shouldering ever increasing costs. If it is our desire to improve economically it is essential that the public and private sectors work together. It is important however, that each party acknowledges the roles they have to play – that is the public sector being the enablers of development, whilst allowing the private sector to become the drivers.

Our Environment

Another important component to our success is that of our environment and our built heritage. We must be willing to continue to protect and preserve both our terrestrial and marine environment along with our built heritage. St Helena is well-known for its diverse habitats. It is home to an impressive number of endemic species and has some of the most exhilarating landscapes. We are also an IUCN Category VI Marine Protected Area (MPA); but with this status comes responsibilities. Our island is steeped in history, yet the majority of our heritage buildings lack investment. This too must change. As a councillor I would endeavour that these key features underpin our marketing brand and be the pillars for our future development.

Our Future

As many of you will know, I am a passionate advocate for sustainable development. This means I believe that we must

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MANIFESTO – JULIE THOMAS

develop ecologically, and be cost effective and not wasteful. Too often we look externally for solutions and advice, instead of considering the return that home grown solutions can bring. Right now we need to focus on food security; the world is in crisis, and we can no longer depend on a regular supply of essential commodities from outside. Has the reality of this been grasped? We must become more resourceful to safeguard our existence.

We need to think ST HELENA and not heavily depend on models that are workable elsewhere. Adapting and implementing these models has cost us. We need to have more faith in our own ability to be inventive, to visualise, realise and achieve objectives that build on our core qualities, qualities that make St Helena and its people truly unique.

I know that the role of Councillor is a challenging one and I have taken on this challenge as I believe I have the relevant skills and experience to help achieve a positive future for St Helena. My working life has been diverse. The majority of my time has been spent in the commercial world and more recently the private sector. I have worked on Ascension Island for Serco Aerospace, within Operations, providing Station Air Operations and Flight Planning facilities for aircraft. Moving to the UK, I spent some 3 years in roles that were customer services and sales focused. These roles taught me how to work effectively under constant pressure, refined my customer service skills, made me appreciate the importance of teamwork and communication and the need to plan, be organised, timely and accurate. Furthermore, I learned to stand responsible and accountable for my actions and decisions taken. These skills are integral in the role of a councillor.

Upon returning home, I commenced work within the St Helena Development Agency (SHDA) within their Business Section before moving to the Bank of St Helena (BoSH) in 2007 to take up the post as Commercial Lending Manager, taking responsibility for the Bank's Lending Section.

In 2014 I took up the challenge of transitioning into the private sector, where I began offering Business Planning Services. This, along with my previous roles with the BoSH and SHDA, has given me knowledge of the opportunities and limitations across a multitude of sectors and enabled me to gain experience in how best to approach business on St Helena. Currently I manage our family owned retail businesses in rural areas and support my husband with his fishing business, roles I thoroughly enjoy, and which keep me abreast of events that affect the private sector.

In addition to my working life, I have played an active role within the community. As a member of the St Helena Commercial Fisherman's Association, I, along with the committee, have been actively advocating for the security of their futures. I was also the founder Chair of Saint FM Community Radio. These roles have presented me with

opportunities to enjoy a close connection with our community and given me full appreciation of what is important to you and your futures. More recently, I became a member of Unified Saints, a pressure group formulated to take forward the views and concerns of the community. In many ways it was my involvement with this group that stimulated me to put myself forward in this General Election.

I believe there is still a window of opportunity, to improve and change our current circumstances, but time is of the essence. I encourage you to vote and vote wisely. Choose candidates that you believe will make an excellent team, a team that has integrity, is proactive and works together to best serve and safeguard you. The power is in your hands.

VOTE Julie Thomas – A candidate for the people, let's make a difference together – it's our time!



Calling all beekeepers!



Seeking honey producers that are interested in submitting honey samples for testing.

SHG's Sustainable Development Team is exploring the possibility of testing St Helena's honey. The purpose of testing is to assess our honey's viability as an export product, in line with the goals of the SEDP

If you would like to be involved in the process or require more information, please contact:

Melissa Fowler,
Export, Trade and Investment Coordinator
melissa.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh
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GILLIAN BROOKS (GILLY)



I am better known as Gilly and before I begin on why I am running for council and areas of concern, let me tell you a bit about myself. I am a St Helenian, was educated here on island and grew up in my family home in Barracks Square, Jamestown.

Prior to venturing abroad to live and work, I took different roles on island and the final four years I worked as an Assistant Purser onboard the RMS St Helena.

I spent twenty years living and working in the UK; starting at the Crowne Plaza Heathrow, before taking a role as Contracts Manager with a ship refurbishment company; a position that enabled me to travel and work in other countries. For several years I was employed as a Secretary in London and my final three years were spent working in the office of the St Helena Government UK Representative; a role that gave me both professional and personal satisfaction working with and for, St Helena.

Four years ago I returned home permanently to live and currently I am employed as a Manager within the Children and Adults Social Care Directorate.

Why am I putting forward my candidature?

"I care", not only for our current economic and social wellbeing but for how we holistically sustain St Helena for us and those coming behind. With a completely new form of Government, the learning curve will be a steep one, not just for those elected to represent constituents but for all of us. Here is our opportunity to put forward a new decision-making body of people who, through more cohesive ways of working and involving all sectors, should strive to achieve improved outcomes and repair the perceived loss in trust and confidence in Government. I believe open communication and strategic planning must be the driving force to get St Helena through these challenging times and to the best of our ability, into a more prosperous future.

What do I bring to the table?

- My thought processes – consider the pros and cons and always remember people look at things from different angles
- I am calm and approachable – very necessary in a role where people need to be comfortable in relating to you and you need to remain in control in all situations
- A positive attitude – every glass that is half empty, is still half full – you may not achieve all but you can achieve something
- Dedication - I do not give up easily or avoid my responsibilities, I believe you only fail yourself when you do not try.

My Vision

Restore community faith and confidence by effectively working together for the development of St Helena through its people, processes, challenges and opportunities.

Growing and retaining our workforce is a priority. People are the centre of a community; you cannot strive and thrive without people. Every person in our workforce is important, irrelevant of the job we do; we all play a part in contributing to our society and economy.

Progression routes, succession planning and remuneration are crucial in enabling people opportunities to advance in the workplace and encourage them to remain.

Cost of living on St Helena is high and to meet necessary needs people often resort to secondary employment, whilst this provides additional income, it impacts on rest and quality time. Many in our workforce are at retirement age and above, still in employment not out of personal choice, but with no choice due to financial commitments.

Our key services that must be operational to meet community needs 24/7 struggle to recruit and retain staff, largely due to the fact that salaries for specific roles are low and do not reflect the duties that are required. Shortfalls in these areas of the workplace can impact negatively on how we effectively deliver our key services.

We are losing our people to off-shore employment, not always a desired choice but a necessary one. Whilst this is a financial gain, it is a loss on valuable family time and often, for periods of time, removes a parent or both parents from their children.

It is so important that more emphasis be placed on the retention of our workforce; a loss in manpower is a loss in skill sets and a brain-drain in the community.

Our aging population - we have a community who are living longer. Health and social needs are required to be met now for our elderly and we must be proactively planning

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GILLIAN BROOKS (GILLY)

for additional needs of our upcoming senior citizens.

Like many of you, it baffles me that more has not been done in the past to be better prepared to provide services that are needed as we grow older.

Many of our elderly struggles financially to adequately provide for themselves; cost of living and utilities make a huge dent in a small pension. Healthy food options do not come cheap, therefore making it difficult to manage health needs through a suitable diet.

Whilst I fully appreciate we are financially limited, appropriate provision for the elderly is a **“must have”**, not **“nice to have”**.

I link in **Affordable Housing**. It is essential for those whose earnings cannot meet high private rental charges. It is not easy and for many near impossible, to finance building their own home. Likewise, appropriate affordable housing is important to our less-able community, allowing them the chance, where possible, to live relatively independently in their own home.

The current need for Government Landlord Housing is high, which questions why maintenance of these properties is done on an “as and when” basis. I am led to believe there is no Pre-Planned Maintenance Schedule for Government Landlord Housing - tenants pay rent, scheduled maintenance should be the expected norm. Temporary reactive repairs often result in further extensive repairs; surely an ineffective use of manpower and money.

We have many concerns here but I chose the above because for me, people sit very high on my list of priorities.

We are heavily reliant on UK funding and in the current economic climate, we cannot recklessly spend or plan our financial aid - let's learn from past mistakes and avoid becoming victims of our own making.

I cannot make promises that may mislead you, but I can pledge that I will always listen to you and all I do will be in your best interest.

**Vote
Gillian Brooks
X**

Candidate Lionel Williams

It is without a doubt that this election is a challenge considering that Ministers have to start work with a budget already set by the outgoing Council.

We have a situation where almost everything is broken— an airport limited to certain aircraft, a fuel farm which might not get used, a shipping service that discharges our cargo in one valley when it is really needed in another, a roads network only fit for 4X4s and the list goes on.

The result from these mentioned above coupled with departmental issues filtering down to the public is frustrating and therefore business as usual cannot continue. It will take the right team to sort these problems out.

While I have not listed any solutions we should move away from the saying ‘don’t rock the boat’ because now we have a chance to put things right, and

I DO HAVE A PLAN

which will be revealed to constituents, should I be elected.

