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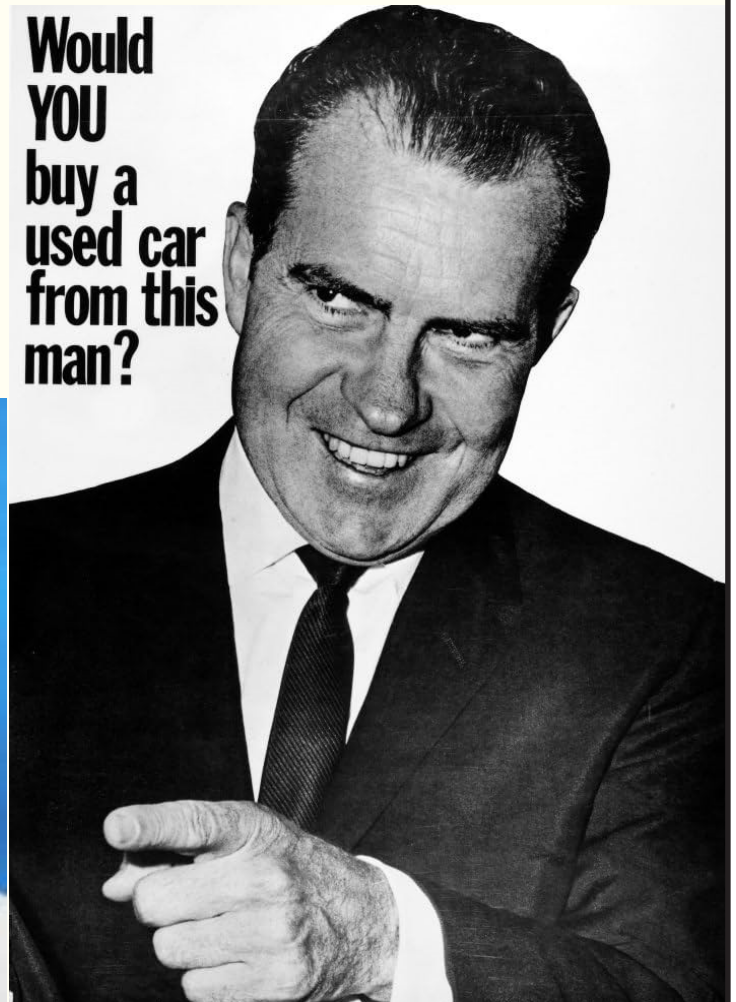


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# Another Archaeological Dig in Rupert's Put On Hold

Members of the Liberated African Advisory Committee (LAAC) were contacted and asked why they "rejected" the offer from Malcolm Williams' Green Fish Company to bring in a highly reputable archaeologist from Stanford University in California to excavate and remove the remains that have been uncovered during site preparation for the cannery in Rupert's.

Adam Sizeland, member of the LAAC, told the *Independent* the offer had not been rejected as the LAAC did not have the power to make that decision. The situation now is that any remains of the liberated Africans uncovered in Rupert's should be reburied in situ. The large and long debate on this subject was had over the remains exhumed to make way for the construction of the Haul Road. The 300 plus skeletal remains and other disarticulated remains have now been re-buried and the lesson learnt is that no further disturbance of the burial grounds is the most desirable option.

The LAAC, as an advisory body, is in no position to make the final decision on the treatment of the remains found on the cannery site. LAAC normally makes recommendations to the Planning department and formal decisions are made by the Land Development Control Authority. In this case, it may be referred to Governor in Council as it concerns a site containing significant cultural heritage.

It was known before work started on the cannery site that a burial ground was close to the development and while there is no accurate information available showing exactly how far the burial site extends, any excavation works on the site carry a high risk of discovering human remains. On a previous occasion one remnant of skeletal remains was discovered on the site periphery and it was decided to rebury it in situ.

Further excavation work has uncovered more human skeletal remains and in archaeological terms raises many questions. It is highly likely than any reputable archaeologist would not be satisfied with just being the appropriate person to remove the remains that had been uncovered, and any which may be close by, so that construction work can continue. The more recent discovery of significant remains as work on the cannery site has progressed confirm that the burial ground extended into the cannery site and is very likely to lead an archaeologist to recommend a thorough and careful excavation of a much larger area to establish the extent of the burial ground. This work would then lead to action to have the burial area identified protected.

More information has been requested from the Green Fish Company on the extent of the remains that have been uncovered and how it might impact the business but no information has yet been received.

The usual action taken in these situations, where governments have adequate protections in place, is for construction work to be stopped immediately and for a team of archaeologists to take over the site. There are no protections of this kind in St Helena to safeguard the globally important liberated African heritage in Rupert's Valley.

The south-west corner of the cannery construction site where

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excavation is allowed subject to conditions set out in the development approval issued by the Land Development Control Authority. The conditions limit the area where excavations can take place and are subject to an archaeological watching brief. These arrangements are working well.

## **SALE OF SHG SHARES IN SOLOMON & COMPANY TO BE ASSESSED**

In December 2020, the previous Government took the decision to test the market through an Expression of Interest (EOI) in respect of SHG's shareholdings in Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc (Solomon's).

Whilst this Government is committed to encouraging private enterprise and competition in St Helena, it must also consider the wider public interest when making decisions. Solomon's is the largest corporate entity on the Island and is a conglomerate with interests in a wide variety of economic sectors. Given its size and economic scope, it was not considered appropriate that SHG should dispose of its shareholdings at this time.

As a result, Executive Council have requested that officials should undertake a full options analysis, with specialist support, to assess whether and how any future disposal of shareholdings should be considered. This will evaluate the risks and benefits, and what options might be available for full or partial disposal of shares. Once complete, the government will then be able to appropriately consider what course of action to take.

All of those who responded to the Expression of Interest have been written to and advised of this decision.

**SHG, 1 August 2023**



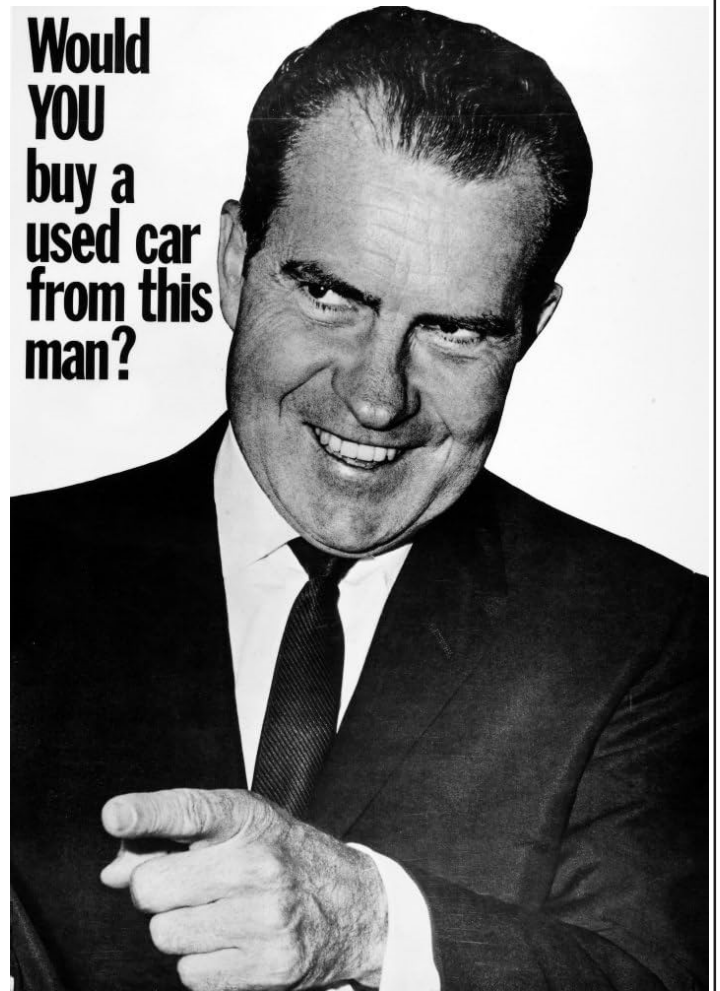
## **Chief Justice Requires Dr Sergio to Appear in St Helena Supreme Court**



The Chief Justice has ruled that Dr Sergio Villatoro is required to appear in court for sentencing when he is sentenced. Sergio pleaded guilty last month to five counts of unlawful wounding. He is due to appear in court on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September to be sentenced. The police are asking all the witnesses in the criminal case to provide victim impact statements. Meanwhile, more than 30 people have now come forward with compensation claims in the civil action for clinical negligence being prepared by Ruth Powell of Hugh James Solicitors.

The requirement to appear in court suggests Sergio may receive a custodial sentence. It is likely he will arrive at the

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airport on 16<sup>th</sup> September. This is the latest he can leave arriving but it is still a week ahead of his court appearance.

However, it remains doubtful whether he will travel to St Helena from Guatemala to be led off to prison. If Sergio attempts to evade justice, SHG can resort to the Treaty Between Great Britain and Guatemala for the Mutual Surrender of Fugitive Criminals. This extradition treaty allows for both countries to 'deliver up to each other those persons who, being accused or convicted of any of the crimes or offences enumerated in Article II, committed in the territory of the one Party, shall be found within the territory of the other Party.' Article II includes a list of crimes, including 'Wounding, or inflicting grievous bodily harm', which seems to be good enough to have Sergio arrested in Guatemala and brought to St Helena. Unfortunately, extradition often takes a long time to get in motion.

## **Sergio's St Helena History Goes Back a Long Way**

Dr Sergio Villatoro was appointed St Helena's first resident orthopaedic surgeon in 2016. But he had been employed by the health Directorate twice before that. During a short contract in 2015 he carried out a total of 572 consultations. 139 infiltrations, 66 Surgeries, and 21 Emergencies. An SHG press release dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016 states, "Dr Sergio is on trauma call 24/7, sees around 16 patients daily, and performs up to four surgeries a week", but the waiting list for bone surgery remained long. We naturally wonder how many of Sergio's patients have been suffering from his clinical negligence for eight years or maybe more.

The press release provided a quote from Sergio, "It is a great opportunity for me to be able to provide and keep providing this service to the population of St Helena. I have been able to restore the quality of life for some patients and I am honoured to be able to get to know the Island more and the hospitality of its people, while sharing my experience with the hospital staff." The press release added, "Dr Sergio comes from Guatemala where he studied medicine and did his residency in trauma. He completed his fellowship in joint surgery and sport trauma in Florida, United States." Exactly what orthopaedic training and experience Sergio had before coming to St Helena is not clear from the SHG information.



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# Editorial

Sue-Ellen Cassiana Braverman KC, who likes to be known as Suella Braverman, is the UK Home Secretary. Recently she was complaining that doctors get trained at a cost of £500,000 and then, when qualified, immediately shoot off to take a job in New Zealand or Australia. Well, it cost much less than £0.5million to train a junior doctor. Maybe senior doctors' specialist training gets near to that, but that's not the point. The point is, instead of moaning, do something about it. She is in exactly the right position to do just that. It could be a condition of issuing the grant or loan that newly qualified doctors are required to work in NHS hospitals for a certain number of years. Problem solved Suella!

However, this example of a Suella temper tantrum can be applied to St Helena as well. Without taking away, in any way, the great importance of encouraging Saint students to continue into further or higher education, the same problem does exist here. We often hear of first year students leaving the Island, never to be seen again – at least for several years.

With a University Student Trust being established for the pur-

pose of helping students with their considerable costs, it occurs to me that more people may be willing to make voluntary donations to the Trust if it was certain the results of their further education would benefit St Helena. Maybe our ministers should be thinking along the lines of making an immediate return to St Helena a condition of a loan or grant. Of course, the other side of the coin is to make sure there is work available here for new graduates which suits their ambitions and capabilities. Being shoved in a corner of some office to do repetitive clerical work cannot be in the deal.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is now being used to con WhatsApp users out of loads of money. AI is used to imitate the voice of a close friend or colleague and messages sent using WhatsApp put people with money in the position of transferring money to an account where the cash falls into the lap of criminals. This is just another cybersecurity scam to remember when anyone asks you to handover money.

**Enjoy our bumper edition, stuffed with all sorts of news  
Vince**

## ***Antarctica isn't just for the penguins: it matters for all of us***

While people in colder parts of the world stagger around in record heatwaves, we shiver. Forest fires, floods and drought hit countries normally covered in winter snow; thankfully all of that passes us by. But we have to watch our backs; there is something creeping up behind us.

Greenland is the 12<sup>th</sup> largest country in the world. According to NASA it is losing 270 billion tonnes of ice each year. Just recently scientists re-checked their figures (again) and now think the ice is melting faster. At the other end of the world, our end, Antarctica has lost an area of ice the size of Greenland. Why this has happened is not fully understood. Data on Antarctica sea ice has only been recorded in detail over the last 40 years. That's a drop in the ocean. Antarctica has been around for 4,500 billion years.

Antarctica ice always melts in the southern summer. Every winter the area of ice expands once more. Since 2015 something very different has happened. More ice melts each summer, and ever reducing areas of ice reappeared each winter. Between 2022 and 2023 alone, Antarctica lost 10% of its ice area.

The land area of Antarctica is 5.5 million square miles. 98% of it is covered with ice. Sea ice adds 7 million square miles in winter and 1 million square miles in summer. Antarctica has 90% of the world's ice, the average thickness is 2,000plus metres.

With all these big numbers, it also true that climate change in Antarctica can have a big effect of the whole world. But, as always, it's not as simple as that. Wind patterns, storms, ocean currents and air and ocean temperatures all affect how much of the sea around Antarctica is covered by ice. Also, Antarctic sea ice also plays a particularly important role in controlling ocean currents and may act as a buffer that protects floating ice



***The United States fits comfortably into the area covered by Antarctica. Mexico could be squeezed in there as well***

shelves and glaciers from collapsing and adding to global sea levels. The massive area of white ice also reflects the Sun's heat back into space. The Arctic also does this; it too is shrinking as ice melts.

Because there are only 40 years of detailed data and research through the British Antarctic Survey and others, the scientists are not willing to draw any firm conclusions from their research. As Ella Gilbert, a climate scientist with the British Antarctic Survey writes in a recent article, "Regardless of the vagaries of Antarctic sea ice behaviour, the polar regions play a vital role in the climate system. And they are changing before our very eyes." Any climate changes are not likely to be for the better and the effects of any change are likely to be felt by us first.

***Thought for the Day -  
If all the ice in the Arctic and Antarctic melted, global sea  
level would rise by 200 feet***



## A Low-Tech Solution to High Energy Bills

We should get the news soon about Connect's grid assessment. This is the report which will tell us if property owners can continue to put PV panels on their roofs to generate some of their own electricity or whether Connect will ban it to protect their electricity distribution network from the not-so-new technology which many property owners favour. The view is gaining ground that the government and government-owned businesses cannot keep pace with new technology and this inability is causing expensive and extensive damage to St Helena's prospects for improvements.