My advice is to take time out and study the ballot paper and put your X in the right place -

Vote Lionel Williams



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I am Elizabeth Knipe known as Betty from Bamboo Hedge Sandy Bay.

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

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

I have always said a short Jabez Prayer.

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

My territory has been broadened with me relocating to the Island with my late husband Geoff and my son William. My husband's family go back to the East Indian Company.

I am excited to be able to be part of this General Election.

In advance I wish to thank my Two Sponsors and 5 Supporters with their witnesses for signing my Nomination application, as well as people that have assisted me in putting up a poster or two, and handing out my leaflets.

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

I will do my best should I be successful in the General Election.

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

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

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

I believe the solution to all problems is to have innovative thinking, and have good governance.

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

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

★ VOTE ★

Betty Knipe

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X

Vision

- Fresh & collective ideas for discussion
- Promises won't be made that cannot be fulfilled.
- Stand up for what is right and ask the right questions.



For the people of St. Helena

October 2021

No doubt by this time many listeners have heard me on the radio.

I intend to go on the 131 channel on television.

Your Voice, Your Rights, Your Vote,

**VOTE
ELIZABETH KNIPE (Betty)**

INVITATION TO TENDER SIDE PATH ROAD BASE & STORM WATER MANAGEMENT INSTALLATION

Reference: CS-1450-SHG

St Helena Government has issued an Invitation to Tender for the Side Path Road Base & Storm Water Management Installation.

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the Saint Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena> following registration on the system.

User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective suppliers registering on the e-Procurement system.

Any questions in the interim should be addressed to the Procurement Office for the attention of Deputy Head of Procurement, Nicola Young: E-mail: nicola.young@sainthelena.gov.sh

The deadline for submissions is 12 noon GMT on Monday, 1 November 2021.

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Fresh Ideas – Real Action – Positive Change

Andrew Turner, General Election 2021

Since launching my campaign, I have been asked countless times how I would go about solving the many challenging issues that St Helena is currently facing. Whether it is the economy, healthcare, infrastructure or communications the way I believe we should go about solving them remains the same.

The only way to make sure we can properly resolve the islands issues – current and future - is through Saint Solutions.

For too long, our decision makers have looked to the UK for easy solutions to the islands problems and time and time again we've seen poorly-adapted UK policies and plans implemented on the island.

Off the peg solutions do not reflect the uniquely Saint problems of isolation, migration, poverty,.... You might want to add some more...

They usually do not work.

I have many, ideas and solutions to put forward, I am also aware that I do not "know it all". St Helena has some of the most creative, resourceful and resilient people the world has ever seen. We are problem solvers and almost everyone I speak to has ideas for how we can work together to move the island forward.

Moving forward we need to work with the resources we have on island and find Saint Solutions to the problems we face.

While the UK and other places can be a source of inspiration, we can do our own research, find our own way and come up with decisions that suit St Helena and that suit Saints.

If elected I fully intend to take forward Saint Solutions and not to rely on Copy and Pasted UK policies and plans. I will make sure that the work of the council and the issues facing the island are open and transparent so that Saints understand the issues fully. I will ensure the people of St Helena are properly consulted, listened to and your ideas and concerns are included in the process of creating Saint Solutions. I also firmly believe that those of us who make the decisions should see them through to completion and be held properly accountable for the outcome.



It's time to take the lead in our future and put these Saint Solutions forward to build a stronger St Helena.

INVITATION TO TENDER

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contracts:

- **ENRP23-2021/22 – Supply and Installation of PV Panels and Batteries on ENRP Building at Scotland**
- **ENRP31-2021/22 – Installation of Solar Tubes (Sun Tunnels) on ENRP Building at Scotland.**

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from:

Miss Tiffany Lawrence
Procurement Officer
Essex House
Jamestown

Telephone No: 22270 or email: tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh



Should you require any further details or a site visit, please contact the Environmental Risk Management Officer, Mike Durnford, on telephone: 24724 or email: mike.durnford@sainthelena.gov.sh

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Friday, 15 October 2021. Interested parties should note that this opportunity is **not** being advertised overseas.

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29 September 2021



THE “SAINT POTENTIAL” MY VISION

A Novel Approach for a Healthy St Helena

Through;

*Improved **physical, social and mental** health.

*Cleaner, low cost energy through **Renewable Resources and Smart Technologies**.

By;

*Setting policies that **empower people** to invest in their **own health** and the **protection of our unique environment**.

*Creating a phased and strategic approach to shifting our energy existence to a **complete renewable resource**.

So that;

*We enjoy a **longer and better quality of life** in the **comfort of our own homes**.

*We **reduce** the huge **healthcare burden** caused by chronic diseases and **redirect funding** and resources into other care services and health activities.

*We become **an attractive investment** because of our; **lower, clean energy cost and high connectivity**, in one of the most **beautiful, natural, protected and unique places on earth – that we all call home**.

THE ECONOMIC SITUATION

The boom in our economy created by the construction of the airport and fuelled by the sponsored promotion of a prosperous future has long gone. The hard reality after years of optimism around a flourishing tourist sector and its subsequent economic growth is possibly just another strategic plan shelved. The combination of the delayed airport opening, limitations on access, infrastructure and the final blow of COVID-19 have all but shattered this idea. We are in a situation where:

- We now have limited visitors and cost of those that do come is being part paid for by SHG as well as the cost of running the Airport.
- The cost of providing both access and emergency care to the Island is at a much greater expense.
- The cost of baseline economic overheads such as freight, utilities and fuel has increased noticeably and affects all industries.
- There is a reduction in capital funding and tight control over how it is spent.
- The exodus of our economically active workforce is on a dangerous increase.

These are just a few examples, however, we are at best in a current stalemate and at worst seem to be heading towards a point of limited and/or no return on the back drop of this economic environment. However, it is in these situations, **when it seems like all current ideas have been exhausted that opportunities for real change to occur can arise**. But, for this to happen, we must be far more open to these changes which will sometimes challenge our fundamental beliefs and habits.

OUR INTERNAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

It is an unpleasant truth that our current population of family and friends has one of the worst chronic disease rates anywhere, which has far-reaching emotional and financial consequences for our community. Non-communicable or chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, strokes, high blood pressure and cancer impacts our community and health care systems at all levels and at great cost; they include:

- Reduced life expectancy.
- Significantly reduced quality of life (independence and mobility).
- Very expensive pharmaceutical (medicine) costs and emergency resources and planning.

It is well proven that the vast majority of chronic diseases are caused by our lifestyle choices such as food, lack of exercise and increased stress, with genetic disposition (passed on through your family) playing a very small role.

They can be stabilized at the very least and reversed naturally in addition to the initial support of medication. The most practical strategy to reduce chronic diseases is around **supporting people to improve their habits**. However changing the habits that cause chronic diseases is more difficult and requires **multiple layers of help**. My strategies involve engagement with individuals and the provision of support structures to help overcome these various problems, demonstrating to the community that it is physically possible, so that they may **empower themselves on their own terms to make these changes**. Another framework underlying such support will be **an emphasis on holistic education at the community level**, utilizing all information platforms (social media, promo channel, structured education) and ensure more frequent, consistent messaging from the Health and Social Care Portfolio.

OUR EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

An efficient Economic Cycle looks at energy use during different stages in each process (value chain) to try and determine the most cost efficient way for production. The higher the energy costs at each stage, the higher the cost of delivering a product to market from the raw material to the item on the shelf ready to sell. The reduction in energy costs by using abundant renewable resources (after an initial investment and planned shift) has enormous potential. In principle, if we can reduce the cost of electricity at the beginning of the process, it has a direct effect on the cost of everything that happens after. It makes producing a product cheaper, storing it cheaper and selling it cheaper meaning that pretty much everything we do can be done at lower costs. This then creates a larger potential for our current businesses to expand, generating an environment for new original businesses to emerge, flourish and promotes a much higher prospect of inward investment. Electricity costs are one of the key factors for satellite companies to consider when building ground stations. A significant reduction in the cost of electricity would have a large knock on effect across the whole Island.

If we are currently unable to bring in new money (sales) and FCDO continue to reduce our budgetary aid, the one thing which we can do is to reduce the cost of living (overheads). By reducing the cost of energy, we could:

Save on the huge costs involved with supplying the Island with "fossil" fuels like petrol and diesel.

Reduce the cost of water as this is largely impacted by the cost of energy to pump and treat it.

Reduce the cost of the entire goods and services industries, with a **net effect of cheaper products.**

Simultaneously, it is essential that we **continue the progressive work on reducing invasive species, marine protection and regeneration alongside sustainable local food production and waste management.** Some of these environmental sectors are already receiving extra funding to continue and improve important projects and interactive educational programmes are on-going to support a crucial buy-in with our Island's young future leaders.

GREEN HEALTH = WEALTH THE INTENDED OUTCOME

When we see the internal and external health of our island as a complex but interdependent system working together, **we can then design our own bespoke framework that understand and account for this connection and its enormous benefits.** This will generate an approach which is workable and driven by the whole community to better ourselves together so that we can redirect the current path which we and our beautiful Island are currently heading.

Our 10 Year Plan places a large focus on a greener, healthier and wealthier St Helena but it is currently failing to deliver on some important fronts because it does not have a holistic approach. It promotes silo (isolated) thinking to resolve complex crosscutting issues. In order to start the important work which needs to be done and build our strategic plans we must first redirect our thinking. We must understand that in the new (third) industrial revolution which is now unfolding in front of us and driven by life changing climate events, **Green Health is Wealth.**

Let's for once **get ahead of the curve and plot our own path by recognising the mistakes that others have made whilst avoiding the same pit falls.**

It is not my intention to suggest that I have an end to end comprehensive plan; there is no such thing in a constantly changing world, and this is barely a framework, but I have a vision. I also accept that there will be setbacks, misdirection, mistakes, as my vision is a collective plan which will inject and discard solutions as new technologies become available.

However, I believe solutions must include a philosophy (your buy-in), to have a vision is to have a philosophy and if **you believe in it, then take it, share it, apply it, and evolve it into being strong shared principles** that also allow the **pursuit and enjoyment of individual freedoms** in an economically active society. We need a plan which is **"for the people" and "by the people" elected by you,** but we also must be mindful that change can only occur when we all are willing to open ourselves to it and embrace it.

ARE YOU READY FOR THAT CHANGE?



VOTE: HENRY



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Blaupunkt 24" TV with USB playback	£175
Sharp 24" HD TV with USB Playback + Internal DVD	£199
Cello 40" HD TV with USB Playback + Internal DVD	£375
Cello 40" HD TV with USB Playback	£335
Cello 50" (Ferguson) HD TV with USB Playback	£549
Samsung 55" Smart TV with USB Playback	£650
Samsung 32" TV with USB Playback	£245



Mobile Phone MOTO G10 Pearl or Grey 64GB	£180
Mobile Phone Samsung A21 32GB	£199
Laptop Asus Celeron 14" HD Display 4GB RAM 128GB HDD Win 10	£375
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Toshiba 4TB External HDD	£125
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Solar Light with PIR sensor	£45
Solar Light without sensor	£40

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Health & Social Care Portfolio

CARE CAMPAIGN

RECRUITMENT DRIVE

We are seeking to recruit

Support Workers & Care Assistants

Are you kind, caring and
compassionate?

Do you feel rewarded
when helping others?
We would like to hear
from YOU!

**Wellington House
Thursday 7 October
10:00 to 19:00**



We can offer:

- Job Satisfaction
- Training Opportunities
- A Chance to Make a Difference
- Career Progression

For further information or
Expression of Interest Forms,
please contact Sharina
Williams on 22470 or email
sharina.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh

Informal interviews will be held
on the day.

We hope to see you there!

All Electoral Candidates invited to attend a Q&A/Debate session with Prince Andrew School Sixth Form Students



The sixth form students of Prince Andrew School have been embarking on an educational awareness project facilitated by the Chevening Alumni of St Helena on the topic of St Helena's Governance. Students have been given information on the Ministerial system and upcoming elections and would now like to meet with you, the Electoral Candidates to discuss and put forward questions.

You are therefore invited to attend a Q&A/Debate session with the youth on:

Date: Wednesday, 06 October

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Location: Council Chambers, The Castle

Candidates can RSVP with Pamela Constantine on 51304/25225 or cheveningsthelena@gmail.com by Monday, 04 October.

Interested in hearing what the students and candidates have to say? If so, follow the Chevening Alumni on Facebook and Twitter for updates on how you can view or listen in on this event live.



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BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2022

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office invites nominations for the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Persons wishing to submit nominations for the 2022 Birthday Honours are reminded that the overriding principle is that Honours are awarded on merit for exceptional achievement or any service recently carried out over and above what normally is expected. This can include making a difference to their community or field of work, innovation and entrepreneurship, improving life for people less able to help themselves and displaying moral courage. Where possible, nominations should place emphasis on voluntary services and the service must be recent.

It should also be noted that age is not a factor in awarding Honours, and younger members of the community who have made an outstanding contribution or have given exceptional service should not be overlooked. **It is important that nominations are kept confidential and that nominees are not made aware that they are being proposed for award of an Honour.**

To find out more about the different types of Honours Awards please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/honours>

Approved Birthday Honours Awards endorsed by Her Majesty The Queen will be announced in early 2022.

Nomination forms for the Birthday Honours are available from the Central Support Service at the Castle or can be requested via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

Completed forms should be returned to the Castle in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential' addressed to 'The Executive Secretary, Honours Committee', by Monday, 25 October 2021.

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27 September 2021

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ZEDELLA YOUNG GAINS ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP WITH THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MARKETING

Bank of St Helena Ltd is pleased to announce Zedella Young, Marketing Manager, has successfully achieved the Chartered Institute of Marketing Level 6 Diploma in Professional Digital Marketing with Cambridge Marketing College. With this qualification Zedella has gained Associate Membership with the Institute and is now entitled to use the professional designated Associate post-nominals ACIM.

The Diploma is internationally recognised and aims to support decision making within a digital context and carry out an essential and successful professional marketing role within the workplace. Furthermore, it is designed to equip marketers with the knowledge, skills and understanding of the professional marketing competencies framework.



Following the qualification Zedella will work towards becoming a Chartered Marketer. She commented:

"Marketing has now become a widely valued field on St Helena as more individuals are gaining qualifications with the Chartered Institute and I am pleased to become an Associate alongside others on-island. Bank of St Helena has been instrumental in allowing me to develop skills from the course in my role and I look forward to continuing the development of marketing channels and content within the organisation."

"I would like to thank Leeanne Henry, Assistant Managing Director, for her support and encouragement over this past year. I would also like to thank former Enterprise St Helena for their help in securing this qualification through the Skills Development Grant Scheme."

Joey George, Managing Director, said:

"This is yet another amazing achievement for Zedella in her role as Marketing Manager, for Bank of St Helena and as an Ambassador for our young people. This qualification along with the professional designation not only validates Zedella's knowledge and experiences to date, but goes toward providing assurance to our customers that we have staff with the skills, knowledge and experience serving our customers. Marketing is an integral part of banking and we value the great work Zedella has done to date in this area. I would like to say a massive congratulation to Zedella and wish her all the best as she continues in her role and goes from strength to strength."

Bank of St Helena Ltd offer their congratulations to Zedella on her achievement.



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VACANCY

Planning Officer (Environment & Enforcement) Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio

Are you interested in the conservation of St Helena's natural and built heritage? We're looking for someone who has good research aptitude and excellent observation skills with regards to natural and built environments including the ability to communicate effectively with clients and stakeholders and use sound reasoning skills. This post will also focus on enforcement requirements necessary to provide for the planning and regulation of the development and use of land.

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

- First Degree in town and rural planning or related environmental subject
- Valid driving licence
- Minimum of 5 years practical experience in the field of natural and/or built environment or land development
- Proficient computer skills and use of Microsoft applications

We offer the following:

Salary: £14,138 per annum
Leave: 30 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:

Mr Ismail Mohammed on telephone number 22270 or email: Ismail.mohammed@sainthelena.gov.sh

To access the Job Profile and Application forms click [here](#) or alternatively, both are available from:

Corporate Human Resources, Scotland Office and Essex House. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Dianne Venning, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail Dianne.venning@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday 12 October 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.
 Benefits are subject to change and may only apply to certain roles.



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VACANCY

SUPPORT WORKERS (CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL HOME) Fixed-Term 1 Year Contract within the Health & Social Care Portfolio

*Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress career? Do you have the ability to provide quality care and protection for children of all ages? Are you able to communicate and interact fully with children showing commitment and dedication to safeguarding and promoting the families welfare? If so, Children's Services is seeking to recruit **Support Workers** to join their team within the Children's Residential Home.*

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

- Functional Skills Entry Level 1 in Maths and English or equivalent experience
- Valid Drivers' Licence (and access to own vehicle for home to duty purposes, if necessary)
- Experience of working with vulnerable adults, young people and children

Interested persons should note that this role requires shift work.

We offer the following:

Salary: £6,722 per annum, as per the Social Care cadre
Leave: 25 days per annum
Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme
Paid Sickness Absence
Training Opportunities

For further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact:

Rosie Flatman, Residential Children's Service Manager on telephone number 23312 or email: crhmanager@helanta.co.sh

Job Profile and Application forms can be accessed here or alternatively from:

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

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VACANCY

FINANCIAL REPORTING MANAGER

(Permanent post within *Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development Portfolio*)

Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress career? Do you have experience in producing IPSAS compliant Financial Statements? Do you have strong leadership skills? Do you have the ability to influence and use professional judgement and diplomacy to make decisions? If so, the Treasury section has an opportunity for you to join their team.

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

- CCAB qualified accountant with current membership and up to date CPD record or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience
- At least 3 years post-qualification experience in producing Financial Statements in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).
- Strong leadership skills and management experience at a senior level, developing and leading high performing teams;
- Experience of leading a team in carrying out financial procedures, producing financial statements and managing the relationship with external auditors.
- Experience which demonstrates confidence in using ICT systems relevant to role, including Management Information Systems and MS Office

We offer the following:

Salary: £23, 209 per annum
 Leave: 30 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 Stevens, Head of Finance on telephone number 22470 or email: connie.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh

Job Profile and Application forms can be accessed [here](#) or alternatively are available from:

Corporate Human Resources. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Sharina Williams, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Monday, 4 October 2021**.

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VACANCY

FINANCIAL PLANNING MANAGER

(Permanent post within *Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development Portfolio*)

Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress career? Do you have experience of leading a team in preparing medium term financial plans, financial analysis and appraisal? Do you have strong leadership skills? Have you led high performing teams? Do you have the ability to inspire and articulate the vision for the government? If so, the Treasury section has an opportunity for you to join their team.