There is another way to reduce high electricity bills. This one helps people who cannot afford the big electricity and water bills in the first place and have to do some of their laundry by hand. It's the no-electricity washing machine.

There are several versions of this 'wind-up' washing machine; some can be bought for well under £200 and they use no electricity. They are much smaller and do not weigh much (about 5-6 kilo-



**Hand-wash heaven**

grams) and can be carried around easily. It uses less water too, which also saves on the utility bill. Best of all, the hand-cranking is easy. The winding mechanism isn't explained but when the handle is used it probably sets a fly-wheel in motion and the fly-wheel then does the heavy work. The model shown can

reach 400 rpm and the manufacturer says the machine is good for the usual hand washables; baby clothes, nappies, woollens, silks, and small to medium clothing. Even if a wind-up washing machine is only used for hand-wash only laundry it not only saves money, it saves an aching back. Avoiding the hand-washing also means the hands don't get dry and flaky skin when the laundry powder sucks out the natural oils.



**Hand-wash blues**

## St Helena Police Focus Day - training, community engagement and litter picking

Thursday 13th July was a focus day for Team 2 of the Royal St Helena Police Force consisting of Sergeant Vince Hyde, Constables Sebastian Williams, Craig Williams, Graham Lane, Tobias Rummery and Sophie Crowie. They made their way to Sandy Bay Beach to take part in a beach cleanup.

Sergeant Hyde told the St Helena Independent "the aim of the Police focus day is to do some training and some community engagement which will benefit the Island."

He said the idea came to him when, a few weeks ago, he read a letter in the St Helena Independent from tourists commenting on the litter situation on the Island. During his own visit to Sandy Bay beach a few weeks earlier he was shocked about the amount of litter that has accumulated on the beach.

Constable Craig Williams who is responsible to the Royal St Helena Police Service Facebook page and one of the members of Team 2 posted on social media that various types of litter was found during their clean up from the usual items of hard plastic to shoe soles to the regular litter of bottles, drink cans and cigarette butts.

During their time at Sandy Bay, the members engaged with some visitors from France who were filming on the island.



They chatted about who they were, what they aim to achieve and general St Helena matters as a whole.

On commenting about the litter situation, the French film team agreed with Team 2 that St Helena does have a litter problem and they were shocked on the litter level on the island especially at keen tourist attractions like the sides of Jacob's Ladder.

The Team's idea to help make St Helena cleaner and greener is awesome but the Island as a whole need to take a grip of the litter situations and not just a few individuals. It's our island, our community and we all need to play a part in it.

Sergeant Hyde said "He urges others to remember to take litter home and keep these areas clean for everyone to enjoy" so remember next time you are out and about think twice about throwing your rubbish on the ground, use the bins provided or take a black bag.

## Councillors Turner and Essex Give Councillor's Update

On Monday Andrew Turner and Corinda Essex came to the Saint FM studio to talk about current issues. They had two main topics, Student University Finance and Select Committee 2, chaired by Corinda Essex.

The appeal for funds to help the university students who are soon starting their first year in the UK has gathered pace with funds allocated by the Chamber of Commerce and SHG. A bank account has been set up with the Bank of St Helena for donations to this fund. Councillor Essex said the account will remain open until 14<sup>th</sup> August – after that it will be closed for donations. That means there are just 7 working days left if you want to make a donation, no matter how small. The account number is 01807002.

The parents of two students said they would not require any assistance from the University Student Fund. This leaves four students who will benefit from donations to the fund. The account is set up by and for the student's parents and only they have access to it.

Cllr Essex pointed out that St Helena students do have their tuition fees paid for but the maintenance grant has been withdrawn. This grant pays for accommodation, food, clothes and a few of life's little treats. UK students can obtain £14,000 in maintenance grant. This about half the average UK wage which has seen a 6.6% increase this year alone. By comparison, government statistics issued in March this year put the St Helena median wage at £9,460.

It is clear earnings in the UK are two thirds more than in St Helena and the cost of living is equally as high. Many say it is unfair to expect Saint parents to provide all the spending money from their own earnings for their children to have a good start in life by studying in the UK. It is also recognised that young Saints with degrees, diplomas and certificates earned from success in higher or further education can be the bedrock of any sustainable development that may come to this Island. Pulling away the maintenance grant could be described as a backward step for the Island. The very complicated UK regulations for grants demand 3 years residence in the UK before applications for maintenance grants can be made. This specifically excludes 'foreign' students and includes students from the Overseas Territories.

Next year a University Student Trust will be in place. It is hoped this trust fund will be large enough to award grants every year to students who wish to study overseas after finishing school. The government have committed to contributing to the Tryst funds and it is hoped businesses and individuals will make a one-off contribution to get the Trust established.

Select Committee No.2 is popularly known as one of the two scrutiny committees now in place to investigate and research specific areas of government administration. The select committee Corinda Essex leads is currently looking at various aspects of how SHG disposes of its assets. Frequently SHG sells some of its vehicles but it could be office furniture, computers or various kinds of equipment. Select Committee 2 is

focussing on ex Basil Read assets, ex RMS St Helena assets, disposal of vehicles and associated parts/stock and disposal of IT equipment and consumables.

The investigation process is for the councillors on the select committee to research the way the government administration does things, based on the documents supplied by the administration. Councillors do not have clerical support so this research is done by councillors at home. Andrew Turners said, this continues late into the night. What is usually called written evidence is also invited from any person who wishes to give an opinion or has experience in the subject under investigation. This usually means a letter is sent to the committee at the Castle. Select committee meetings "shall be held in public" unless the "Chair directs or the committee resolves that the public should be excluded due to the matter before the Committee being such that it ought to be treated as confidential."

When these two phases are complete, the next stage is to take oral evidence. This involves calling chosen government officers to a public meeting of the committee where further information is sought and a range of questions asked.

The final stage is to compile a report which is 'laid on the table' at Legislative Council. The report will set out the findings of the committee, provide conclusions and make recommendations. The 'responsible minister' is given a copy of the report at least 7 days ahead of the Legislative Council. The ministers' response to the conclusions and recommendations must be presented to Legislative Council with the select committees' report.

### Select Committee No.1

Cllr Midwinter is chair of Select Committee No.1. The subject for this committee is a cross functional review of fisheries. The first meeting of this committee will be held in the council chamber on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, starting 10am. Rob Midwinter will also be in the Saint FM studio on Monday next week, 7<sup>th</sup> August, to talk about the work of his committee. With him will be the members of Select Committee No.1 – Cllrs Rosemary Bargo, Gillian Brooks and Ronald Coleman.

## **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, 10 AUGUST 2023**

A formal session of the St Helena Public Accounts Committee (PAC) will take place at 9.30am in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 10 August 2023.

The main programme of business will focus on the Equality & Human Rights Commission's Financial Statements and Annual Reports 2021/22.

Members of the public and interested persons are invited to attend.

The meeting will be broadcast live via SAMS Radio 1.  
**SHG, 2 August 2023**

# Thank You

The family of the late Gail George would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to all family and friends who assisted at the time of Gail's illness and passing.

Special thanks are extended to Deacon Clarence Roberts, Dave and Majorie Harding, Gay Denbow, Roy Williams and his team and Davina and Colin Lawrence. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who sent messages of sympathy through cards, phone calls, emails and everyone who gave floral tributes. Thanks to all who attended the funeral service.

We would also like to express sincere appreciation to the staff of the General Hospital and those of the Community Care Complex for their loving care for Gail over many years.

**From Basil and Barbara George and family, all of the family on St. Helena, in South Africa and in the UK.**

*This poem, read at the funeral service, was kept in the Bible of Gail's mother.*

## HEAVEN'S VERY SPECIAL CHILD

A meeting was held quite far from earth  
It's time again for another birth  
Said the angels to the Lord above  
This special child will need much love  
Her progress may be very slow  
Accomplishments she may not show  
And she'll require extra care  
From the folks she meets down there  
She may not run, or laugh or play  
Her thoughts may seem quite far away  
In many ways she won't adapt

So let's be careful where she's sent  
We want her life to be content  
Please Lord find the person who  
Will do this special job for you  
They may not realise straight away  
The learning role they're asked to play  
But with this child sent from above  
Comes stronger faith and richer love  
And soon they'll know the privilege given  
Their precious child so meek and mild  
Is **HEAVEN'S VERY SPECIAL CHILD.**



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### The Parish of St Paul's

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Peter

### The Parish of St James

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

9.30 a.m.	Reserved Sacrament	St James
3.30 p.m.	Reserved Sacrament	St Michael
	<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
7.00 p.m.	Reserved Sacrament with Healing	St John

### The Parish of St Matthew

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mark

# Thank You

The family of the late Mervyn Benjamin, formally of Pouncey's who passed away on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, would like to thank the staff at the CCC who cared for Mervin during his last years of life and also the Doctors and staff at the General Hospital for their care and support during his time in hospital and his passing.

Also, thanks to Davina and Colin for making the wreaths and all who gave flowers, the Clergy who conducted the service and to Roy and his team for their assistance in the service and burial.

We would also like to extend our thanks to all of you who attended the funeral service and interment and all who gave their condolences or sent cards of sympathy.





# SHG's Negotiations with Sure – What, Exactly, is Involved?

Late last Thursday afternoon SHG issued a press release announcing they have entered into negotiations with Sure St Helena to develop an interim arrangement to provide faster data speed at lower prices. This interim arrangement is a reaction to the lack of noticeable results from the contract with Maestro to provide an island-wide fibre-optic telecom network. Some fast footwork by the *Independent* ensured this important but very late news was widely available the following morning.

The SHG press release told us, “SHG has entered into negotiations with Sure South Atlantic Ltd (Sure). These will seek to deliver much faster speeds and expanded data allowances to consumers, at a reduced cost, by connecting to the now live Equiano cable as soon as possible.” Another press release issued even later last Thursday afternoon revealed that SHG had decreed that Starlink terminals will be prohibited from 1<sup>st</sup> November. There are many among us who think these two press releases are linked and that Sure insisted the Starlink terminals were prohibited as a condition of entering into negotiations aimed at pulling SHG halfway out of a very difficult and embarrassing situation with the Maestro mess-up.

## What Faster Data Speed Can Sure Provide?

Faster data speed is easily achieved by connecting the existing Sure network to the Equiano cable. This connection could have been made long before now. The problem is Sure's network is mostly copper wire, not fibre-optic cable. Copper wire cannot carry data very far at fast speed. After data has travelled just 2 km (2,000 metres) it has slowed to about half the original speed measured in megabytes per second (Mbps). On this basis faster data speed would be very patchy. Many households and businesses would not benefit and that situation would not satisfy the terms of the grant from the European Union.

At this point it is worth emphasising that neither SHG nor Sure have responded to enquiries from the *Independent* so the information given here uses the best sources available.

## What Work is Required to Improve the Existing Network?

Sure have what they call a 'spine' fibre-optic network. To be blunt about it, it appears to exist for the benefit of SHG. Information requested on the existing routes of Sure's fibre-optic cable have not yet resulted in a response. It is known there is fibre-optic cable to the airport. There is cable in Jamestown and Rupert's, together with a link over Munden's. It is believed a fibre-optic cable runs to Prince Andrew School and possibly Scotland.

Whatever 'spine' network Sure has, it can be used to extend the area and the number of properties that can receive a very noticeable increase in data speed; but it is not likely to give sufficient coverage to qualify it being island-wide. Further extensions and branches off the 'spine' would be needed to give island-wide coverage at the same, or similar, much faster speeds. This would mean the last link in the chain is the old,

traditional copper wire. However, the length of copper wire in use should be short enough to carry data to the vast majority of properties at the same, much faster speed.



**Overcoming Cabling Problems**

## Sure are in a Strong Negotiating Position

It will be interesting to know, eventually, what financial arrangements are negotiated to provide an extended fibre-optic Sure network. Without doubt, SHG will be required to at least contribute to the upgrade. One problem which is avoided is the one that faces Maestro. New poles will not be required, except in exceptional circumstances. New towers will not be needed. Sure refused to hand over their network infrastructure so Maestro could use it. As Sure will use their own existing poles, towers, cabinets and other infrastructure any extensions to their existing 'spine' network should not cost an alarming amount. Fibre-optic cable is not expensive. Stringing the cable from pole to pole could be low-tech. Digging trenches is more expensive but only because of the labour and time involved.

Where Sure are in a strong negotiating position comes from the monopoly position they enjoy from the unbelievably badly written 1989 Telecommunications Ordinance. Because Sure are the only telecom company on the island only they have the trained and experienced staff who can connect their network to the Equiano cable and extend their own fibre-optic network.



**Wiring a telecoms cabinet needs proper training**



# ***SHG's Negotiations with Sure – What, Exactly, is Involved?***

As previously reported, Sure are working now on the fibre-optic cable linking OneWeb's ground station to the cable landing station. They started quickly and are getting on with the job. This is refreshingly different. It is not Sure's fault that the law of the island gives them a monopolistic position but they do seem to like being in that position. This may well have an unwelcome impact of the financial arrangements they negotiate with SHG from their position of monopolistic strength.

## ***What Data Usage Limits and Prices Will be Imposed?***

When SHG announced that increased data speeds will include "expanded data allowances at reduced cost", how will this really work? 'Reduced cost' can mean more than one thing. It is unlikely Sure will agree to reducing the current prices for their data packages. It is fair to say any business would be unwilling to take a cut in revenue. The likely outcome is more data for the same or similar price. Taking the Silver plus package as an example, £55 a month buys 7,100 MB. £55 a month is beyond the reach of some people and the purpose of the whole series of projects from the Equiano cable onwards is to make modern communications accessible to everyone in St Helena. This is not only technologically accessible but also financially accessible.

In normal commercial terms the higher the data speed, the more expensive the data package is. This cannot apply in St Helena. First, the Equiano cable has such a large capacity it can give us speeds we could never use or even want. To make a comparison, £40 per month buys 'superfast' fibre connected internet (30Mbps) in the UK. £62 per month buys 'ultrafast' connection (300Mbps). In St Helena we struggle along with 40 Mbps for the whole Island provided by one miserable 7.6 metre satellite dish. It is incredibly basic and unbelievably expensive.

## ***What Do Saint Customers Want?***

Most households are likely to be happy with about 30 Mbps to stream films and use the social platforms. Businesses may want a faster speed and will certainly want higher usage. There will also be specialist users who will be looking for data usage and speed tailored to their needs. Some packages should be designed to encourage economic development; what is required to meet that criterion? To use the UK as an example once more, 13 telecom companies offer unlimited data usage and mean exactly that. The package prices are based on the speed of the data not the quantity used. Where limits exist, they are mostly 50,000 megabytes and upwards per month. Monthly packages vary but many are between £25 and £30 pounds. The average wage in the UK is three times the average St Helena wage.