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

- CCAB qualified accountant with current membership and up to date CPD record or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience
- At least 3 years post qualification experience in treasury management, financial planning and performance reporting
- Strong leadership skills and management experience at a senior level, developing and leading high performing teams;
- Experience which demonstrates confidence in using ICT systems relevant to role, including Management Information Systems and MS Office

We offer the following:

Salary: £23,209 per annum
 Leave: 30 days per annum
 Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme
 Paid Sickness Absence
 Flexible working hours scheme

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VACANCY

Digital Research Library Project Officer

(One Year Fixed term within *Education, Skills & Employment Portfolio*)

Are you keen to help establish a digital research management and information system for the St Helena Research Institute, including online research library for public access. Do you have good interpersonal skills, with experience of developing and maintaining internal and external knowledge networks?

If you are ready for this exciting challenge, the St Helena Research Institute has an opportunity for you to join their small but dedicated team.

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

- A degree in a computer science related field or other degree which includes modules covering data science/data management or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience
- At least two A level qualifications, one of which is IT, or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience
- Excellent and demonstrable IT skills, including strong understanding of databases
- Experience in the development and/or management of digital information systems / digital libraries

We offer the following:

Salary: £14,138 per annum
Leave: 30 days per annum
Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme

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

Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, Research Institute Coordinator on telephone number 22607 or email: rebecca.cairns-wicks@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 Anya Richards, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Wednesday, 06th October 2021**.

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VACANCY

Research Assistant

(Fixed term within *Education, Skills & Employment Portfolio* for 3 years)

Do you have an inquisitive mind and have some experience (including voluntary) of working in an environmental or scientific field? Are you passionate about research that will make a difference and benefit St Helena, in particular, the rehabilitation of the cloud forest, safeguarding an internationally important wildlife hotspot from further extinctions, increase water security and support the sustainable development of the island through eco-tourism? If so, The St Helena Research Institute has an opportunity for you to join their small but dedicated team.

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

- At least 2 A level qualifications or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience in a related field.
- GSCE in a science subject at level C or above
- Good IT skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office Applications and in particular the use of Excel

We offer the following:

Salary: £6,722 per annum
Leave: 25 days per annum
Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme

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

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VACANCY

Senior Human Resources Assistant (Central Support Service)

Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress your career? Do you have good Communication, Administration and Attention to detail skill?. Do you have the ability to handle, resolve and escalate enquiries and pass on information promptly? Do you respond well to change and thrive working to tight deadlines? If so, Corporate Human Resources has an opportunity for you to join their team

Applicants should have the following:

- 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
- Level 3 CIPD or equivalent qualification, or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience, or willingness to study
- Proven and effective administrative skills.
- Confident in using ICT systems including Management Information Systems and MS Office

We offer the following:

Salary: £8,613 per annum
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:

Miss Tina Sim, Assistant HR Business Partner on telephone number 22470 or email: tina.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh

To access the Job Profile and Application forms [click here](#) or alternatively, both are available from:

Corporate Human Resources. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Emma Piek, Human Resources Assistant, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Tuesday, 5th October 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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VACANCY

SMALL MACHINERY OPERATOR (Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio)

Are you energetic and physically fit with an interest in tree works and the Island's Forests? Are you an effective team player and do you have the ability and experience in maintaining and operating small machinery? If so, the Silviculture Section has an opportunity for you to join their team to provide a reliable and efficient small machinery, herbicide application and tree surgery services.

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

- Basic First Aid Certificate (or to be willing to attain the certificate)
- A drivers licence at Grade C
- Local competency certificate in safe use and handling of pesticides (or to be willing to attain the certificate)
- At least 2 years experience of tree felling and surgery work
- Experienced in tree climbing and safe use of laddering systems
- At least 1 years experience of working with and maintaining small machinery

We offer the following:

Salary: £7,226 per annum
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:

Mr Rickie Thomas, Silviculture Officer on telephone number 24724 or email: rickie.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh

To access the Job Profile and Application forms [click here](#) or alternatively, both are available from:

Corporate Human Resources. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Emma Piek, Human Resources Assistant, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Tuesday, 5th October 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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VACANCY – St Helena National Trust Director

The St Helena National Trust is recruiting a new Director to lead the charity at a time of national and international pressure. This challenging and rewarding role requires considerable drive and tenacity. The successful candidate will demonstrate the ability and experience to manage a changing environment, prioritise the Trust's work, ensure the Trust has a sustainable financial foundation, and strengthen the operational infrastructure. The successful candidate will also demonstrate a high level of personal integrity.

The Trust was founded in 2002 to promote and protect the unique and internationally significant natural and historic environments of St Helena. A public charity regulated by Ordinance, the Trust receives core funding from St Helena Government, together with financial and capacity building support from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Blue Marine Foundation, and the Darwin Initiative. With a staff of 22 individuals, the Trust is a large employer and a leading civil society organisation.

Please visit our website to learn more about the work of the Trust, our operational structure and governance. The latest annual accounts and financial statements are available here: <http://www.trust.org.sh/impact/>

To receive a full recruitment pack, please email our Office Manager, Amanda Constantine: amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh or phone 22190. The closing date is Friday 15 October 2021.



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc is looking for a

Human Resources Administrator

on a One-Year Fixed Term contract to support our Human Resources Department

Job Outline

To act as the first point of contact for HR-related queries to internal and external customers, and provide effective and efficient administrative support.

Interested Persons Should:

- Ideally possess experience within Human Resources, and 2 years' experience in the administrative field
 - Have a minimum of Grade C (or level 4) in GCSE Maths & English
 - Be competent in the use of Microsoft Office applications
- Possess excellent interpersonal and customer-facing skills with strong communication (both written and verbal)
 - Possess a high degree of accuracy with the ability to demonstrate attention to detail
- Be highly organised and possess the ability to multi-task and effectively prioritise to meet deadlines
 - Maintain total confidentiality within the Company

Salary for this position is £10,966.20 per annum (\$913.85 per month)

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer on telephone number: 22380 or via email address: hro@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hadmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to the Human Resources Department, Solomons Office, Jamestown, By 05 October 2021



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VACANCY

Conservation Workers at the Peaks (Fixed-term 1 year) Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio

Do you have an interest in conserving the islands endemics? Do you have experience in invasive plant clearance and propagation techniques? If so, project funding has been allocated to restore St Helena's native habitats and species. We are seeking two Conservation Workers for location at the Peaks (Habitats).

This is an excellent opportunity to be a part of the project to restore St Helena's internationally important cloud forest for wildlife, water security and people, contributing to the implementation of the Diana's Peak National Park Management Plan.

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

- Drivers Licence in classes A - C
- Physically fit and confident to work on steep, unstable terrain
- Trained in the use of herbicides and pesticides

We offer the following:

Salary: £6,722 per annum
Leave: 25 days per annum
Pension: 15% pension contribution into an approved defined contribution pension scheme
Paid Sickness Absence
Flexible Working arrangement

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

Mrs Vanessa Thomas-Williams Nursery Officer on telephone number 24724 or email: vanessa.t-williams@sainthelena.gov.sh

To access the **Job Profile and Application forms** [click here](#) or alternatively, both are available from:

Corporate Human Resources, Scotland Office and Essex House. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Karen Thomas, Senior Human Resources Assistant, the Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Tuesday 12th October 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.
 Benefits are subject to change and may only apply to certain roles.



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Conservation Workers at Scotland Nursery (Fixed-term 1 year) Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio

Do you have an interest in conserving the islands endemics? Do you have experience in propagation techniques? If so, project funding has been allocated to restore St Helena's native habitats and species. We are seeking three Conservation Workers for location our Nursery (Species) at Scotland.

This is an excellent opportunity to be a part of the project to restore St Helena's internationally important cloud forest for wildlife, water security and people, contributing to the implementation of the Diana's Peak National Park Management Plan.

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

- Level 2 Certificate in City and Guilds in work-based Environmental Conservation
- Basic IT Skills and proficient in the use of Excel and GPS
- Practical experience in plant propagation techniques

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General Election 2021

Candidate Corinda Essex

Dear Voters,

The last few years have brought unforeseen challenges for St Helena on top of the usual difficulties. These have stopped progress in key areas. For example, Covid 19 prevented growth in visitor numbers which has damaged economic development. However, Elected Members pushed forcefully both to obtain extra funding from Britain to assist and to ensure that the virus has **not** spread across the island, bringing unbearable consequences for the entire community as well as economic ruin. I have consistently pressed for having strong measures in place to endeavour to **prevent** Covid 19 reaching St Helena and to **contain** any cases that do occur so they do not infect others. **If I am re-elected, prevention of a local epidemic will continue to be one of my key priorities.**

Another Health-related priority is to ensure, as far as possible, that the Directorate obtains value for money and patients get the best care that can be provided with the resources available. For good reasons, the biggest share of the St Helena Government's budget has been allocated by Elected Members to the Health Directorate in recent years although this has reduced funding available for other uses like road repair and tackling invasive weeds. However, worrying evidence suggests that value for money is not being achieved in key areas such as delivery of essential co-ordination and support services for patients referred to South Africa. **I have submitted a detailed report outlining main shortcomings identified by patients and myself, and am in discussion with senior Directorate staff to get improvements made.** Aside from value for money issues, which also exist within other Directorates, there is a moral obligation to see that referral for treatment overseas is a smooth and supportive process, as patients should not be caused additional stress resulting from poor communication, administrative errors, delays in payment of subsistence, etc.