The current Sure packages should be swept away and replaced by a completely new package and pricing structure. The pricing could be based on data speed, if that technically works. The higher speeds could have no limit on data usage and the lower (budget) speeds could have a data usage limit, if this is thought necessary, but at around 50,000 megabytes



## ***The internet is a learning tool – for people of all ages***

per month. Most of all, the new data packages should be designed to give customers choice and the prices should have a range which allows access to the internet for all. Sure's cheapest package at the moment costs £13 and has a data limit of 1,100 megabytes. That is not access to the internet; it is more like just a peep behind the curtain.

## ***What Happens When the Interim Arrangements End?***

Sure will need to improve their network to provide increased data speed. The more their network is improved, the more they secure their position for the longer term. In the absence of any real information we can only use our own judgement on how negotiations might proceed. As previously pointed out, Sure are undoubtedly in a strong position. They can use their position to negotiate a favourable position for Sure on financial arrangements. The strongest card SHG can play is the licencing arrangements, both for the immediate and medium term. In order to encourage Sure to self-fund most or all of the network improvements, offering a licence for an extended number of years seems an obvious move.

Will any longer-term licence that might be granted to Sure include preserving the monopolistic rights Sure now enjoy? Will such a licence outlive the terrible 1989 Telecommunications Ordinance which is due to be replaced by the more recent Telecom Ordinance, when it is enacted. The new Ordinance removes the monopoly Sure now has. Will the recent Telecommunications Ordinance which has been approved by Legislative Council just lie on the shelf and not be enacted?

If Sure are able to use the Maestro mess to change their situation from being on the way out to back in the driving seat, what measures can be taken to limit the possibility they will not use their regained strong or monopolistic position to be risk averse, not interested in innovation and lacking customer focus. All monopolies follow that path. Will there be a telecoms regulator with powers to direct Sure to take a range of actions if required? Most important of all, SHG appear now to be more willing to bring in specialist skills instead of naively imagining they can muddle along themselves. SHG have announced they are appointing a project management company to lead on the island-wide telecom network; have they also appointed negotiators skilled in telecom licencing?

# How Did We Get into This Mess?

The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) reported in January 2021 on the Equiano cable connection landing at Rupert's; it was expected in April that year. The report also recalls the £18.5 million European Union grant agreed in 2018 and the contract signed with Google for the connection to the Equiano cable signed in 2019.

The Equiano cable was landed at Rupert's on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021. The cable landing station where the undersea cable connects with on-island cables was commissioned in May this year. An agreement with OneWeb was signed in June this year for the long-proposed ground station at Horse Point. Despite the passage of 2 years since the cable was landed at Rupert's there is no progress in realising the benefits of the cable for every Island resident. Achieving these benefits was the reason the European Union agreed to allocate £18.5 million in funding to make the cable connection a reality.

Maestro Technologies was announced as the preferred bidder for the contract to provide an island-wide fibre-optic telecom network in September 2022 and the contract finalised during the following November. Maestro personnel were expected to arrive in March this year. SHG announced, "The contract with Maestro is for the design, build and transfer of a new local network for St Helena. This will be a network owned by SHG, ensuring the long-term interests of the Island can be best achieved and the taxpayer realises the best possible value from fibre optic connectivity." In April this year SHG told us, "The detailed design has now been accepted by SHG, allowing Maestro to begin the build phase. To ensure Maestro are prepared for this, in conjunction with the design work, mobilisation has also been taking place in the background." In early June a further announcement included, "Work is now underway for the design, build and transfer of a local on-Island fibre optic network by SHG's delivery partners Maestro". That's strange, in April we were given to understand the detailed design had been accepted. Maestro was now supposed to be building the network. In late June it was definitely black smoke signals that appeared from the Castle chimney. SHG said, "Planning and pre-deployment work has been more complicated than anticipated." And added, "SHG are appointing a new project management firm to input into, and supervise, the project." There has been no confirmation that the new appointment has been confirmed – but we are accustomed to incomplete information from SHG.

Maestro's Charlie Ruddy arrived in St Helena on 6<sup>th</sup> May. He was to lead the project as chief operating officer. Before the end of June, he was gone; on 6 weeks leave. Seven or eight weeks have passed and Charlie Ruddy is much less visible than when he first arrived. His team that are supposed to be building the network are reported to be still kicking their heels in South Africa. SHG have not, as yet, responded to enquiries asking about the fragile situation with the Maestro contract. As usual, we can only make our own assumptions.

The scene in Rome when Roman Catholic cardinals elect a new Pope. The black smoke signal indicates an attempt to get the required majority in favour of one person was unsuccessful. White smoke indicates a new Pope has been elected. Using smoke signals to announce the election of new Pope



started in 1914. Despite the promised dawn of modern communications technology in St Helena, communications from SHG remain closer to the Vatican smoke signals.

The current position is supposedly that we have a project management company taking the reins on the Island fibre-optic cable network. Negotiations also continue with Sure to establish some kind of 'halfway house' network which provides faster data speed at cheaper prices. Maybe this time SHG will be kind enough let us know when negotiations are concluded – successfully or not – and exactly what benefits we will get from any deal that might be struck.

If it does not inconvenience SHG too much, they might even give us some real information on what is being done to resurrect the island-wide fibre optic network project. It is understood that a fibre-optic connection to every property was a condition of the European Union grant. Transmitters emitting microwave signals were proposed in thinly populated areas to make the final link to properties in those areas. The data speed would be similar to a fibre-optic cable connection to other properties.





# Your Opinion Counts

**Dear Editor,**

I would like to express my deep disgust and disappointment at SHG's decision to ban Starlink. After many, many delays from them on the Fibre Optic Cable (to save time, I'll just call it the FOC), all of which they blame on outside sources, people have taken it into their own hands to get the service they were PROMISED by splashing out their hard earned cash on Starlink satellite dishes.

Deep down I really want to say that SHG Officials are "the most useless load of plonkers ever to exist" and honestly, I really want to, but I'm not (oh, did I already do that?).

The thing is that Jerry and his team worked extremely hard to get the FOC on this island, funded by the EU, and yet it's SHG that not only let them down, but let everyone else down, including the EU.

We're sick and tired of SHG's incompetence, from the delayed FOC to even disregarding the care facilities by funding their own trips to places which, to be honest, we couldn't give a toss about. The community has known for quite some time that the focus should be here first. So why it is that minister are adamant to travel all over the goddamn place?

I'm sorry, but I'm really furious about the ban on Starlink. I haven't ordered it (yet) but I know a lot of people have done so, meaning that come November the community would have spent about £1000 on a service that they will no longer use.

And where is Charley Ruddy? Why did he think that a Pool Competition is more important than developing the island's infrastructure? It's a waste of money on SHG's part and a poor, poor decision.

Another point I would like to raise comes from a press release this week about the sale of SHG shares in Solomons.

In one line, they said (and I'm copying and pasting EXACTLY what they said): "Whilst this Government is committed to encouraging private enterprise and competition in St Helena, it must also consider the wider public interest when making decisions."

Hmm. Wouldn't that mean that Starlink is SURE's competition, and the decision to ban Starlink goes AGAINST the wider public interest? Maybe they are just saying that to keep *some* people happy, but personally, I don't buy it one bit...

With all that being said though, there is some form of hope. Prior to SHG sending out that ridiculous press release, they mentioned that they and SURE are teaming up (probably some force of evil) to provide the island with access to the FOC "as soon as possible". However the hope comes down to what SURE and the Government are planning once we are connected, and when that will be.

According to the same press release, it was said that this will give the public increased speed and "expanded data packages". What this means is uncertain, but if it is anything to go by, it means that SURE would still have some sort of data cap in place, which also means that SURE has effectively broken their plan of "£50 for unlimited data" – something in which SURE's CEO Alasdair mentioned on Saint FM when he visited. By avoiding this plan, it would unfortunately mean that, basically, nothing will change as you will just burn through your data faster than burning wood.

I'm not too sure what the future holds for us online nomads, but SHG need to shape up and understand the importance of keeping positive relations with the public – this latest move is a big no-no.

I really hope that SHG takes this time to revert its decision. This is public money we're talking about here... and if they are still adamant to instate the ban, well... GOOD AFTERNOON!

**Vive la révolution,  
Mason Haroldson.**

**Dear Independent,**

I saw the SHG public announcement regarding users of Starlink satellite internet service and how from 1<sup>st</sup> November users will have to unplug their systems.

It seems unfortunate that SHG should complain about anyone using their own money to make a choice of which service they choose to use, I can only imagine it is because the existing licence has been extended while the government fibre network is being built. (Big yawn :0)

I don't have a Starlink system at the moment, but I am planning to get one because I don't believe the islands fibre network will ever be able to deliver fast internet to my remote location here in Sandy Bay. They would have to bring a fibre cable up 1.5KM for just one connection, and I don't think anyone especially our cash strapped Government will want to foot the bill for that.

I have had some interesting conversations with many people lately and one of the most common misconceptions is that the fibre network will be faster than any satellite system could offer, think again – Starlink is to start moving to 1GBPS in approx. 12 months & has plans to reach 10GBPS which is faster than virtually all terrestrial ISPs can manage.

Their new Texas factory will be producing 1.5 million systems per month and they are gearing up for launching 120 satellites per month. If and when SHG give their blessing to SpaceX for the official use of Starlink on St Helena the price will drop to less than the £50.00 per month we were told we would pay for our fibre connection because we are geographically classed as part of the African region and they get a discount off normal developed world prices.

Amazon is also planning a satellite service 'project Kuiper' it will offer 1GBPS. Competition between these two heavy weights will over time drive prices even lower.

Please Mr SHG never sign my ass up to an exclusive service agreement again...ever

**Gregory Cairns-Wicks**

# Anything About Fishing



In response to what was a simple 'thank you' to the island's community in the local papers a few weeks ago, last week's media publications published confusion from a few. It is worth stating that Saints Tuna Corporation has not, and never has received any enquiries for factual information with regard to last week's media content within The Independent Newspaper's 'Opinions'. Saints Tuna Corporation is always available for comment and information and can be obtained by contacting STC on 22333.

Firstly, celebrating milestones and achievements and thanking those entities on island & the 'relevant people' in Government who have been working closely with us, is something we will continue to do.

It has become apparent that the *main point of contention* for those who have been opposed to Saints Tuna Corporation is the absence of 'The Iron Maiden' research vessel which was recently fully refurbished and has been scrutinised to a standard that is not even applicable on Saint Helena. Some demands are not even a requirement under the current Island Ordinances. It is also worth stating that not a single vessel currently active on SH waters are held to the same standards and requirements. In fact, not a single vessel has received a full survey for over 5 years and certainly would not pass any Marine & Coastguard Agency (MCA) audit.

The Iron Maiden PASSED the survey which was implemented by 'Bureau Veritas' in accordance with MCA guidelines, yet was not given an opportunity to rectify any of its alleged "non-conformances." No dialogue from SHG to STC was entered into before the rejection or failure was communicated. This is highly unusual as any Bureau Veritas survey would communicate any non-conformances with their client and an agreed time frame to rectify any necessary implementations would be the norm. Why has STC not been informed by SHG nor been given any opportunity to conform to any of its additional requirements?

Considerable time, money and effort has been spent, ensuring that the Iron Maiden is totally fit for service and fit for purpose. In the process of its refit to be fit for purpose, in excess of GBP 500,000 has been spent on its refrigeration systems, electronics, accommodation, hull integrity and mechanics. The MCA survey process alone cost more than GBP 50,000. The Iron Maiden is safe, able & ready to serve the island in its research and extension of the islands Fishing Industry, going forward. The island's benefit is simply waiting for Government's recommendations and or approval.

We are constantly committed to supply an offshore vessel/s for EXPLORATORY research which will supply data for SHG to then allocate the appropriate fishing quotas. Only with Government's permissions, can anyone justify further investment into fit for purpose vessels. Only with Government's allocation of quota can justification be given to future investment.

Secondly, there has been constant confusion and misrepresentation with regard to the 500 thousand pounds spent on refurbishing the Fisheries Factory. Saints Tuna Corporation has never received a single penny for its own account. SHG allocated these funds to refurbish the old and defective factory which is their asset & which they own 100%. The factory nor any of its fixtures are owned by the directors of Saints Tuna Corporation.

It is crucial for the people of Saint Helena to realise that SHG has not been required to pay any subsidies to Saints Tuna Corporation Fisheries since the 1<sup>st</sup> of

## OPEN & DEBATE

June 2021, a period of 26 months. The previous Fisheries entity was receiving monthly Government subsidies of approximately GBP 20,000-25,000 per month, in order to remain operational. As a result of the SHG asset refurbishment, SHG has already saved more than GBP 500,000 in subsidies which were previously required. In addition, this same refurbishment grant also secured the majority shareholding in STC for its local partners, the fishermen.

Lastly, in response to 'Opinions' in last week's Independent, specifically with regard to the local market and supply of affordable fish, which is most important, STC has always made its number one priority to supply all of our local customers' requirements and process their orders as we receive them. When 3-4t of product is landed from Bonaparte Sea Mount the local market orders are processed and delivered first. It is only surplus product which is blast frozen and containerised for export. The same process is initiated with any volume received from local inshore fishermen. Local orders are catered for as a priority before any surplus fish is blast frozen for export.

In closing, external audits, judicial reviews and Scrutiny Committees are all most welcome, and encouraged. The beauty about the truth & transparency is that it defends itself.