I still remain passionate about sustainable development of St Helena. This can only come about if 'Saints' take the lead in making decisions for their island's future and hold key positions to ensure continuity and consistency. In almost every Legislative Council meeting, I have continued to emphasise the need to retain, regain and value the skills and knowledge of our people who are by far our most important and valuable natural resource. It is pleasing that the Labour Market Strategy, Immigration Policy (currently awaiting final approval), localisation of some Technical Co-operation posts and more robust SHG succession planning reflect growing recognition of the need to nurture and develop local talent. Such progress proves that my efforts, and those of my colleagues, have not been in vain. **If re-elected I will do all I can to make sure that momentum is not lost and that further opportunities will exist for 'Saints' to progress and take the island forward.** It is equally pleasing to see more individuals gaining internationally recognised qualifications, but more should be done to make them feel valued. There is a need to increase St Helena's population to raise more revenue and so reduce reliance on aid from Britain but, if this is to be sustain-



able, we need to do this primarily with 'Saints' and this will not happen unless the right conditions are put in place.

Before the last Election, I stated that I would continue pressing for an urgent start to the social benefits review. There are major financial increases needed to implement the recommendations from the now completed review, but I stood firm regarding the need to raise the funding allocation to enable at least some of the suggested changes to be made. With support from most Elected Members, this was done and some recommendations will be implemented next month which will assist many of the less well-off in our community and help stop the gap between the 'haves' and 'have nots' widening. **I am still committed to working towards further improvements to the benefits system.**

Another priority is to obtain adequate capital funding to deliver a programme to meet the development needs of St Helena. This was something that I, together with others, worked very hard to achieve and finally the current EDIP funding package was agreed. However, having no capital investment for approximately three years did enormous harm to the island's economy, infrastructure and private sector. With the current financial problems in Britain, **it is likely that future capital funding will not be easy to get but be assured that I will always make the strongest case possible for this in whatever capacity I can.**

A main cause of public and personal frustration continues to be the length of time it takes to move important matters forward. Issues relating to land are a prime example. Some of these, such as finalisation of a new Development Plan have been worked on in depth by Elected Members and officials for years, but are still not completed. It was first delayed by the lack of a substantive Chief Planning Officer and then the new CPO had no significant time to undertake editing of the draft document. A 'stop –start' situation arose until the relevant Director and I had to step in to finish this as far as we could without specialist planning knowledge which the CPO is now, at last, able to provide. Another example is the limited success in developing Comprehensive Development Areas which would ease shortages of affordable plots and social housing.

General Election 2021

Candidate Corinda Essex

Elected Members have consistently tried hard to get these developments moving but have been hampered by lack of resources, problems relating to sewerage and utilities, legal issues, and, in some instances, lack of a concerted effort on the part of all stakeholders to work together and take positive, timely action. **It will be the duty and responsibility of the next Legislative Council to do all it can to ensure that the Ministerial system streamlines decision making and speeds up delivery.** If this does not happen, micro-management, bureaucracy and red-tape will strangle what could - and should - be an improved form of governance.

I have upheld my promise to put forward your views and push to get outcomes that will be best for St Helena. I will continue

to keep this promise if re-elected and together we can move towards bringing about improvements. I know all too well how difficult it is to achieve what we desire and need, but have the determination, courage and experience to tackle the challenges that lie ahead. As I have stated before, **I will always try my best not to let you down, so if you want a reliable, dedicated and hard working representative who is not afraid to challenge and speak out and will listen and respond to your concerns, please put an 'X' by my name on Polling Day.**

Yours sincerely,
Corinda Essex
Tel: 22038, e-mail: cs.essex@helanta.co.sh

"LETS MAKE THIS DAY COUNT"

The 25 km walk to raise money for the St Helena Cancer awareness charity

After just over 8 hours of continuous walking which started just after 10am (Saturday the 25th September) from Avebury in Wiltshire, Stacy and Angela Lawrence, Karen and Pete Ayrtton, Cathy Bowers and Rico Yon wearily strolled over the finish line, to a big welcome and cheers by their family and friends. The walk which was planned by Angela Lawrence, with the intention to raise funds for a very worthy cause "the St Helena Cancer Awareness Charity on St Helena" Supporters were given the opportunity to sponsor Angela and her walkers via her Go fund me website page. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-helena-cancer-support-and-awareness-charity> Donations were received from various sources and a total of £825.00 has been raised so far. Any one who would like to make any further donations are welcome to do so via the above link.



Dont forget the next event

The Halloween Night Dance

Saturday 30th October

@Swindonsupermarine RFC

A big thanks goes to everyone who supported the event, especially to those who donated so generously, the family who fed everyone on the finish line. also the kids who made the posters, not to forget the laughs along the way, Johnny for the photos, the online support via social media, also a big thankyou to the team of walkers for giving up their entire day to take part.



General Election 2021

Candidate Mark Brooks

A question that keeps getting asked to the candidates is

Do you have any ideas how St Helena could bring in new money?

It's an important question as more money will help in almost every sector.

In my radio interview I touched on this idea but here it is in a bit more detail.

New and innovative exports. One of my ideas of how St Helena could bring in new money.

Blockchain – The technology that powers every cryptocurrency, smart contract and NFT (non-fungible token) in the world.

There are four main types of blockchain technology: Public, private, hybrid and consortium.

First if I may I would like to give a little more background as to what blockchain technology is.

Essentially it is a database secured by a cryptography (an art of writing or solving computer code) and is maintained by a network of computers (nodes) - a new method of linking the power of computers and fibre-optic networks to money, which have no borders.

Blockchain is separate from banking systems and doesn't rely on banks to manage accounts or verify transactions. This eliminates the middleman (decentralised).

Digital currencies can be transferred to anyone with a digital wallet anywhere in the world, securely, cheaply and almost instantaneously and comes with its own built-in transparency, accountability and data protection.

Some people may relate to it better if I explain that blockchain takes a Ledger and turns it into artificial intelligence (AI) without human involvement. The computer has no conscience, guilt or greed.

In 2015 a new blockchain emerged, it wasn't just a form of digital payments but so much more.

It was an intelligent independent computing platform that could operate without human involvement, it allows computer programmers and entrepreneurs to build the applications of the future called "SMART" contracts.

This new blockchain is called Ethereum (ETH) and is where I started my journey as an investor, user, staker and teacher of blockchain because I could see its potential. I've been following this technology from 2016. Back then the whole industry was worth \$40 billion. Today its worth around \$2 trillion

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Blockchain itself is in its infancy but blockchain revolution is coming and in some places has already started integrating. Understanding this technology is vital and in the years ahead will offer countless investing opportunities and will fundamentally change business as we know it and it's my strong opinion that now is the time to act.

So the big question is how could St Helena make money of this technology?

Mining

Mining is the job of nodes which is just a computer or computer systems that supports the blockchain network and keeps it running.

Nodes can be run by individuals, groups, governments and so on; it is a computer that can be built if you have the knowhow or bought from a supplier. A group of people or companies can pool together to spread the cost and run larger computer systems (nodes) known as mining pools.

One person in the US sends money to another person in China, the transaction is verified on the blockchain by a miner and the miner gets paid for verifying that transaction. (decentralised)

The underlying cost of mining is the energy consumed. Whatever revenue we make has to cover the cost of the energy consumed plus the cost of the mining hardware (Hardware will be repaid over the life of the asset).

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Candidate Mark Brooks

The revenue will also depend on the cryptocurrency we choose to mine and the type of blockchain we use, different use requires different types of blockchain. (5 years' experience should come in handy here)

ASIC mining and GPU mining are currently the two main choices of earning cryptocurrency

How do we do it?

Simple we start small. Example, we buy one mining computer and one PV panel system (Green energy) and we simply plug and play. (I have done this in the UK powered of the main grid and was still making a profit.)

By fine tuning running cost versus revenue, this simple analysis will be a gateway to expansion and development by fund-

ing more nodes until we are making the kind of money that could make a difference on St Helena.

Worth a feasible study?

The Equiano subsea cable will better support this type of technology and getting the foundation and legislation in place to embrace this technology is just one thing I hope to achieve if I'm lucky enough to get elected.

Thank you.

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INTERNATIONAL ELECTION EXPERTS TO CONDUCT VIRTUAL ASSESSMENT OF THE ST HELENA GENERAL ELECTION 2021

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association British Islands and Mediterranean Region (CPA BIMR), at the invitation of the Governor of St Helena, H.E. Dr Philip Rushbrook, will conduct a virtual Election Expert Mission (EEM) to the St Helena General Election 2021.

This is the first election to which St Helena has invited international observers. The Mission will assess the St Helena 2021 election against international standards, obligations, and best practices as well as compliance with domestic laws.

Ahead of election day, the experts will utilise digital meeting platforms to meet with key stakeholders including electoral officials, candidates, and civil society groups to gain a better understanding of the electoral process and political context of the election.

A report including recommendations will be published within two months of the election and will be made publicly available.