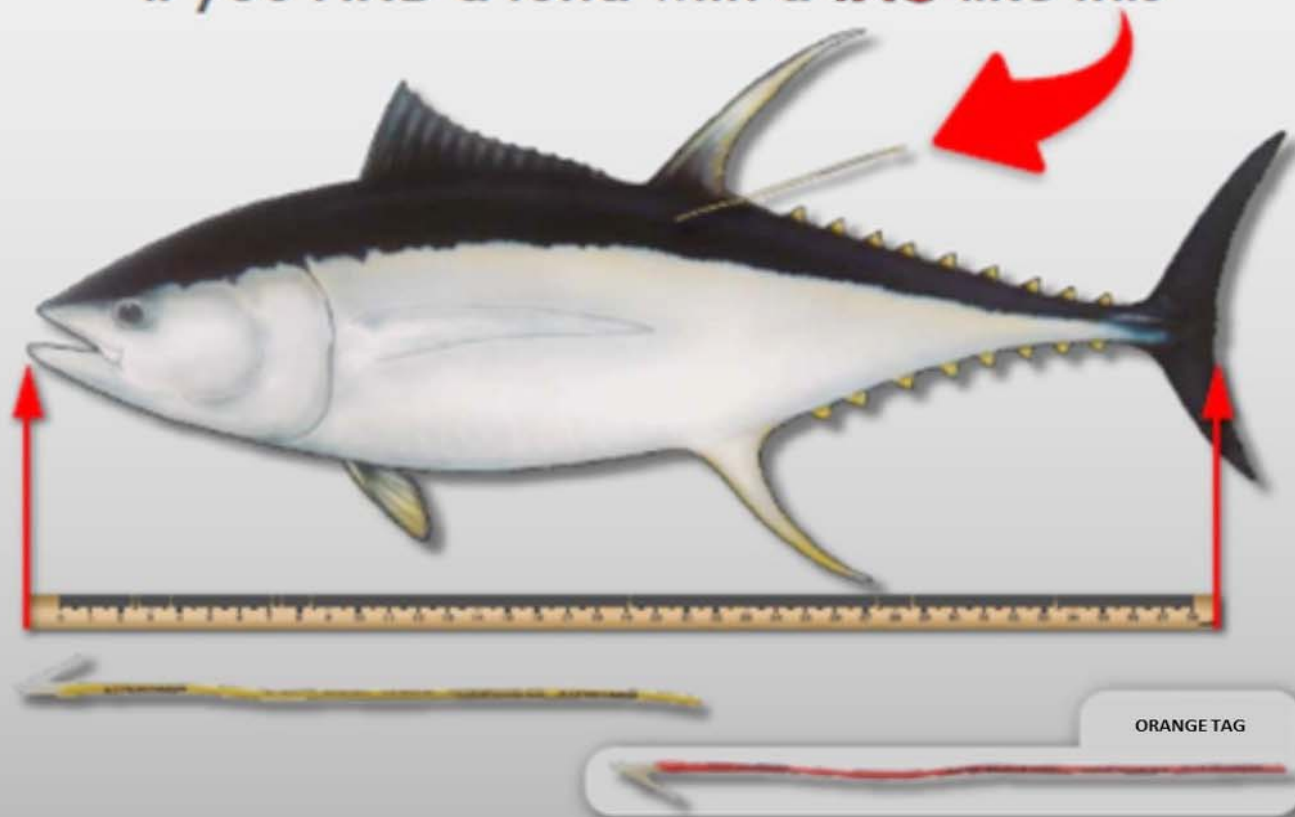
Saints Tuna Corporation will remain non-confrontational and be happy to respond to all public queries going forward.





# REWARD

If you FIND a tuna with a **TAG** like this



**PLEASE CONTACT** Marine Fisheries and Conservation Section on 25966 or Marine Centre, The Wharf with the **TAG CODE, FISH LENGTH** and **DATE & LOCATION CAUGHT**

**For each tagged fish you will get:**

- Yellow tags (conventional) **£10**  
Please return both tags if fish is double tagged
- Orange tags (conventional + electronic)
  - Internal DST tag **£100**
  - Satellite tag **£100**



# REWARD



If you find a grouper (jack) or a lobster (stump or crayfish) with a tag.

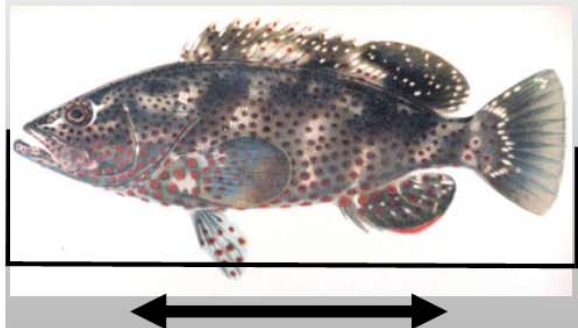
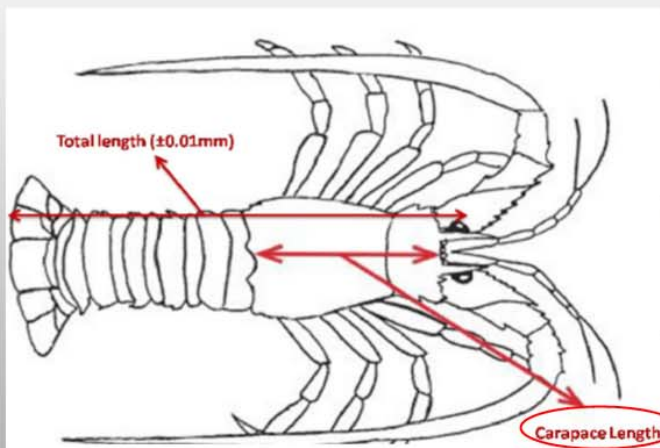
**Please contact:** Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section on 25966, or drop into the Marine Centre, The Wharf.

Grouper tag (yellow) **£5**

Lobster tag (green) **£5**

When you catch a tagged fish or lobster you will also need to record the following information to collect the reward:

- Date
- Location
- Tag ID (please provide both tags when fish is double tagged)
- Length of species
- Grouper (total length)
- Lobster (carapace / gearbox length)
- Any additional data, such as weight, is appreciated.



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The Cloud Forest Project Team are proud to invite you to:

## The launch of the Cloud Forest Education Pack

At the Museum of St Helena

16th August 2023

10:00—12:00

Come along to view the Education Pack and  
participate in children's activities with the St Helena National Trust.

All are welcome.



# St Helena Cloud Forest Project update: April - June 2023

## What is the St Helena Cloud Forest Project?

The St Helena Cloud Forest Project is a highly collaborative multi-year project working to implement the Peaks Management Plan for St Helena's 'Peaks National Park'; a globally significant area for biodiversity which is also vital for St Helena's long-term water security. Key actions across the first four years of the project include monitoring and research to inform and secure the island's water security and climate change adaptation efforts; improving, restoring and creating cloud forest habitat to increase areas for mist capture and ensure the conservation of associated species; and supporting the sustainable development of St Helena by developing opportunities through ecotourism, education, sustainable land use and conservation training.



## What happened under each pillar?

### Biodiversity

- At Scotland and the Peaks, there was pause on propagation and planting this quarter to plan and test methods to deep clean the nurseries to ensure they are pathogen free before re-starting propagation. In May the team attended a Forest Research webinar on pathogen risk in nurseries.
- Two new sites were identified to establish 'clean' living gene banks for cloud forest species, and areas were also identified for wild fern collection to support restoration targets. Pathogen testing will be completed.
- The Peaks team continued maintenance works at important restoration sites at Taylors, Cabbage Tree Road and Wells, and due to poor weather also carried out contingency work such as infrastructure maintenance and repair, and path buffer work removing 250m of invasive pheasant tail fern outside of the restricted zone.
- Seed collection of Peaks species for storage and propagation, and fern micro-propagation activities, are on-going
- At the St Helena National Trust the annual invertebrate monitoring was completed after weather delays, and data entry and analysis commenced. Scoping for Golden Sail Spider monitoring also started. The invasive invert team focused on invasive monitoring and control trials.
- Training sessions on invertebrate ID were carried out, and the Trust team also received training on freshwater invertebrate survey techniques.



Additional Automatic Weather Station at the Depot

### Water security and climate change

- Monthly climate data from the seven automatic weather stations and four pairs of mist and rain gauges was collected. Water level and flow monitoring continued.
- An additional automatic weather station was installed at the Depot, meaning there are now three within the National Park and eight across St Helena in total. Real-time data from the stations can be accessed via: <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/> (pan to St Helena).
- A water balance report was drafted incorporating data from rainfall, mist, surface and groundwater datasets covering 2019- 2022, as well as water chemistry and geophysical datasets from 2022.

### Socio-economic

- RSPB Project Coordinator Shayla Ellick completed a 3-week UK exposure visit where she met and worked with colleagues at RSPB and partners at CABI, FERA Science, the NHM, CEH, Royal Botanic Gardens at Edinburgh and Kew.
- SHG's Nursery Officer Vanessa Thomas-Williams, and RSPB Project Coordinator Shayla Ellick took part in a weeklong knowledge exchange trip with the Darwin funded Taita Hills cloud forest project, with valuable learning shared and gained on both sides.
- The St Helena National Trust held an arts and crafts competition for Insect week in June.
- Work commenced on resources for secondary education on St Helena's cloud forest
- Uni of Westminster MSc media students dedicated their final year project to a virtual display on the cloud forest. A trailer can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/-43gNq90wDI>

Taita Hills cloud forest





# St Helena Cloud Forest Project update: April - June 2023

## Update on pathogens

- The St Helena Government prohibited public access to critical areas of the Peaks National Park including the cloud forest from 11 April until December 2023 to help to prevent the further spread of the pathogens.
- Pathogen testing and monitoring continues, and research and mitigation measures such as soil sterilisation are on-going. Some Cloud Forest Project priority conservation works and infrastructure maintenance have been allowed access to continue.
- A workshop was held on 22 June bringing together the various pathogen-related workstreams. As a result of the presentations delivered on the day, all those involved in pathogen research, response and management are now up to date in terms of what each workstream is doing. St Helena Government will be holding public information sessions in the coming months.

## What's coming up July - September 2023?

- Limited propagation re-started for pathogen trials, living gene banks and restoration work.
- Maintenance of restored habitat, invasive clearance works, and infrastructure repairs will continue on the Peaks, at living gene banks and the Scotland nursery.
- Further trials of fern propagation within the new micro-propagation lab will take place.
- UK exposure visits for St Helena Research Institute Coordinator and St Helena National Trust's Education Officer.
- Project 2022-23 annual report to be published
- Data analysis and drafting of invertebrate survey reports
- Pilot aerial mapping of cloud forest habitat to assess tree health, pathogen spread and habitat expansion.

## Project Outreach

- The project was [represented at a Parliamentary reception](#) held by St Helena Government on 17 May to celebrate St Helena's Blue & Green Agenda.
- A project webpage has been launched on the RSPB website: [RSPB project webpage live](#)
- A short film on the CFP was presented to all RSPB staff at the bi-annual organization wide update
- A project update has been included in RSPB's Saving Nature report. Project included in RSPB's Saving Nature 2022 report ([rspb-saving-nature-in-2022-report.pdf](#))
- The final article in a series written for Getaway Magazine was printed and made available online in May: [Nature-based solutions: water from the forest \(getaway.co.za\)](#)
- St Helena and the Peaks National Park was represented by St Helena Tourism at: We Are Africa trade show (Cape Town, May 2023); promotional event at Cape Town Aquarium (May 2023); Experience Africa trade show (London, June 2023); The Africa Hub promotional event (June 2023). In total over 180 operators and agents were reached face to face. Over 100 operators were reached through monthly online destination training delivered by SHG's Head of Visitor Services through the [www.theafricahub.co.uk](#) website.
- St Helena National Trust promoted Insect Week on social media including their competition and information on Cloud Forest bugs. Radio interviews and a walk-in session for the public also.
- The project continues to be promoted on social media, see our Twitter and Facebook links below.
- Watch the Cloud Forest project films on YouTube:
  - o Biodiversity <https://youtu.be/8xB9VxD1PiY>
  - o Water Security <https://youtu.be/-tMwOD1eKn0>
  - o Socio-Economic <https://youtu.be/oLOdEOLj2Eo>
  - o Partners Involved [https://youtu.be/C5\\_-lhJd6OA](https://youtu.be/C5_-lhJd6OA)
  - o Capacity-Building <https://youtu.be/ucpOiD9noF0>
  - o Biosecurity <https://youtu.be/IWFDnBHLcAM>



Speakers and guests at the St Helena Government Reception

Follow us on social media:

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Twitter: [StHelenaPeaksNP](#)

For more information about the project please visit our website: <https://www.sthelenatourism.com/st-helenas-cloud-forest-project/> or contact: [shayla.ellick@rspb.org.uk](mailto:shayla.ellick@rspb.org.uk)



## VACANCIES ADVERT



The St Helena Airport is looking to recruit persons for the following posts:

### **IT & CNS TECHNICIAN AND 2 X MAINTENANCE ASSISTANTS**

Job outlines are as follows:

#### **IT & CNS TECHNICIAN**

Applicants must be in possession of:

- COMPTIA A+
- COMPTIA N+
- A comprehensive understanding of software and operating systems
- A comprehensive understanding of computer networks
- Five years' experience within the IT field
- Excellent attention to detail
- Good communication skills, and a strong customer focus
- The ability to prioritise your workload
- Strong problem-solving skills, and the ability to think logically
- The ability to work well in a team

With Cyber Security, Web development experience and experience within CNS operations being desirable.

For more information, please contact Scott Stander, IT & CNS Specialist, on email [scott.stander@sthelenaairport.aero](mailto:scott.stander@sthelenaairport.aero) or on Telephone number 25180 Ext 139.

#### **MAINTENANCE ASSISTANTS**

Applicants must be in possession of:

- General knowledge of building maintenance procedures and relevant skills e.g., plumbing, electrics, decorating
- An understanding of the safe storage of supplies including hazardous materials
- Good interpersonal skills
- Excellent time management and punctuality
- Careful attention to detail

For more information, please contact Marten Fourie, CNS & Maintenance Manager, on email [marten.fourie@sthelenaairport.aero](mailto:marten.fourie@sthelenaairport.aero) or on Telephone number 25180 Ext 139.

If you think you have the relevant qualifications and skills to suit these roles, and would like to receive the job description and application form please contact Elaine Hopkins at the St Helena Airport on Telephone number 25180 Ext 0 or email address [recruitment@sthelenaairport.aero](mailto:recruitment@sthelenaairport.aero)

The closing date for these positions is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023.



# Vacancy

## Business Support Assistant



Salary for the post will commence at £9,600 per annum (£800 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Auto Shop Department for a Business Support Assistant.

As Business Support Assistant you will be responsible for providing excellent frontline customer service for the Auto Shop and Transport business, including customer aftercare for services provided, as well as administrative support to the Auto Shop & Transport Manager and the Deputy Auto Shop & Transport Supervisor in the effective operation of the businesses.

### Interested Persons Should:

- Have Maths & English at Grade C or above, or equivalent
- Be customer focused and have excellent frontline customer services skills
- Possess ICT competency, namely in the use of Microsoft Applications and ideally SAGE and Access Dimensions
- Have experience performing administrative duties
- Have cash handling experience
- Possess excellent interpersonal & communication skills
- Be analytical and have a high degree of accuracy and attention to details
- Be target driven and committed to service excellence
- Be able to work independently and use own initiative
- Have the ability to multitask, organise workload and meet tight deadlines
- Have a clean, valid driver's license in classes A & C

### For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:

Ian Gough, General Manager (Services & Properties) via ☎ 22380 ✉ [GM-Services.Properties@solomons.co.sh](mailto:GM-Services.Properties@solomons.co.sh)

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via [gina.benjamin@solomons.co.sh](mailto:gina.benjamin@solomons.co.sh) and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by 08 August 2023.

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- ☛ Pension Contributions
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- ☛ Staff Discounts

# Vacancy

## Mechanic



Salary for the post will commence at £10,200 per annum (£850 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Auto Shop Department for a Mechanic.

As a Mechanic you will be responsible for ensuring that all work is completed by specified deadlines, and that the quality of the work carried out meets the required standards on a consistent basis.