Chief Executive of CPA UK, Jon Davies said: "This will be the first election to which St Helena has invited international observers. We are honoured to be a part of this momentous opportunity. Election observation is a vital element of CPA BIMR's commitment to work with the UK's Overseas Territories and to help strengthen parliamentary democracy across the Commonwealth."

Mission Composition

The Mission is an international team of five observers from the UK, Poland, Germany, and the British Virgin Islands.

Election Observer Missions

CPA UK acts as the secretariat to CPA British Islands & Mediterranean Region (BIMR), one of the nine regions of the

CPA network, and is committed to strengthening democracy and good governance.

Over the last ten years CPA BIMR has organised 16 election missions across five UK Overseas Territories (Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat, and the Turks and Caicos Islands) and the Crown Dependencies of Guernsey, Jersey, and the Isle of Man. CPA UK has also overseen Election Assessment Missions (EAM) to the UK General Election in 2010, 2015 and 2017.

In 2020, in response to a CPA BIMR Election Observation Mission to the Turks & Caicos Islands, the House of Assembly passed a bill to standardise polling stations layout and simplify and speed up the counting, reporting and announcing of results.

Further information:

- CPA BIMR is a signatory to the Declaration of Principles of International Election Observation and Code of Conduct for International Election Observers.
- For further information, please contact the Mission at sthelenaem21@gmail.com, CPA BIMR at cpabimr@parliament.uk or tweet at [@CPA_BIMR](https://twitter.com/CPA_BIMR) using [#StHelenaEEM21](https://twitter.com/CPA_BIMR)



Life of a Premier League football supporter is not easy. Ask any Manchester United fan on the weekend and they will tell you that their whole weekend was spoiled by the defeat of their team at Old Trafford to Aston Villa. It was not that we felt that we couldn't lose to Aston Villa it was the way our team played. I felt justice was done when Bruno Fernandes blast his penalty over the bar in injury time; unlike Solskjaer I'm not going to complain about the fact that Watkins was standing in front of De Gea in an offside position when the goal was scored or the fact it wasn't even a corner.

I can blame Ollie for the selection of MCFred in the centre of midfield; two players doing the same job, but most of all I blame the players for not performing and make the wrong decisions again and again. The biggest culprit was Mason Greenwood out of the 27 shots at the goal he had at least 10 from areas he should have looked to cross or pass to a team mate. Ronaldo didn't receive any service at all.

Villa played us well and deserved all 3 points. Personally I think Villa has spent well this season and despite losing Jack Grealish they have a much stronger team than they had last season.



Bruno Fernandes asking Harry Kane for his ball back.... Kane went missing during the Arsenal match and was last seen by Bruno on the Moon.

Arsenal was absolutely brilliant against Tottenham Hotspurs in the North London Derby on Sunday. The Gunners race to a 3 nil lead with just over 30 minutes of the game gone. Spurs had no answer as they were over run in midfield time after time.

This was possibly Mikel Arteta's best match in charge of Arsenal who had a bad start to the season. This could be the turning point in their season and should begin to climb up the table.

As for Spurs they topped the table after 3 matches with 9 points they have now lost their last 3 matches scoring one goal and conceding 9 and currently sits in 11th place one place below Arsenal.



Saka scored Arsenal's 3rd goal against Spurs with just 34 minutes on the clock

Chelsea's unbeaten start to the season came to an end after they lost 1-0 to last season's champions Manchester City. City dominated the match and it was Jesus who scored the winning goal.

A lot has been said about Manchester City's lacked of fire power as they fail to buy a striker to replace Sergio Augero. Gabriel Jesus is capable as a striker but doesn't always start for City. However Pep opted to go with Jesus against Chelsea and he produces the goods. It was strange to see him excluded from the starting line up in City's Champions League match against PSG and game that City lost 2-0.



Jesus scored the winner for Manchester City v Chelsea

Liverpool now sits at the top of the table despite drawing 3-3 with Premier League new boys Brentford. It was the same old Liverpool going forward as they looked brilliant and went on to score 3 goals. What was surprising for all was the way Brentford went about attacking Liverpool. Brentford had a great game plan as they put pressure on Liverpool's back four all match and in the end it brought them success as twice they came from behind to equalised and even had chances to score more goals.



Mo Salah scored his 100th goal for Liverpool against Brentford

Mo Salah scored his 100th goal for Liverpool Salah becoming the 13th player to reach a century of league goals for the club, and the fourth to do so in the Premier League era after Robbie Fowler, Steven Gerrard and Michael Owen.

In other matches; Newcastle is still looking for their first win of the season as they could only draw with Watford 1-1; Leicester City twice came from behind to draw with struggling Burnley 2-2, West Ham came from behind to beat Leeds 2-1, Antonio scored the winning goal in the 90th minute. Norwich has now lost their 6th league game this season, losing 2-0 to Everton.

Wolves picked up their first league win beating Southampton 1-0; Raul Jimenez scored his first goal since suffering a life-threatening fractured skull.

Neil Maupay scored in the 95th minute to earn Brighton a point and move them level with the likes of Manchester United; City, Chelsea and Everton.

Fixtures:

SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER

- **11.30am: Manchester United v Everton**
- **2pm: Burnley v Norwich City**
- **2pm: Chelsea v Southampton**
- **2pm: Leeds United v Watford**
- **2pm: Wolverhampton Wanderers v Newcastle United**
- **4.30pm: Brighton & Hove Albion v Arsenal**

SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER

- **1pm: Crystal Palace v Leicester City**
- **1pm: Tottenham Hotspur v Aston Villa**
- **1pm: West Ham United v Brentford**
- **3.30pm: Liverpool v Manchester City**

St Helena Football League Results 25th-26th October 2021

I arrive at Francis Plain with only 10 minutes to go in the Harts versus Lakers clash on Saturday and the score was still 0-0.

Harts was on the attack and had 3 good chances to take the lead in those first few minutes that I saw. With 4 minutes of the match to go, Rico Williams curled a left foot corner directly into the goal to give the Harts all 3 points.

Heartbreak for the Lakers, as it was reported that they held their own for most of the match and had a really good chance to take the lead.

The Lakers Louis Banikel was named as Man of the Match.

In the match between the Bellboys and Saints, 2 defensive errors and a penalty gave the Bellboys an early 3 nil lead. The Saints sorted their defensive shape and only conceded 3 more goals in the first half. First half scorers for the Bellboys were: Andrew Yon 2, David Young 2 and Matthias Young 2.

Saints did threaten the Bellboys goal in the first half and should have had a penalty when Craig Williams was pulled back in the area.

In the second half the Saints was chasing shadows most of the time and with central defender Mick Luke and Keeper Rieedwaan Richards picking up injuries and swapping positions the Bellboys created a lot of goal scoring chances.

Bellboys scored 10 more goals; 2 from Kyle Shoemsmith; 1 from Ryan Benjamin, 4 more from Andrew Yon, 2 more from Man of the Match Matthias Young and 1 from substitute Benji Lawrence.

The first game on Sunday saw the Ballez frustrate the Wirebirds for the first 15 minutes with Young Player of the Match Aiden Yon-Stevens breaking up the play in the midfield and creating little forays forward for his team.

However once Tyler Benjamin broke the deadlock in the 15th minute the Wirebirds went on to score 7 goals in the first half. Alex Langham scored the second in the 17th minute; Man of the Match Shane Stroud completed a hat trick before half time; Cody Harris scored 1 and Sanjay Clingham scored 1.

The closest the Ballaz came to scoring was from a long range free kick by Aiden that was saved by the Wirebirds keeper Rick Thomas.

Despite the best efforts of the Ballez in the second half the Wirebirds went on to score 10 more goals. Shane Stroud scored 4 more; Alex scored another 3; Tyler added another as did Sanjay Clingham. There was one own goal. Wirebirds 17 v Ballez 0.

The final match saw the Axis started the match with 10 men and put up a battling performance against the league leaders the Rovers.

The Rovers had most of the play in the first half but failed to score in the first 30 minutes. With the Rovers growing increasingly frustrated, Rico 'Chow' Thomas fired them into the lead.

Just before half time and from a rare attack the Rovers conceded a hand ball when Dane Wade's attempted clearance struck his hand. Ashton Benjamin stepped up for the Axis and fired a brilliant penalty past keeper Keith Yon to equalised for the Axis.

In the second half the Rovers started to pass the ball quicker and Rico Benjamin capitalised on a mistake by the Axis stand in keeper Dion Maggot to put the Rovers 2 -1 up.

The introduction of 60 year old player- manager Peter Darker saw him play a part in two of the next 3 goals; his brilliant left wing cross fell to Julian Henry who fired the ball across the 6 yard box for Man of the Match Rico Benjamin to score with an acrobatic shot. An individual goal from Brett Isaac put the Rovers 4 -1 up. Brett picked the ball up midway into the Axis half; beat at least 3 players before firing a low shot into the bottom corner giving the keeper no chance.

The final goal saw Peter Benjamin beat the Axis right back

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Adam Sizerland; he tap the ball to Brett who cut the ball back to his brother Ronan Legg who fired a powerful shot into the roof of the net.

Rovers 5 v Axis 1. Josh Herne picked up the Young Player of the Match.