### Interested Persons Should:

- Have knowledge and experience in the automobile mechanical field and able to carry out mechanical repairs and maintenance tasks on a variety of vehicle types including welding and body work repairs
- A proven track record of working on Heavy Goods Vehicles
- Be in possession of a diagnostics certification and/or have recognised industry software diagnostics competence
- Able to perform manual handling and physically demanding duties
- Be literate in Maths, English & ICT
- Possess health and safety awareness when working in a high risk environment
- Have a customer focused approach with excellent customer service skills
- Have good problem solving skills and the ability to use own initiative
- Have a clean, valid driver's license
- Be flexible to work outside of normal working hours as and when required

### For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:

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# Premier League Fixtures

## 2023/24 Season

All times are shown in GMT.

### Friday 11 August 2023

19:00 Burnley v Man City

### Saturday 12 August 2023

11:30 Arsenal v Nott'm Forest  
14:00 AFC Bournemouth v West Ham  
14:00 Brighton v Luton Town  
14:00 Everton v Fulham  
14:00 Sheff Utd v Crystal Palace  
17:30 Newcastle v Aston Villa

### Sunday 13 August 2023

13:00 Brentford v Spurs  
15:30 Chelsea v Liverpool

### Monday 14 August 2023

19:00 Man Utd v Wolves

### Friday 18 August 2023

18:45 Nott'm Forest v Sheff Utd

### Saturday 19 August 2023

14:00 Fulham v Brentford  
14:00 Liverpool v AFC Bournemouth  
14:00 Luton Town P-P Burnley  
14:00 Wolves v Brighton  
16:30 Spurs v Man Utd  
19:00 Man City v Newcastle

### Sunday 20 August 2023

13:00 Aston Villa v Everton  
15:30 West Ham v Chelsea

### Monday 21 August 2023

19:00 Crystal Palace v Arsenal

### Friday 25 August 2023

19:00 Chelsea v Luton Town

### Saturday 26 August 2023

11:30 AFC Bournemouth v Spurs  
14:00 Arsenal v Fulham  
14:00 Brentford v Crystal Palace  
14:00 Everton v Wolves  
14:00 Man Utd v Nott'm Forest  
16:30 Brighton v West Ham

### Sunday 27 August 2023

13:00 Burnley v Aston Villa\*  
13:00 Sheff Utd v Man City  
15:30 Newcastle v Liverpool  
*\*Moved due to Aston Villa's participation in the Conference League playoffs the preceding Thursday*

### Friday 1 September 2023

19:00 Luton Town v West Ham\*  
*\*Will move to Sunday 3 September, 12:00 BST, if Luton are scheduled to play in the League Cup the preceding Wednesday*

### Saturday 2 September 2023

11:30 Sheff Utd v Everton

Brentford v AFC Bournemouth

14:00 Burnley v Spurs  
14:00 Chelsea v Nott'm Forest  
14:00 Man City v Fulham  
16:30 Brighton v Newcastle

### Sunday 3 September 2023

13:00 Crystal Palace v Wolves  
13:00 Liverpool v Aston Villa\*  
*\*Moved due to Aston Villa's participation in the Conference League playoffs the preceding Thursday*  
16:30 Arsenal v Man Utd

### Saturday 16 September 2023

11:30 Wolves v Liverpool  
14:00 Aston Villa v Crystal Palace  
14:00 Fulham v Luton Town  
14:00 Man Utd v Brighton  
14:00 Spurs v Sheff Utd  
14:00 West Ham v Man City  
16:30 Everton v Arsenal\*

*\*Subject to movement dependent upon the participation of Premier League clubs in the Champions League the following Tuesday*

### Sunday 17 September 2023

13:00 AFC Bournemouth v Chelsea  
15:30 Newcastle v Brentford\*  
*\*Subject to movement dependent upon the participation of Premier League clubs in the Champions League the following Tuesday*

### Monday 18 September 2023

18:45 Nott'm Forest v Burnley

### Saturday 23 September 2023

14:00 Chelsea v Aston Villa  
14:00 Crystal Palace v Fulham  
14:00 Luton Town v Wolves  
14:00 Man City v Nott'm Forest  
16:30 Brentford v Everton  
19:00 Burnley v Man Utd

### Sunday 24 September 2023

13:00 Arsenal v Spurs  
13:00 Brighton v AFC Bournemouth\*  
*\*Moved due to Brighton's participation in the Europa League the preceding Thursday*  
13:00 Liverpool v West Ham\*\*  
*\*\*Moved due to both clubs' participation in the Europa League the preceding Thursday*  
15:30 Sheff Utd v Newcastle

### Saturday 30 September 2023

11:30 Aston Villa v Brighton  
14:00 AFC Bournemouth v Arsenal  
14:00 Everton v Luton Town  
14:00 Man Utd v Crystal Palace  
14:00 Newcastle v Burnley  
14:00 West Ham v Sheff Utd  
14:00 Wolves v Man City  
16:30 Spurs v Liverpool

### Sunday 1 October 2023

13:00 Nott'm Forest v Brentford

### Monday 2 October 2023

19:00 Fulham v Chelsea

### Saturday 7 October 2023

14:00 Arsenal v Man City  
14:00 Brighton v Liverpool  
14:00 Burnley v Chelsea  
14:00 Crystal Palace v Nott'm Forest  
14:00 Everton v AFC Bournemouth  
14:00 Fulham v Sheff Utd  
14:00 Luton Town v Spurs  
14:00 Man Utd v Brentford  
14:00 West Ham v Newcastle  
14:00 Wolves v Aston Villa

### Saturday 21 October 2023

14:00 AFC Bournemouth v Wolves  
14:00 Aston Villa v West Ham  
14:00 Brentford v Burnley  
14:00 Chelsea v Arsenal  
14:00 Liverpool v Everton  
14:00 Man City v Brighton  
14:00 Newcastle v Crystal Palace  
14:00 Nott'm Forest v Luton Town  
14:00 Sheff Utd v Man Utd  
14:00 Spurs v Fulham

### Saturday 28 October 2023

14:00 AFC Bournemouth v Burnley  
14:00 Arsenal v Sheff Utd  
14:00 Aston Villa v Luton Town  
14:00 Brighton v Fulham  
14:00 Chelsea v Brentford  
14:00 Crystal Palace v Spurs  
14:00 Liverpool v Nott'm Forest  
14:00 Man Utd v Man City  
14:00 West Ham v Everton  
14:00 Wolves v Newcastle

### Saturday 4 November 2023

15:00 Brentford v West Ham  
15:00 Burnley v Crystal Palace  
15:00 Everton v Brighton  
15:00 Fulham v Man Utd  
15:00 Luton Town v Liverpool  
15:00 Man City v AFC Bournemouth  
15:00 Newcastle v Arsenal  
15:00 Nott'm Forest v Aston Villa  
15:00 Sheff Utd v Wolves  
15:00 Spurs v Chelsea

### Saturday 11 November 2023

15:00 Bournemouth v Newcastle  
15:00 Arsenal v Burnley  
15:00 Aston Villa v Fulham  
15:00 Brighton v Sheff Utd  
15:00 Chelsea v Man City  
15:00 Crystal Palace v Everton  
15:00 Liverpool v Brentford  
15:00 Man Utd v Luton Town  
15:00 West Ham v Nott'm Forest  
15:00 Wolves v Spurs

### Saturday 25 November 2023

15:00 Brentford v Arsenal

15:00 Burnley v West Ham

15:00 Everton v Man Utd  
15:00 Fulham v Wolves  
15:00 Luton Town v Crystal Palace  
15:00 Man City v Liverpool  
15:00 Newcastle v Chelsea  
15:00 Nott'm Forest v Brighton  
15:00 Sheff Utd v AFC Bournemouth  
15:00 Spurs v Aston Villa

### Saturday 2 December 2023

15:00 AFC Bournemouth v Aston Villa  
15:00 Arsenal v Wolves  
15:00 Brentford v Luton Town  
15:00 Burnley v Sheff Utd  
15:00 Chelsea v Brighton  
15:00 Liverpool v Fulham  
15:00 Man City v Spurs  
15:00 Newcastle v Man Utd  
15:00 Nott'm Forest v Everton  
15:00 West Ham v Crystal Palace

### Tuesday 5 December 2023

19:45 Aston Villa v Man City  
19:45 Brighton v Brentford  
19:45 Everton v Newcastle  
19:45 Fulham v Nott'm Forest  
19:45 Luton Town v Arsenal  
19:45 Sheff Utd v Liverpool  
19:45 Spurs v West Ham  
19:45 Wolves v Burnley  
20:00 Crystal Palace v Bournemouth

### Wednesday 6 December 2023

19:00 Man Utd v Chelsea

### Saturday 9 December 2023

15:00 Aston Villa v Arsenal  
15:00 Brighton v Burnley  
15:00 Crystal Palace v Liverpool  
15:00 Everton v Chelsea  
15:00 Fulham v West Ham  
15:00 Luton Town v Man City  
15:00 Man Utd v AFC Bournemouth  
15:00 Sheff Utd v Brentford  
15:00 Spurs v Newcastle  
15:00 Wolves v Nott'm Forest

### Saturday 16 December 2023

15:00 AFC Bournemouth v Luton Town  
15:00 Arsenal v Brighton  
15:00 Brentford v Aston Villa  
15:00 Burnley v Everton  
15:00 Chelsea v Sheff Utd  
15:00 Liverpool v Man Utd  
15:00 Man City v Crystal Palace  
15:00 Newcastle v Fulham  
15:00 Nott'm Forest v Spurs  
15:00 West Ham v Wolves

### Saturday 23 December 2023

15:00 Aston Villa v Sheff Utd  
15:00 Crystal Palace v Brighton  
15:00 Fulham v Burnley  
15:00 Liverpool v Arsenal  
15:00 Luton Town v Newcastle  
15:00 Man City P-P Brentford  
15:00 Nott'm Forest v Bournemouth





# Premier League Fixtures

## 2023/24 Season

15:00 Spurs v Everton  
15:00 West Ham v Man Utd  
15:00 Wolves v Chelsea

### Tuesday 26 December 2023

19:45 AFC Bournemouth v Fulham  
19:45 Arsenal v West Ham  
19:45 Brentford v Wolves  
19:45 Brighton v Spurs  
19:45 Burnley v Liverpool  
19:45 Chelsea v Crystal Palace  
19:45 Everton v Man City  
19:45 Man Utd v Aston Villa  
19:45 Newcastle v Nott'm Forest  
19:45 Sheff Utd v Luton Town

### Saturday 30 December 2023

15:00 Aston Villa v Burnley  
15:00 Crystal Palace v Brentford  
15:00 Fulham v Arsenal  
15:00 Liverpool v Newcastle  
15:00 Luton Town v Chelsea  
15:00 Man City v Sheff Utd  
15:00 Nott'm Forest v Man Utd  
15:00 Spurs v AFC Bournemouth  
15:00 West Ham v Brighton  
15:00 Wolves v Everton

### Saturday 13 January 2024\*

15:00 Bournemouth v Liverpool  
15:00 Arsenal v Crystal Palace  
15:00 Brentford v Nott'm Forest  
15:00 Brighton v Wolves  
15:00 Burnley v Luton Town  
15:00 Chelsea v Fulham  
15:00 Everton v Aston Villa  
15:00 Man Utd v Spurs  
15:00 Newcastle v Man City  
15:00 Sheff Utd v West Ham

*\*Fixtures to be split across weekends of 13 & 20 January*

### Tuesday 30 January 2024

19:45 Aston Villa v Newcastle  
19:45 Fulham v Everton  
19:45 Luton Town v Brighton  
19:45 Nott'm Forest v Arsenal  
19:45 Spurs v Brentford  
19:45 West Ham v Bournemouth  
19:45 Wolves v Man Utd  
20:00 Crystal Palace v Sheff Utd

### Wednesday 31 January 2024

20:00 Liverpool v Chelsea  
20:00 Man City v Burnley

### Saturday 3 February 2024

15:00 Bournemouth v Nott'm Forest  
15:00 Arsenal v Liverpool  
15:00 Brentford v Man City  
15:00 Brighton v Crystal Palace  
15:00 Burnley v Fulham  
15:00 Chelsea v Wolves  
15:00 Everton v Spurs  
15:00 Man Utd v West Ham  
15:00 Newcastle v Luton Town  
15:00 Sheff Utd v Aston Villa

### Saturday 10 February 2024

15:00 Aston Villa v Man Utd  
15:00 Crystal Palace v Chelsea  
15:00 Fulham v AFC Bournemouth

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15:00 Liverpool v Burnley  
15:00 Luton Town v Sheff Utd  
15:00 Man City v Everton  
15:00 Nott'm Forest v Newcastle  
15:00 Spurs v Brighton  
15:00 West Ham v Arsenal  
15:00 Wolves v Brentford

### Saturday 17 February 2024

15:00 Brentford v Liverpool  
15:00 Burnley v Arsenal  
15:00 Everton v Crystal Palace  
15:00 Fulham v Aston Villa  
15:00 Luton Town v Man Utd  
15:00 Man City v Chelsea  
15:00 Newcastle v AFC Bournemouth  
15:00 Nott'm Forest v West Ham  
15:00 Sheff Utd v Brighton  
15:00 Spurs v Wolves

### Saturday 24 February 2024

15:00 AFC Bournemouth v Man City  
15:00 Arsenal v Newcastle  
15:00 Aston Villa v Nott'm Forest  
15:00 Brighton v Everton  
15:00 Chelsea v Spurs  
15:00 Crystal Palace v Burnley  
15:00 Liverpool v Luton Town  
15:00 Man Utd v Fulham  
15:00 West Ham v Brentford  
15:00 Wolves v Sheff Utd

### Saturday 2 March 2024

15:00 Brentford v Chelsea  
15:00 Burnley v AFC Bournemouth  
15:00 Everton v West Ham  
15:00 Fulham v Brighton  
15:00 Luton Town v Aston Villa  
15:00 Man City v Man Utd  
15:00 Newcastle v Wolves  
15:00 Nott'm Forest v Liverpool  
15:00 Sheff Utd v Arsenal  
15:00 Spurs v Crystal Palace

### Saturday 9 March 2024

15:00 AFC Bournemouth v Sheff Utd  
15:00 Arsenal v Brentford  
15:00 Aston Villa v Spurs  
15:00 Brighton v Nott'm Forest  
15:00 Chelsea v Newcastle  
15:00 Crystal Palace v Luton Town  
15:00 Liverpool v Man City  
15:00 Man Utd v Everton  
15:00 West Ham v Burnley  
15:00 Wolves v Fulham

### Saturday 16 March 2024

15:00 Arsenal v Chelsea  
15:00 Brighton v Man City  
15:00 Burnley v Brentford

15:00 Crystal Palace v Newcastle  
15:00 Everton v Liverpool  
15:00 Fulham v Spurs  
15:00 Luton Town v Nott'm Forest  
15:00 Man Utd v Sheff Utd  
15:00 West Ham v Aston Villa  
15:00 Wolves v AFC Bournemouth

### Saturday 30 March 2024

15:00 AFC Bournemouth v Everton  
15:00 Aston Villa v Wolves  
15:00 Brentford v Man Utd  
15:00 Chelsea v Burnley  
15:00 Liverpool v Brighton  
15:00 Man City v Arsenal  
15:00 Newcastle v West Ham  
15:00 Nott'm Forest v Crystal Palace  
15:00 Sheff Utd v Fulham  
15:00 Spurs v Luton Town

### Tuesday 2 April 2024

18:45 Bournemouth v Crystal Palace  
18:45 Arsenal v Luton Town  
18:45 Brentford v Brighton  
18:45 Burnley v Wolves  
18:45 Nott'm Forest v Fulham  
18:45 West Ham v Spurs

### Wednesday 3 April 2024

18:45 Chelsea v Man Utd  
18:45 Newcastle v Everton  
19:00 Liverpool v Sheff Utd  
19:00 Man City v Aston Villa

### Saturday 6 April 2024

14:00 Aston Villa v Brentford  
14:00 Brighton v Arsenal  
14:00 Crystal Palace v Man City  
14:00 Everton v Burnley  
14:00 Fulham v Newcastle  
14:00 Luton Town v Bournemouth  
14:00 Man Utd v Liverpool  
14:00 Sheff Utd v Chelsea  
14:00 Spurs v Nott'm Forest  
14:00 Wolves v West Ham

### Saturday 13 April 2024

14:00 AFC Bournemouth v Man Utd  
14:00 Arsenal v Aston Villa  
14:00 Brentford v Sheff Utd  
14:00 Burnley v Brighton  
14:00 Chelsea v Everton  
14:00 Liverpool v Crystal Palace  
14:00 Man City v Luton Town  
14:00 Newcastle v Spurs  
14:00 Nott'm Forest v Wolves  
14:00 West Ham v Fulham

### Saturday 20 April 2024

14:00 Aston Villa v Bournemouth  
14:00 Brighton v Chelsea  
14:00 Crystal Palace v West Ham  
14:00 Everton v Nott'm Forest  
14:00 Fulham v Liverpool  
14:00 Luton Town v Brentford  
14:00 Man Utd v Newcastle  
14:00 Sheff Utd v Burnley  
14:00 Spurs v Man City  
14:00 Wolves v Arsenal

### Saturday 27 April 2024

14:00 Bournemouth v Brighton  
14:00 Aston Villa v Chelsea  
14:00 Everton v Brentford  
14:00 Fulham v Crystal Palace  
14:00 Man Utd v Burnley  
14:00 Newcastle v Sheff Utd  
14:00 Nott'm Forest v Man City  
14:00 Spurs v Arsenal  
14:00 West Ham v Liverpool  
14:00 Wolves v Luton Town

### Saturday 4 May 2024

14:00 Arsenal v AFC Bournemouth  
14:00 Brentford v Fulham  
14:00 Brighton v Aston Villa  
14:00 Burnley v Newcastle  
14:00 Chelsea v West Ham  
14:00 Crystal Palace v Man Utd  
14:00 Liverpool v Spurs  
14:00 Luton Town v Everton  
14:00 Man City v Wolves  
14:00 Sheff Utd v Nott'm Forest

### Saturday 11 May 2024

14:00 Bournemouth v Brentford  
14:00 Aston Villa v Liverpool  
14:00 Everton v Sheff Utd  
14:00 Fulham v Man City  
14:00 Man Utd v Arsenal  
14:00 Newcastle v Brighton  
14:00 Nott'm Forest v Chelsea  
14:00 Spurs v Burnley  
14:00 West Ham v Luton Town  
14:00 Wolves v Crystal Palace

### Sunday 19 May 2024

14:00 Arsenal v Everton  
14:00 Brentford v Newcastle  
14:00 Brighton v Man Utd  
14:00 Burnley v Nott'm Forest  
14:00 Chelsea v Bournemouth  
14:00 Crystal Palace v Aston Villa  
14:00 Liverpool v Wolves  
14:00 Luton Town v Fulham  
14:00 Man City v West Ham  
14:00 Sheff Utd v Spurs



Dates to be confirmed of the following matches:

Luton v Burnley

Man City v Brentford

## These fixtures are subject to change

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## Destination Marketing Officer (£11,542 per annum – fixed term two years)

*Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a new opportunity or to progress your career? Do you have excellent interpersonal skills, a love of St Helena Island, and a keen creative eye? We're looking for an individual to help the island thrive by marketing and promoting St Helena as a great place to visit, helping to recover and strengthen visitor revenues for the island. This fixed-term post supports the Tourism Development Programme, delivering the Tourism Recovery Strategy and St Helena Tourism brand. The successful candidate will be involved in all aspects of tourism marketing and promotion.*

**Enquiries:** Emma Weaver [emma.weaver@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:emma.weaver@sainthelena.gov.sh)  
**Closing date:** 15 August 2023

## Programme Manager (£18,508 per annum)

We're looking for an experienced project/programme manager to join the Programme Management Office to help the island thrive by successfully delivering change through effective programme management.

**Enquiries:** Paul Cherrett on 22270  
**Closing date:** 18 August 2023

## Building Maintenance Support Assistant (£7,341 per annum)

The Building Maintenance team is looking for an individual to help the provide effective administrative support to ensure the smooth running of Building Maintenance Section and deliver a high quality, customer focused service.

**Enquiries:** Theron Henry on 25722  
**Closing date:** 18 August 2023

### Benefits

**Leave** – 25/30 days leave per annum, according to grade, plus public holidays

**Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

**Training and Development**

**Paid sickness absence**

### How to apply

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## Female Support Workers

**Full & Part Time - £9,810 per annum pro rata**

*and*

**Casual hours – £5.39 per hour** (no other benefits will apply)

*Would you like to make a positive difference to a child's life?*

Do you feel you can be responsible for the provision of quality care and protection for children of all ages in the Children's Residential Home?

We have both permanent and casual roles available, so there is opportunity to work flexibly in this critical role around your personal / family commitments.

Contact us for a discussion and to learn more about the opportunities.

**Enquiries: Rosie Flatman on 25936**

**Closing date: 11 August 2023**

## Community Health Care Assistant (£7,341 per annum)

As Community Health Care Assistant you will be required to work under the direction and supervision of qualified staff to carry out a wide range of duties in health and personal care in order to care for, support and provide information to patients and families within a Clinic or home environment as part of the Community Nursing team.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries: Jackie Henry on 22500**

**Closing date: 15 August 2023**

### Benefits

**Leave** – 25/30 days leave per annum, according to grade, plus public holidays

**Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

### Training and Development

### *Paid sickness absence*

### How to apply

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### Tourism Officer (1-year Fixed Term) (£13,948 per annum)

*Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress your career?*

Do you also have excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to develop productive relationships with tourism stakeholders? If so, the Sustainable Development Section has an opportunity for you to join their team. Tourism is one of St Helena's key economic drivers.

You will be involved in promotions, marketing and product development, raising awareness about the island whilst ensuring its attractions and services are improved to help ensure a quality visitor experience.

**Enquiries: Matthew Joshua on 22158**

**Closing date: 04 August 2023**

### Inclusion Manager (£18,508 per annum)

We're looking for a strong Leader with excellent written and verbal communication skills and the ability to relate to a range of audiences including children, parents, teachers, senior managers and personnel focusing on improving outcomes for children and young people.

The Inclusion Manager is responsible for working in close partnership with internal and external partners and agencies to ensure a creative and consistent approach to Inclusion, Safeguarding and Special Education Needs (SEN) provision to ensure that the curriculum is designed to meet the individual needs of pupils with SEND.

**Enquiries: Kerry Lawrence on 22607**

**Closing date: 01 August 2023**

### Benefits

**Leave** – 25/30 days leave per annum, according to grade, plus public holidays

**Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

### Training and Development

### Paid sickness absence

### How to apply

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### Kitchen Support Worker (£7,341 per annum)

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is looking for a motivated individual who will be responsible for the Hospital Kitchen by ensuring that meals distributed by the Central Kitchen at the Community Care Complex are collected and distributed to the Hospital inpatients in a timely and effective manner, and to keep the Hospital Kitchen and serving area clean.

You will also be required to prepare breakfast, tea, supper, light meals and plating of meals for inpatients. You will be required to work on a shift basis, Monday to Sunday 7-3pm.

**Enquiries: Diana Chambers on 23090**  
**Closing date: 08 August 2023**

### Senior HR Project Manager (2-year fixed term, £23,552 per annum)

Are you an experienced, self-motivated Senior HR professional, capable of supporting our busy central HR and OD team, leading the delivery and implementation of some key HR projects?

In this rewarding newly-created pivotal role, you will be putting in place some significant projects, supporting our people foundations and building blocks towards organisational transformation. Owning two specific priority projects (roll-out of organisation-wide pay policy and redesign of our code of management) you will also take on smaller projects and contribute to more general HR management issues, e.g. management of complex employee relations cases, recruitment etc.

You will be passionate about the difference 'good HR' can make, and will need to be an experienced, credible, senior HR professional with the ability to build strong and productive relationships.

**Enquiries: Carolyn Nutkins on 22470**  
**Closing Date: 07 August 2023**

#### Benefits

**Leave** – 25/30 days leave per annum, according to grade, plus public holidays

**Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

#### Training and Development

#### Paid sickness absence

#### How to apply

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## **Senior Care Assistant (Ebony View)** **(£9,605 per annum)**

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is seeking to employ a highly motivated individual with experience in working with service users with challenging behavior to be a Senior Care Assistant at Ebony View.

You will have strong leadership skills with the ability to mentor junior staff. You could also be required to work within other areas within Social Care at the same level.

**Enquiries: Jay Espinosa on 23343**  
**Closing date: 10 August 2023**

## **Care Assistant (Ebony View)** **(£7,502 per annum)**

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is seeking to recruit Care Assistants to work under the direction of the Unit Manager or Senior Care Assistants to deliver care and well-being to service users in accordance with the individuals Care Plan and Unit rules and guidelines. You may also be required to work within other areas of Social Care at the same level.

**Enquiries: Jay Espinosa on 23343**  
**Closing date: 10 August 2023**

## **Housing Assistant** **(£9,197 per annum)**

If you are a highly motivated individual with excellent communication skills, then here is an opportunity for you to join the team at the Property Section, where you will provide an effective and high quality administrative support to the Housing Management Service.

**Enquiries: Melissa Fowler on 22270**  
**Closing date: 8 August 2023**

### **Benefits**

**Leave** – 25/30 days leave per annum, according to grade, plus public holidays

**Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

### **Training and Development**

### **Paid sickness absence**

### **How to apply**

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## **INVITATION TO TENDER**

### **POULTRY UNITS AND BROODER UNIT**

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit a tender for the following contract:

Renovation & Refurbishment of the Poultry Units and Brooder Unit - Scotland

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from the Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, at Essex House, Jamestown, on telephone no: 22270 or via email: [tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Please note that an additional site visit to view the works will take place on Friday, 4 August 2023, at 10am, meeting at the Poultry Unit, Scotland.

Contractors should note that site visits requested after this date, 4 August 2023, will not be entertained unless there is a relevant reason why the contractor could not attend the scheduled site visit.

Should you require any further details, please contact the Procurement Officer.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Friday, 11 August 2023.

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



## **REGISTRY OF LANDS, ST HELENA**

**4<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

NOTICE is hereby given of an application by Mrs Gwendoline Thomas of Nr the Cistern, Hutts Gate for registration as proprietor of an area of land namely Parcel 344 in the Registration Section for Longwood South. Such application is made by virtue of claimed peaceable, open and uninterrupted possession of said land for a period of at least 15 years.

A copy of the application and a plan of the said land are available for inspection at The Land Registry, Essex House, Jamestown, during normal office hours. Any person who wishes to make representations to the Registrar of Lands as to why this application should not be allowed must do so within 3 calendar months of the date of publication of this notice.

**DUNCAN COOKE, REGISTRAR OF LANDS**

## **INVITATION TO TENDER**

### **SCHOOL BUS SERVICE**

**Reference: EDU-1745-SHG**

St Helena Government has issued an Invitation to Tender for the Management and Operation of the School Bus Service.

The Service shall consist of Managing and Operating the School Bus Service to meet the requirements of the Education, Skills & Employment Portfolio as stated in the Specification for this service.

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St 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.

All communication, clarifications, general questions and submissions of your response must be made via the eProcurement Portal.

The deadline for submissions is 13.00 GMT on Tuesday, 08 August 2023.

**SHG,**

**19 July 2023**



# VACANCY



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

## Lending Administrative Assistant

**Fixed Term Contract: August 2023 - March 2024**

Commencing at £8,544 per annum

Bank of St Helena Ltd is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the vacant position of a Lending Administrative Assistant. This position will be offered as a Fixed-Term Contract from August 2023 until March 2024.

The successful candidate must be flexible to work demands, have excellent customer service skills and be self-motivated. Candidates should also have a keen eye for detail, exhibit high accuracy levels and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others and as part of the wider Bank Team.

### The main duties of the post include:

- Scanning and filing of all loan applications received from clients and ensure they are filed and stored accurately using the Lending filing system;
- Reorganise and scan Mortgage files in line with Audit requirements;
- Compile, prepare and send various Lending Letters to clients;
- Checking of daily work;
- Updating customer contact details log;
- Ensure that the lending service is administered in an efficient, objective and timely manner;
- Any other general administration duties.

### Skills and experience that candidates should have include:

- GCSE's in Mathematics and English at Grade C or above;
- Proficiency in IT skills, including Microsoft and Excel applications;
- Basic understanding of Accounting practices in relation to Banking;
- Experience of working in a customer service environment.

Interested persons can contact Miss Sherry Vanguard, Lending Supervisor on email [lendingsupervisor@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:lendingsupervisor@sainthelenabank.com) or Mrs Julie-Marie Yon, Assistant Lending Services Manager on email [asst.lendingmanager@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:asst.lendingmanager@sainthelenabank.com) or contact them on 22390 for more information.

An Application form and a job profile is available upon request from the Bank. Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to [hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com).

**Closing date for applications is Friday, 18 August 2023.**

***Choose a career with Bank of St Helena and enjoy competitive benefits.***



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

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Bank of St Helena Ltd



## SELECT COMMITTEE 1 HEARING – WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST

As part of the new form of Ministerial Government introduced in 2021, new Select Committees were also introduced. These committees cover a range of issues related to government business and Portfolios and hold hearings in public. In accordance with Standing Order 14, Rule 13, “The Speaker shall appoint the time and place at which the first meeting of the Select Committee is to be held.”

The Speaker of the House has confirmed that Select Committee 1 will hold the first of these meetings in the Council Chamber, The Castle on Wednesday 9 August 2023. The issue under discussion will be “Fisheries – A Cross-Functional Review”.