Fixtures:

Saturday 2nd Oct

13.30 Rovers Vs Harts Organisers: Bellboys

15.30 Axis Vs Ballez Organisers: Wirebirds

Sunday 3rd Oct

13.30 Wirebirds Vs Saints Organisers: Harts

15.30 Bellboys Vs Lakers Organisers: Ballez

SHFA League Table										
Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points	
1	Rovers	12	10	2	0	97	10	87	32	
2	Wirebirds	11	9	0	2	90	12	78	27	
3	Harts	12	7	3	2	69	20	49	24	
4	Bellboys	12	7	2	3	63	14	49	23	
5	Lakers	13	7	0	6	41	34	7	21	
6	Axis	11	2	1	8	16	44	-28	7	
7	Saints	12	1	1	10	7	124	-117	4	
8	Ballaz	13	0	1	12	5	130	-125	1	

Top Scorers SHFA	Name	Team	Goals Scored
1	Shane Stroud	Wirebirds	30
2	Rico Benjamin	Rovers	24
3	Alex Langham	Wirebirds	22
4	Joey Thomas	Harts	21
5	Ronan Legg	Rovers	20
6	Sean Lee Thomas	Harts	20
7	Cody Thomas	Lakers	16
8	Matthais Young	Bellboys	16
9	Brett Isaac	Rovers	15
10	Tyler Brady	Harts	15
11	Andrew Yon	Bellboys	14
12	Tyler Benjamin	Wirebirds	13
13	Trystan Thomas	Rovers	9
14	Cody Harris	Wirebirds	8
15	Dane Wade	Rovers	7
16	Kyle Shoesmith	Bellboys	7
17	Clayton Benjamin	Rovers	6
18	David Young	Bellboys	6
19	Ryan Backhouse	Axis	6
20	Sean Benjamin	Rovers	6
21	Alistar Buckley	Wirebirds	4
22	Jamie Thomas	Lakers	4
23	Jorden Johnson	Lakers	4
24	Julian Henry	Rovers	4
25	Nico Benjamin	Lakers	4
26	Rhys Francis	Bellboys	4
27	Sanjay Clingham	Wirebirds	4
28	Scott Crowie	Axis	4
29	Simon Scipio	Harts	4
30	Ethan Harrs	Ballaz	3
31	Jace Williams	Lakers	3
32	Jordan Yon	Lakers	3
33	Louis Banikel	Lakers	3
34	Rick Joshua	Bellboys	3
35	Sidonio Benjamin	Bellboys	3



**Football action on Francis Plain
(The centre of our Community)**

JOB VACANCIES

Wolf Creek Federal Services Inc. invites application for the following Full Time/Runway Job Positions at the American Base, Ascension Island

- Cooks**
- Mess Attendant**
- Barracks Orderly**



WCFSI provides free Accommodation, Food (3 meals per day) and Round trip passage to home of record after completion of a 1 year contract. Laundry and MWR facilities are free of charge. Must have a valid Passport/Visa minimum of 18 months to be able to sign an Offer Letter. Should not have any major offences with any law enforcement agency.

For further details or questions please contact Wolf Creek Administration on 247-62225 or e-mail

Any interested persons should send Resume to E-ROS.WolfCreek.Jobs@us.af.mil on later than 22 October 2021.

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Predators 12 v Young Rebels 1

G/S Predators: Lebron George 3; Tyler Anthony 3, Levi Williams 3, Hugo Richards 1 & 1 own goal

G/S Young Rebels: Dillon George 1

POM: Tyler Anthony & Jamal Ward-Peters

anglers 4 v Dominators 1

G/S Ranglers: Dirk Peters 1; Laine George 2 & 1 own goal

G/S Dominators: Kayden Scott-Clingham 1

POM: Callum O'Dean & Lucas Robertese

Rebels 4 v Fugees 3

G/S Rebels: Kenin Bargo 3 & Taylon Phillips 1

G/S Fugees: 1 own goal, Blake Peters 1 & Kieran Williams 1

POM: Kenin Bargo & Blake Peters

Fixtures: Saturday 2nd October

9.15 Dominators v Young Rebels

Referee: Nick Stevens

10am Yellow Devils v Predators

Referee: Owen Richards

10.15 Jungle Rangers v Rebels

Referee: Gareth Johnson



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Turn off your oven
or burners when
food is almost ready
and let existing heat
finish the cooking for
you.

7-11 League Table

Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Yellow Devils	6	6	0	0	58	11	47	18
2	Predators	7	5	1	1	47	27	20	16
3	Ranglers	7	2	1	4	27	28	-1	7
4	Dominators	6	2	0	4	17	26	-7	6
5	Young Rebels	6	0	0	6	9	66	-57	0

11-16 League Table

Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Fugees	5	3	1	1	21	14	7	10
2	Rebels	4	2	1	1	19	15	4	7
3	Jungle Rangers	5	1	0	4	14	25	-11	3

Position	Name	Team	Goals Scored
1	Aden Thomas-Stevens	Yellow Devils	32
2	Lebron George	Predators	18
3	Laine George	Ranglers	11
4	Dirk Peters	Ranglers	10
5	Ryan Stevens	Yellow Devils	10
6	Tyler Anthony	Predators	9
7	Hugo Richards	Predators	7
8	Kadin-Scott Clingham	Dominators	7
9	Levi Williams	Predators	7
10	Zac Francis	Yellow Devils	6
11	Danyl Muranganwa	Young Rebels	5
12	Joshua Crowie	Yellow Devils	4
13	Dillon George	Young Rebels	3
14	Cruz Williams	Predators	2
15	Ephrem Stroud	Yellow Devils	2
16	Jude Jacobs	Dominators	2
17	Louis Thomas	Dominators	2
18	Lukas Robbertse	Dominators	2
19	Callum O'Dean	Ranglers	1
20	Joel Peters	Ranglers	1
21	Tylon Ducan	Young Rebels	1

Top Scorers 11+

Position	Name	Team	Goals Scored
1	Blake Peters	Fugees	11
2	Kenin Bargo	Rebels	9
3	Taylon Phillips	Rebels	7
4	Blaze Baldwin	Jungle Rangers	4
5	Dodi Williams	Fugees	4
6	Lars Williams	Jungle Rangers	3
7	Eureeze Peters	Rebels	1
8	Harry Winfield	Jungle Rangers	1
9	Jaydee Caswell	Jungle Rangers	1
10	Jet Lee Yon	Rebels	1
11	Kieran Williams	Fugees	1
12	Riley Yon	Jungle Rangers	1
13	Travis Yon	Fugees	1
14	Ziggy Yon	Rebels	1



The White Horse Tavern
will hold a 6-hand Euchre
Tournament on Friday Night,
1st October,
starting at 8pm SHARP.
Entrance fee is £15 per team.

To enter your team call 22843 or 23416

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From the St Helena Golf Club

Contributed by: SHGC

Twenty-one players turned up to tee off in the September monthly medal competition that was held last Sunday. They could not be deterred by the risk of showers. Overall, it turned out to be a decent performance by the participants as we start the count down to the biggest golf event on St Helena - the Open Championship. Four players returned scores in the 60s. Top on the leaderboard and winner of the September medal was Mr Nicholas Stevens with net 64. The captain Bramwell Bushuru and Mr Leon Crowie tied for second place with net 68. On a countback Mr Leon Crowie emerged second to claim the prize. Mr Larry Legg scored the only two on the 5th to claim all the balls in the two-ball pool.

Next Sunday 3rd October 2021 we will usher in the new month and hopefully better golfing weather with gruesome also known as Bloodsome choose your partner stroke play competition 7/16 of the combined handicap will be applied. Tee off 12noon. Registration closes on Saturday 2nd October at 3pm. Register by leaving a message on our voicemail 24421.

This year's 4-day Open championship will tee off on Sunday 17th October and end on Saturday 30th October 2021. We would like to remind all that it is the open and therefore one need not be a member of the club to take part in the event. Registration will close this weekend.

For more information and photos of our events check out our Facebook page @shgc.org.sh
Happy swinging...



Sid & Bill's Golf Day

Jason Coleman

On the 19th September a group of UK Saints met at Chesfield Downs Golf Club to compete in the 19th annual Sid Peters Memorial Cup.

The annual tournament to celebrate the life of Sid Peters was not competed for in 2020 due to the COVID 19 lockdown and was more poignant this year with the recent loss of Bill Duncan whose name has been placed on the trophy.

On a challenging course in variable conditions, John Himsworth won the cup returning a Stableford score of 43. David Johnson finished second with a score of 42 and Alan Hazelhurst finished third with 40. Other prize winners were Patrick Sim winning nearest the pin and David Johnson also won the longest drive.

Many thanks to Richard Benjamin and Cedric Coleman for organising the event and to all contributors for the raffle.



Runner Up – David Johnson



Nearest the Pin Winner – Patrick Sim



Black History Month 1st to 31st October

The Harlem Hellfighters Hailed as Heroes – Humbled at Home

Private Henry Johnson of Albany, New York, stared into the darkness of no-man's-land, listening for German raiders. Beyond the parapet, he could make out shapes and shadows under the waning moon. Johnson was a 25-year-old railroad baggage porter. Under French command, he manned the front line of the Great War about 115 miles east of Paris on the early morning of May 15, 1918.

He heard a sound and turned to his partner in their tiny observation post, Needham Roberts, who gestured toward the direction of the noise. They heard it again: the snip of barbed wire being cut. Johnson fired an illumination rocket into the sky, then ducked as German grenades flew toward him. The grenades exploded behind him, and pain struck his left leg and side. Roberts, bleeding from his head, threw grenades of his own back over the parapet.