The meeting will start at 10am with the proceedings broadcast live on SAMS Radio 1

**SHG**

**31 July 2023**



## Anchor Clothing Shop

Opposite Seales Corner, Jamestown

**Please note, there will be a 20%  
Clearance sale from**

**Thursday 03<sup>rd</sup> August**

**till further notice.**

**Come and have a browse, and bag  
yourself a bargain!**

**Opening hours: Thursday & Fridays:**

**9 am – 2.30 pm**

**Saturdays: 9 am – 12.30 pm.**

**Shop at the “Anchor” where there is  
something for everyone!**



## PUBLIC CYBER SECURITY WORKSHOPS

As part of SHG’s ongoing Island-wide Cyber Security Awareness Campaign, a number of public Cyber Security Workshops have been organised by Cyber Security Awareness and Training Officer, Gareth Drabble. These workshops will be held in various locations around the Island to better engage with the wider community on this important subject. With fibre optic internet connectivity coming soon to St Helena, there will be many anticipated benefits and much improved communication with the outside world.

However, this improved communication will also take away the limitations placed on cyber criminals who will be able to launch cyber-attacks on the Island with greater ease. Consequently the amount of cyber-attacks targeted at the Island will increase significantly once fibre optic internet connectivity is fully realised.

The goal of these workshops, entitled ‘**Staying Safe in Cyberspace**’, is to raise awareness of the most common types of cyber-attacks and dangers of the internet, how to identify them, how to respond to them and what safeguards can be put in place to protect individuals, families as well as businesses and organisations.

These workshops are free and open to anyone of any age who are interested in learning more about cyber security and staying safe online. The workshops have been planned in the following locations at these dates and times:

- **Levelwood Community Centre** – Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> August: 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- **Jamestown Community Centre** – Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August: 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- **Kingshurst Community Centre, St Paul’s** – Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September: 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- **Harford Community Centre, Longwood** – Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September: 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- **Blue Hill Community Centre** – Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October: 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- **Sandy Bay Community Centre** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October: 7:00pm – 8:30pm



As many people as possible are encouraged to attend these workshops, which are another key step in ensuring the Island is cable ready. The public are thanked in advance for their support and engagement with these workshops.

**SHG**

**26 July 2023**

# Open Day



## PAS Open day Monday 31st July 2023.

Prince Andrew School open their doors at 10am for their open day, the day ran as normal time table where parents could see their children at work. Despite the wet and cold day the school saw a total of 8 people who attended all of them enjoyed their visit and was impressed with the output of work that is carried out within the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and councillors who attended



## SPPS Open day Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023.

Despite inclement weather, there was a good steady trickle of people who braved the weather to visit the school to see everyone in action throughout the day. Those who visited from 9am to 3pm could view lessons in operation, view the classroom displays of children's teaching and learning and also some became interactive in lessons as well, especially enjoying the drama and music sessions!



Others took the chance to visit from 3.30 to 5.30pm where they also could view children's work and have a chat with teachers about their child.

Tea and refreshments were provided to help warm the bodies! J

Teachers and pupils are to be congratulated and commended on the outcomes for this half term in each year group centering more on books and authors in our classrooms as reading was our focus this year. The theme lent itself to displays around the school based on Dr Seuss stories and quotes.

The Hall was beautifully decorated with amazing art work from each class and also our Yr 6 Jean Beadon Portfolios.

As headteacher of the school, 'I was really pleased that our open day was a success even though weather might have hindered some parents from attending. Our chief minister with some of her fellow colleagues, Mrs Phillips, Director and Assistant Director, parents, friends and families came in to celebrate our day of which we did receive favorable comments from everyone, so thank you all for

making our day so special and valuing our young people and staff'.

To end the afternoon just before 3pm, everyone flocked to the covered area to meet with some Police Officers and work experience students who came to present certificates to our winners of the facebook page competition. These were awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> Kerim Fowler and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tyler Francis, well done boys! Thanks to our Police Department for ending on an exciting note and causing much fun and laughter among the children!

Special thanks must go to my team at SPPS for showcasing another brilliant day which demands lots of commitment and dedication to our school and children! J





  
Girlguiding  
IN AID OF JAMESTOWN GIRL GUIDES

# FAMILY Fun EVENING

**THE MULE YARD  
SAT • 12 AUG • 5PM - 9PM**

**GAMES**

**MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT:  
ERIN WADE, COLIN  
PETERS & KAYLA-JANE**

**KIDS DISCO  
7PM**

**JOSHUA'S  
FAMILY FUN**

**PLAY YOUR  
CARDS RIGHT**

**MULTI RAFFLE  
TICKETS ON SALE**

**GET  
CARTERS**

**BOUNCY  
CASTLE**

**JJZ  
SWEETS**

**MISCELLANEOUS  
STALL**



# Community Development Organisation

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY 8 AUGUST 2023**

**MANTIS HOTEL - 5PM**

*Light refreshments provided.*

If you are passionate about and believe in the value of St Helena's Civil Society, please save the date and join us. Many of St Helena's Charities, Community Centres and Clubs are solely reliant on volunteers and need support.

Come along and help us understand how we can better help you and your organisation and to find out about applying for the Community Grant Scheme.

### Current Committee

**Chairperson:** Mia Henry  
**Vice Chairperson:** Bramwell Bushuru  
**Treasurer:** Danielle Anthony  
**Secretary:** Tara Wortley  
**Committee Members:** Cynthia Bennett  
Shayla Ellick

The current committee are willing to stand for another year and welcome new members with fresh ideas.

If you are interested in joining the Committee or would like more information in advance of the meeting please contact the Committee Secretary on [community.sthelena@gmail.com](mailto:community.sthelena@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Community Development Organisation is pleased to re-open the Grant Scheme for civil society organisations (CSO). Due to limited funds, grants will be awarded on a match-funding basis to established organisations only:

Funding Criteria	Document Compliance
Grants up to £1000	Application Form
50/50 Match funding	Audited Accounts
Existing CSOs	List of Committee Members
CDO Member	Safeguarding Policy
	Two Quotes >£500

The Grant Scheme continues to focus on partnerships and promoting sustainability. Applications that demonstrate cooperation and partnership with another CSO is strongly encouraged. Projects must support the long-term efforts and continuance of the organisation. The grant can not be used as a source of fundraising but can be used eg. to purchase equipment that will assist funding raising efforts.

To become a CDO Member or for a copy of the Application Form, please email [community.sthelena@gmail.com](mailto:community.sthelena@gmail.com)



### DISABLED PERSONS AID SOCIETY

Registered No 7 under the Charities Ordinance

#### Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Disabled Persons Aid Society will be held at the CCC on Thursday 24th August 2023 at 15h30.

#### AGENDA

- Welcome
- Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM
- Matters arising
- Chairperson's report
- Treasurer's report
- Election of Committee
- Any other business

## Notice



### Historical town walk

Due to the reduced number of visitors on-island over the 'winter' months, those wanting to join Michel Dancoisne-Martineau's historical town walk on Thursdays at 8:30am (from the Canister) should book in advance with the Tourist Office.

To book your place on any walk, email [matthew.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:matthew.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh) or call 22158.

[www.sthelenatourism.com](http://www.sthelenatourism.com)

## Airlink Lose Court Battle

Last week, South African Airways (SAA) received a reprieve when the Gauteng High Court (Johannesburg) ruled in its favour against Airlink. Airlink claimed an outstanding amount of R890 million (£38 million) in passenger airfares from the national flag carrier.

Before SAA entered business rescue, the two airlines had a franchise agreement, allowing Airlink to operate its own flights using SAA's flight codes and booking systems. However, following SAA's financial troubles, the national carrier failed to repay the owed money to Airlink, eventually leading to business rescue proceedings.

The High Court's ruling concluded that Airlink is entitled to only R63 million (£2.7 million), equivalent to the seven cents in the rand payout that some creditors received. Meanwhile, those with government guarantees experienced no losses. As of now, Airlink has not received any funds from SAA.

Critics argue that the court's decision allows SAA to walk away without being held accountable, prompting claims of unfairness. Observers have accused SAA of resorting to semantics to evade its debt obligations, with some terming it "theft."

Alf Lees, representing the DA (Democratic Alliance), questioned the legitimacy of SAA's actions and expressed concern about the potential impact on future business partnerships. He noted that Airlink was never listed as a concurrent

creditor during the business rescue process, making the court's ruling questionable.

Airlink's argument centred around distinguishing the owed payment for both flown and unflown tickets before SAA's business rescue in 2019. Airlink asserted that these debts should not be treated as "pre-commencement debts" under the business rescue process, which would have entitled Airlink to a higher payout as a concurrent creditor.

Airlink's CEO, Rodger Foster, acknowledged the court's decision and emphasized the company's commitment to exploring all possible avenues to recover the outstanding funds.

As the controversy unfolds, the ruling leaves Airlink in a difficult position, and stakeholders closely watch the implications on SAA's reputation and business relationships moving forward.



Airlink CEO, Rodger Foster, will either seek leave to appeal the Gauteng High Court judgement over outstanding funds owed to it by SAA or recoup its revenue from the national carrier as a creditor.

## APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

- 1. Application 2023/38:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Extension to Existing House to Form a Verandah and Carport**, New Ground, St Paul's on Parcel NG0289. Applicant: Darrell Richards
- 2. Application 2023/39:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Bedroom & Bathroom Extension**, Woody Ridge, Levelwood on Parcel LWS0468. Applicant: Mike Ormrod



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**Copies of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Portfolio Assistant on Telephone 24724 or email Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.**

**Any person who wishes to make Representations on any of the above Applications should make them in writing within 14 days to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email [karen.isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:karen.isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh)**

**Public Representation Closing Date    4pm – 18th August 2023**

**Shane Williams, Acting Head of Planning & Building Control**



# Commonwealth Youth Games Starts Today

St Helena is competing in the seventh Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinidad and Tobago which will take place from the today to the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2023, where athletes and para-athletes between the ages of 14-18 will participate.

Trinidad and Tobago were initially awarded the 2021 Commonwealth Youth Games in June 2019, but the Games were postponed due to the pandemic on the international sports calendar.

Swimmers Stefan Thomas, William Caswell, Brooke Yon and Poppy Davis – Coyle along with Athlete Blaze Baldwin are accompanied by Team Leader Simon Henry and Swimming Official Christine Caswell. They started to make their journey from the UK on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August. This allowed them sufficient time to arrive for the Opening Ceremony at the Hasley Crawford Stadium on Friday afternoon.

Team Official Anne Dillon, will join the team. Anne flew out from St Helena on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

More on these games as they progress but **Good Luck** to all our participants.



**Team St Helena ready to board their flight to Trinidad & Tobago**



There is an island which is disputed territory between Canada and Denmark. The militaries of both countries periodically visit to remove the other guy's flag and leave a bottle of Danish schnapps or Canadian whiskey. This is what happens when nice countries fight.



**The stadium where Blaze will run on.**



**The pool where are swimmers will participate in.**



## JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE SKITTLES RESULTS

<b>03-Jul-23</b>	<b>Extractors</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>Bt</b>	<b>Young Alcoholics</b>	<b>398</b>
Gents Highest Score	George Furniss	59		Jordan Yon	57
Ladies Highest Score					
Highest Spare				Shaun Bowers	13
<b>10-Jul-23</b>	<b>Strugglers</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>Bt</b>	<b>Young Stars</b>	<b>410</b>
Gents Highest Score	David Thomas	61		Ashton Benjamin	55
Ladies Highest Score	Mavis O'Bey	58		Danni Thomas	54
Highest Spare	Mavis O'Bey	14		Danni Thomas	14
	David Thomas	14			
<b>17-Jul-23</b>	<b>Parttimers</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>Bt</b>	<b>Guys and Dolls</b>	<b>481</b>
Gents Highest Score	Shane Williams	64		Mark Anthony	96
Ladies Highest Score	Stacey Williams	53		Marilyn Joshua	56
Highest Spare	Shane Williams	13		Mark Anthony	14
<b>24-Jul-23</b>	<b>Young Alcoholics</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>Bt</b>	<b>Extractors</b>	<b>437</b>
Gents Highest Score	Shaun Bowers	54		Deon Thomas	60
Ladies Highest Score					
Highest Spare	Fabain Peters	15			
<b>31-Jul-23</b>	<b>Young Stars</b>		<b>Bt</b>	<b>Guys and Dolls</b>	<b>412</b>
Gents Highest Score	Ashton Benjamin	56		Neil Joshua	57
Ladies Highest Score	Rebecca Young	58		Marilyn Joshua	52
				Joan Yon	52
Highest Spare	Liam Adams	12			



## **Results of the Women's Corona Society 200 Club Draw**

March – 1st - Veronica Joshua Ticket No. 155  
2nd - Jenny Thomas Ticket No.30  
3rd - Belinda Bennett Ticket No. 54  
April 1st - Geoffrey Constantine Ticket No.111  
2nd - Poligton Roberts Ticket No. 144  
3rd - Dorothy Yon Ticket No.178  
May - 1st – Heather Cranfield Ticket No. 159  
2nd - Ivy Duncan Ticket No. 136  
3rd - Lesley Benjamin Ticket No. 68  
June - 1st – Monica Yon Ticket No. 31  
2nd - Amanda Constantine Ticket No. 64  
3rd - Pat Crowie Ticket No. 1

## **ROAD CLOSURE**

The Highways Authority has given approval for the road from Seales Corner to the Bridge in Jamestown to be closed on Sunday, 6 August 2023, from 8.30am to 1pm. This closure is to allow tree topping works to continue within the Duke of Edinburgh Playground.

During this closure emergency services will be granted access, however residents and all other road users are asked to use the diversion routes via Seales Corner or Shy Road.

The public are thanked in advance for their understanding and patience at this time, and any inconvenience caused is regretted.

For further information please contact the Forestry Section via email:  
[myra.young@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:myra.young@sainthelena.gov.sh) or alternatively on tel: 24724 during normal working hours.

**SHG**

**3 August 2023**

<http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh>



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## **2022 BUSINESS SURVEY REPORT PUBLISHED**

The Statistics Office has released a detailed report on the most recent Business Survey, conducted in 2022. The purpose of this survey was to collect information about the business environment, the labour market, and the economy on St Helena, to help guide policy-making and development.

The timing of the survey was planned to coincide with the ending of COVID-19 related travel restrictions and mandatory quarantine requirements, but this also meant that the survey period coincided with the spread of COVID-19 in the community. Unfortunately, this had an adverse effect on the number of responses. Nonetheless, useful data were collected, including information about the composition of the private sector workforce, and about occupations that are both hard to recruit for and which also have a significant impact on the operation of businesses.

Some highlights from the report include:

- Around one in six of all businesses which responded to the survey reported an increase in demand for their products or services, with just under one on four reporting a fall. In the combined sector of Finance, Insurance, Information, Communication, and Real Estate; three out of every four responding businesses reported a fall in demand, and in the Hospitality Sector (Accommodation and Food Services) one out of every two responding businesses reported a fall.
- Almost all responding businesses reported increases in costs, with almost 40% reporting that costs were increasing dramatically.
- However, 57% of responding businesses also reported increased opportunities for growth, with 24% reporting that their business is expanding.
- Around a half of responding businesses reported that they had been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; unsurprisingly, the most affected industry was Hospitality (i.e. Accommodation and Food Services), with 88% of responding businesses in that sector reporting that they were affected.
- 56% of respondents reported that they expect the new fibre-optic cable to benefit their business.
- High costs, low demand, and staffing difficulties were the most prominent constraints or barriers to running a business reported by respondents, with the cost of fuel being mentioned specifically by several businesses. Other common issues mentioned were difficulties in procuring imported goods, due to disruptions in supply chains and high freight costs.