The German forces rushed into the Americans' dugout. Johnson shot one German in the chest, point-blank, then swung his rifle to club another. Two enemy soldiers tried to haul Roberts away, until Johnson drove his nine-inch knife into one of their skulls. Another German shot Johnson in the shoulder and thigh; Johnson lunged with his knife and slashed him down. The enemy soldiers ran. Johnson chucked grenades as they fled.

Reviewing the carnage the next day, a U.S. Army captain estimated that Johnson had killed four of at least 24 German soldiers. Days later, Johnson and Roberts became the first Americans to receive the French Croix de Guerre – the first of many honours awarded to the 369th Infantry Regiment, better known as the Harlem Hellfighters.

The US Army 369th Infantry Regiment sometimes has (African American) included. The US military was segregated until 1948. Better known as the Harlem Hellfighters, the 369th was the most celebrated African-American regiment in World War I. They confronted racism even as they trained for war. They helped bring jazz to France and battled Germany longer than any other US Expeditionary Force that crossed the Atlantic in 1917 to join the fight against the Germans. These African-American troops fought a war for a country that refused them basic rights – and their bravery stood as a rebuke to racism. They were mostly New Yorkers, the first black troops in their state's National Guard and mostly from Harlem. "To be somebody you had to belong to the Infantry," said one African-American citizen who joined up. The 369th had both black and white officers. After fighting with the Harlem Hellfighters the white commander repeatedly advocated for fair treatment for his regiment within the Army.

Even before combat, the regiment faced outright discrimination from fellow Americans. In October 1917, six months after the official U.S. entrance into the war, they trained for combat in Spartanburg, South Carolina. There, the regiment pledged to follow an unusual military discipline: Hayward asked them to respond to racist insults and threats with "fortitude and

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Harlem Hellfighters sailing into New York harbour after fighting in France in WW1

without retaliation," but to report any incidents to military authorities.

One Hellfighter wrote in his memoir "There had been all kind of insults hurled at our body who were on duty in town. Our boys had some pretty bitter pills to swallow." One Hellfighter was kicked and called a racial slur by a hotel's proprietor when he stopped in to get some newspapers.

The Hellfighters arrived in Brest, north of the Bay of Biscay, as a 2,000 strong regiment on the first day of 1918. On the docks, they surprised French soldiers and civilians with a jazz rendition of the French national anthem. US President Woodrow Wilson wanted US troops to fight as an independent force in France; not allied with the British and French Armies. The European allies demanded US reinforcements to replace some of the 2 million soldiers French and British soldiers who were killed in WW1. To 'keep the peace' the US General gave the French the 369th. The Hellfighters were fighting on the front line more than a month before the all-white regiments of the US Expeditionary Force. Histories of the regiment say the troops spent 191 days on the front, more than any other Americans.

The Hellfighters were on the front line when the Germans unleashed their final major offensive of the war. In another battle the Hellfighters suffered 144 fatalities and about 1,000 wounded. With half the regiment killed or in hospital the Hellfighters suffered some of the worst casualties among the US Expeditionary Force.

Henry Johnson the French war hero made it back home and continued as a railroad baggage porter at the train station. Despite the hero's welcome, which included discussions of a movie contract and proposals to name a street after him, Johnson, who was permanently disabled by his wounds, was

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never able to fully support himself in post-World War I United States. In 1923 he and his wife divorced. Denied work and without a pension, Johnson became an alcoholic and died impoverished and alone at the age of 32 in New York City on July 2, 1929. In 2015, ninety-seven years after Johnson's battle in France, President Obama awarded him a posthumous Medal of Honour, the nation's highest military award.



The Legacy of the Middle Passage

Maisha Lewin: What is it really like to be young, Black and British?

As part of the Black British Voices Project (www.bbvp.org), we hear from young black Britons on how it feels to be 'Black and British in 2021.



As a young Black British woman living in Britain in 2021, I am grateful to live in a country where as a woman, I am free to have an education and be able to have a career. At the same time, I feel very disappointed at the fact that Black people are still fighting against systemic racism and injustice. At one point, it did make me feel a bit lost and confused about my identity and where I fit in as a Black British woman, with a Caribbean background.

I am second generation British, my grandparents came to the UK from Jamaica in the 60's. They had hopes and dreams of living a better lifestyle and also being able to help their families that were back home. I have listened to their shocking stories of working in hospitals and being treated with complete disdain, being physically and verbally attacked on the streets by racists and other acts of racism that they faced, when they first came to the UK.

As much as I admire the strength and tenacity that my grandparents and the other Windrush generation had, I have at times felt quite frustrated and annoyed. I feel that when they came to the UK and realised the racism that they would have to deal with, they should have jumped on the first ship back to Jamaica.

I believe that if they had gone back home, things today would be a lot different for their children and the generations that came after them. I truly feel that we would not still be dealing with racism in education, at work, being predominately stopped and searched by the police and so much more. My personal experience of being Black and British has fortunately not been as harrowing as it was for my grandparents.

In my family we all grew up being proud to be Black. As much as I knew that there was racism in the UK, I still saw myself as very much British. As I got older I would meet people who would ask me where I'm from. I would say "I'm from here" (the UK), then they would say "No where are you originally from?" "Where are your parents from?" I would then say Jamaica.

Unfortunately I would later find out that Jamaicans don't class Black Brits as being Jamaican and have had no problems letting us know this. At one point, it did make me feel a bit lost and confused about my identity and where I fit in as a Black British woman, with a Caribbean background. I have had to accept the fact that not only will I most likely never be seen as equal and welcomed by White people, but also from a section of my own race, which has been a disappointing reality.

THE ROCK
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Church Notices

Prayer Meeting

We invite you to unite with us in Prayer on Saturday the 2nd October 2021 at 3pm at The Rock Christian Fellowship (Unit 3 Longwood Enterprise Park).

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Praise and Worship service

Sunday 3rd October at 11am

No. 3, Longwood Enterprise Park

Kid Zone (Sunday School) will meet in Unit 7 at 11am

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Cell Meetings

Tuesday 5th October

1. Sandy Bay Community Centre at 6pm.
2. Cape Villa at 5pm

Wednesday 6th October

3. No. 3, Longwood Enterprise Park at 7:30pm
(Contact Tav on 51727 for details)
4. Residence of Anthony & Elaine Hopkins, Sapper Way at 7:30pm.
5. Jamestown at 7:00pm
(Contact Catherine on 64352 for details)

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Christian Gift/bookshop & DVD rental

The Christian gift/bookshop & DVD rental (as well as second-hand goods shop) will be open on Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon.
For further information phone 25324, 62552 or 23249

St Helena Cloud Forest Filmed for Biggest International Conference This Year

Vince Thompson

The St Helena media company Capricorn Studios, run by Sharon and Darrin Henry, were contracted by the International National Trust Organisation (INTO) to provide film of St Helena's cloud forest. The film will be shown at the United Nations Climate Change Conference starting in Glasgow on 31st October. Known as COP26, this conference is seen as the biggest and most important international gathering of the year; some will say the most important of this decade. St Helena has been promoted and featured at several international meetings but this one is probably the biggest yet.

Darrin and Sharon worked to a 'shot list' provided by INTO; this included endemic seedling management in the nursery, planting of endemics and invasive removal on the Peaks, as well as interviews with the conservation teams and more general supporting video of the cloud forest, the Peaks and a few scenes of St Helena. It was also hoped to gather some good aerial footage as a bonus, however, only two brief 10 min drone flights were possible due to the rain and low cloud cover. The film was urgently needed by INTO so there was no choice but to do the best possible in very wet and windy weather. The shot list was envisaged by INTO to take just one day to complete; the weather conditions meant filming was completed over nine days with much time spent waiting for the rain to ease off.

One of the days was spent shooting an interview with the Head of Conservation for the St Helena National Trust, Martina Peters. This interview eventually ended up having her standing in the rain with Sharon, me and the camera squeezed



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Marina Peters joins Sharon for the Start of another wet day of filming

under an umbrella.

Once all filming was finally completed, another big challenge had to be faced. INTO required the footage quickly and asked for it to be uploaded to an online server. If we had internet speeds and allowances that are normal in the UK this task could have taken, maybe, 20 minutes. Instead, we had to improvise. It took us four full days of tediously converting the footage down into smaller file sizes by day and uploading the clips during the night from midnight to 6am. INTO will edit the shot list they asked Capricorn Studios to film. The final version of the film will be produced in the UK. Hopefully we will be able to see the film which is shown to delegates at the climate change conference.

Darrin told the *Independent* it all sound as if the filming was a miserable ordeal "but it's also been a lot of fun, especially spending time with the conservation teams, recording the vital work taking place on the peaks. And of course, the exposure potential for St Helena is incredible, the eyes of the world will be on COP26, so it's wonderful to have been a part of this project."



Sharon interviews Derek Youde and operates the film camera while Darrin stands behind the photo camera taking this shot while taking care of sound recording

Proud Grandparents - Robert and Joan Scipio



Congratulations to Tyrone Anthony, son of Mary and Alan Anthony in London.

Tyrone has recently graduated from Nottingham Trent University with a degree in BSc (Hons) Real Estate. He has fulfilled his ambition and is currently working in the Real Estate industry. Well done and enjoy the success you have worked so hard to achieve.