The Statistics Office thank all those businesses that responded to the survey. For more detailed results, you can access the full report at [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2022-Business-Survey-Report.pdf](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2022-Business-Survey-Report.pdf).

**SHG**

**2 August 2023**



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# May Night Sky

Sharon Wade



Since it is now 'Scruffy' August here on St Helena, we might not have many clear nights to view the constellations and cosmic movements, however, should there be a break in the clouds, you can expect an overview of the month as follows....

The gas giants reign as spectacular objects overnight; their moons also attract attention. The evening sky has a rapidly diminishing view of Mercury, with Mars difficult to spot. Morning carries Uranus and Neptune, easily viewed in binoculars. And in the second half of August, Venus returns as a brilliant object in the predawn sky.

**Mars** is challenging to view in the twilight sky, but you might get a glimpse on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August, when it stands just South of a waxing crescent Moon in the West after sunset. The pair sets just over an hour after the Sun and Mars will become increasingly harder to spot as its altitude declines. Find the Moon first, then search for Mars.

**Mercury** stands high in the Western sky just after sunset, and will get dimmer by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August. A day before, on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup>, Mercury reaches greatest eastern elongation. On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>, while you're searching for Mars near the Moon, Mercury sits a few degrees below our satellite, and being very close to the horizon, it might be too low to be easily seen.

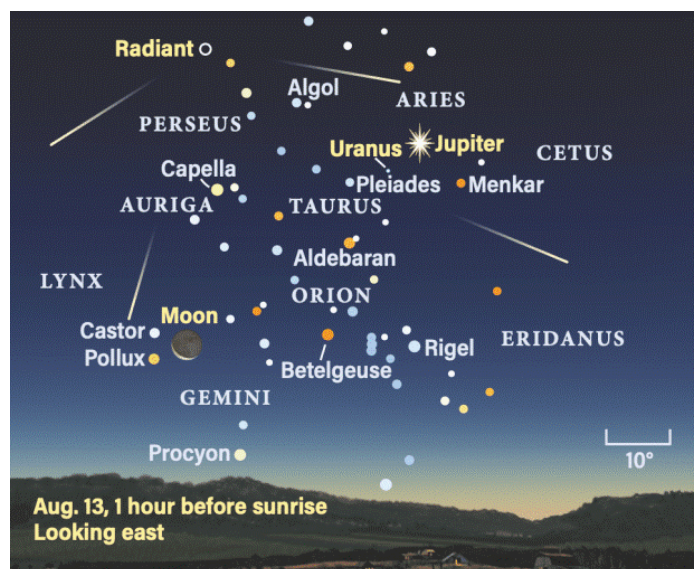
**Saturn** reaches opposition Aug. 27 and the ringed planet is visible from dusk to dawn...being well-placed above the South-eastern horizon by midnight. It is located in Aquarius the Water-bearer. Telescopic views reveal the sunlit northern side of the rings, which are tilted earthward in early August.

**Neptune** is rising around 10 pm in early August and is seen earlier each evening bringing it into the evening sky not far from the Circlet of Pisces by month end. The planet is easy to confuse with background stars, but you might be able to spot Neptune's tiny, bluish 23 -wide disk through a telescope...It will depend again, on clear skies.

**Jupiter** is rising around midnight and is best placed for observing in the hours before dawn. It is in Aries the Ram and shines vividly in early August. Swing binoculars toward the gas giant and hold very steady — you'll likely spot a few bright moons.

**Uranus** stands Northeast of Jupiter during August. It also lies in Aries and is another binocular object. Uranus is best viewed in the hour before dawn, when it is high in the southeast and roughly level with the Pleiades. Uranus wanders slowly east and slows to a stop late on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August, then begins its retrograde motion. A telescope will show a 43 -wide disk with a greenish hue.

**Venus** passes inferior conjunction on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> (which is when the planet passes approximately between the Earth and the Sun) and quickly springs into the morning sky as a bright object just before sunrise on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August. By



the end of August, Venus will be West of the Sun and can be seen (with a telescope) shining as a beautiful 11%-lit crescent among the dim stars of Cancer about an hour before sunrise.

## August Meteor Watch: Perseid prospects

The Perseid meteor shower, one of the year's best, peaks on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August with expected rates exceeding one per minute in the hour before dawn. Look to the East whilst a slender crescent Moon hangs in Gemini. The shower is active until Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August peaking in the second week of the month.

**August Moons....**Did you see the Full Moon on Tuesday gone? It was a Super Full Moon which means it is near Earth in its orbit....August 31<sup>st</sup> will see a Super Blue Moon, which means super for being near Earth and blue for the second full moon in a calendar month that has two full moons. There will be a Micro New Moon on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August when it occurs near its furthest point from Earth.

## THE ROCK

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US  
ON SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
@ 11 am  
FOR  
PRAISE AND WORSHIP  
At Longwood Avenue

Transport is available from  
Jamestown, HTH  
Contact 23249 or 62552

### PRAISE & WORSHIP





# International Football

By Leigh Richards

With the 2023/24 Premier League due to start in next week and the summer transfer window closing at 11pm on 1<sup>st</sup> September, teams are getting closer to sealing their transfer deals, some fans will be happy with and others not quite.

**As of Monday 31<sup>st</sup> the latest gossip in the Premier League transfer is:**

**Arsenal** is exploring a deal to sign **Brentford's** 27-year-old Spanish goalkeeper David Raya.

**Bayern Munich** are also set to step up their efforts to sign Raya after having a loan offer rejected.

**Chelsea** is attempting to negotiate a cash-plus-player deal to bring **Paris St-Germain** and France forward Kylian Mbappe, 24, to Stamford Bridge this summer.

**PSG** are expecting **Real Madrid** to make an "extremely low and insulting" late offer for Mbappe.

**Barcelona** forward Ousmane Dembele has agreed to join **PSG**, with the Ligue 1 champions prepared to activate the 26-year-old France international's 50m euro release clause.

Saudi Arabian club **Al-Ahli** want to sign **Fiorentina** and Morocco midfielder Sofyan Amrabat, 26, who is also a target for **Manchester United**.

**Manchester United** and England forward Marcus Rashford, 25, has said he considered leaving the club before manager Erik ten Hag arrived last summer.

Senegal winger Sadio Mane, 31, is expected to have a medical with **Al-Nassr** on Monday after they agreed a £24m deal to sign him from **Bayern Munich**.

**Chelsea** is confident that they can win the race to sign France Under-21 forward Michael Olise, 21, from **Crystal Palace**.

**Chelsea** is interested in **Brighton** keeper Robert Sanchez, with Blues boss Mauricio Pochettino having given the go-ahead for the club to make a move for the 25-year-old Spaniard. **(Mail)**

Uruguay striker Luis Suarez has agreed to terminate his contract with **Gremio** this December, with **Inter Miami** keen on signing the 36-year-old.

**Manchester City** are confident they will complete a deal for **RB Leipzig** and Croatia centre-back Josko Gvardiol, 21, before the summer window shuts.

**Crystal Palace** are closing in on a deal for **Flamengo's** 19-year-old Brazilian midfielder Matheus Franca.

**Tottenham** and Spain full-back Sergio Reguilon, 26, has emerged as a target for **Real Sociedad**.

**Arsenal** is keen to sign 22-year-old Ghana attacking midfielder Mohammed Kudus from **Ajax**.

**Arsenal** have also expressed an interest in **Napoli** and Georgia attacker Khvicha Kvaratskhelia, 22.

**Nottingham Forest** is considering making a move for **Arsenal** and United States goalkeeper Matt Turner, 29.

**Wolves** are preparing a third and final offer for 19-year-old English midfielder Alex Scott from **Bristol City** after having £18m and £20m bids rejected.

## DONE DEALS - SUMMER TRANSFER

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Yasser Larouci	Troyes	Sheffield United	Loan
Zeki Amdouni	Basel	Burnley	Undisclosed
Benie Traore	Hacken	Sheffield United	Undisclosed
Matt Doherty	Atletico Madrid	Wolves	Free
Milos Kerkez	AZ Alkmaar	Bournemouth	Undisclosed
Marvelous Nakamba	Aston Villa	Luton	Undisclosed
Andre Onana	Inter Milan	Manchester United	£47.2m
James Trafford	Manchester City	Burnley	£19m
Nathan Redmond	Besiktas	Burnley	Free
Issa Kaboure	Manchester City	Luton	Loan
Moussa Diaby	Bayer Leverkusen	Aston Villa	Undisclosed





# LOCAL FOOTBALL

*Match Report by Mikee Williams*

Despite the forecast for the weekend, this didn't hinder the St Helena Football Association to get the 2023 football season on the go.

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, it was announced "sadly we had the Lakers dropping out, meaning there will just be six teams this year battling it out." This meant that all six teams would battle it out on the weekend with some of their key players for Rovers and Harts still overseas.

The first match kicked off at 2pm on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> between Chop Shop who is returning to the league this year managed by Anthony George and Axis, where Chop Shop got their season off to a great start with a comfortable win against Axis 7 goals to 1.

**Chop Shop Goal scorers** - Shane Stroud 5, Blake Benjamin and Marc Williams

**Axis Goal scorer** - Lars Williams

**MOM - Shane Stroud of Chop Shop**

Second game of the season on Sunday saw Bellboys Defeat the Rovers 4 goals to 1, Rovers played the majority of the game with 9 men and had their goalie Rieedwaan Richards to thank for keeping the score respectful with a number of impressive saves.

**Bellboys Goal scorers** - Sanjay Clingham, Tyler Brady, Joey Thomas and Jordan Yon

**Rovers Goal scorer** - Brett Isaac

**MOM - Rieedwaan Richards of the Rovers**

Last game of the weekend saw the return of the impressive young team, the Ballerz who stun the Harts with a 1-nil victory, I could see after going one up in the first half Ballerz defensive was brilliant with young Eureeze Peters-Stevens in his debut season winning every tackle and Ballerz goalie Jerome Peters was also in great form making a number of first class saves.

**Ballerz Goal scorers** - Ethan Harris

**MOM - Edson Stevens of the Harts**

So, with week one of fixtures completed, it was really nice to see a lot of young players coming through for their first season.

Well Done to all playing in this year's senior football league.

**The Remaining fixtures has been drawn now for the 1<sup>st</sup> Round which can be**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FIXTURE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFEREE</u>	<u>LINESMAN</u>
Saturday 6th Aug	Bellboys vs Chop Shop Boys	2pm	Ballez	Axis & Ballez
Sunday 6th Aug	Axis vs Ballez	1:30pm	Bellboys	Harts & Rovers
Sunday 6th Aug	Harts vs Rovers	3:30pm	Chop Shop Boys	Bellboys & Chop Shop Boys
Saturday 12th Aug	Ballez vs Bellboys	2pm	Harts	Rovers & Chop Shop Boys
Sunday 13th Aug	Rovers vs Chop Shop Boys	1:30pm	Ballez	Harts & Axis
Sunday 13th Aug	Harts vs Axis	3:30pm	Bellboys	Ballez & Bellboys
Saturday 19th Aug	Axis vs Rovers	2pm	Harts	Harts & Bellboys
Sunday 20th Aug	Harts vs Bellboys	1:30pm	Axis	Chop Shop Boys & Ballez
Sunday 20th Aug	Chop Shop Boys vs Ballez	3:30pm	Rovers	Axis & Rovers
Saturday 26th Aug	Rovers vs Ballez	2pm	Harts	Harts & Chop Shop Boys
Sunday 27th Aug	Harts vs Chop Shop Boys	1:30pm	Ballez	Axis & Bellboys
Sunday 27th Aug	Axis vs Bellboys	3:30pm	Rovers	Rovers & Ballez



# LOCAL FOOTBALL

*Continued.....*

*Lets check two of the six teams out this week.....*



**Axis**



**Chop Shop**

As chairman of the St Helena Football Association, I have also decided to introduce this season after seeing all matches of the weekend, to submit my team of the weekend each week.

This is only my personally opinion and I would like to encourage anyone out there to join me in sending your team of the weekend to me so I can share on social media.

Please see my team of Week 1's fixtures on the next page..



**Goalkeeper** - Rieedwaan Richards of Rovers

**Left Back** - Marc Williams of Chop Shop

**Centre Back** - Eureeze Peters-Stevens of Ballerz

**Centre Back** - Dane PK Wade of Chop Shop

**Right Back** - Julian Henry of Chop Shop

**Left Wing** - Sanjay Ross Clingham of Bellboys

**Midfielder** - Ryan Benjamin of Bellboys

**Midfielder** - Selwyn Stroud of Chop Shop

**Midfielder** - Edson Stevens of Harts

**Right Wing** - Joey Thomas of Bellboys

**Striker** - Shane Stroud of Chop Shop



**Check out next week for the latest news and more features  
to local football pages !!**



## Golf Report For Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Twelve players took part in last Sunday's monthly medal competition. Even though it was a windy day for flying it was not a challenge for golf balls. With minor adjustments for drift, it was still possible to keep the balls in the right flight trajectory. At the end of 18 holes three players returned scores in the 60s. Best score of the day was net 66 scored by Mr Peter Bagley to win first prize. In second place with 67 to win second prize was Mr Jeffrey Stevens aka Foxy. Mr Bramwell Bushuru was the third player to return a score in the 60s with net 68 to claim his place on the podium which on this occasion did not win him a prize. Mr Jason Hopkins birdied the 5<sup>th</sup> to share the balls in the two-ball pool with Mr Jeffrey Stevens who birdied the 11<sup>th</sup> with a brilliant chip shot 20 yards from the hole.

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 the club will host 18-hole stableford competition. Tee off 12:00. Registration closes on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm.

Members are reminded that the Half Yearly general meeting will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 straight after a Texas Scramble choose your partner competition. Members are encouraged to turn up in numbers to form a quorum for the meeting and to actively participate in deciding the future of the club.



*Happy swinging.  
Contributed by SHGC.*

## Brewery Yard Transformation

WA Thorpe & Sons have been working on the Brewery Yard for some time now. Recent work involving lopping two trees attracted a few posts on social media. The *Independent* can confirm that the required permissions were obtained before the tree-logging started. Despite concern about the change in their appearance, the two trees will soon grow back and assume their usual shape – but smaller.



**Previous work involved the removal of the car repair workshop which helped improve the appearance of the area**



Replacing the workshop in the same area will be a new warehouse. The Brewery Yard is in the Jamestown Conservation Area and the exterior appearance of the warehouse will meet the standards expected of new buildings constructed in a conservation area.

