



# INDEPENDENT

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## ***The Tables Have Turned***



### ***Increase in Water and Electricity Tarriffs***

***Will the Same People Walk Down the Street Again?  
Some of Our Current Councillors Did Walk Down the  
Street at That Time, and Got Elected on a Promise.  
Have they Kept It?***



### ***Tribute and Reflection***

***Cable Repair Ship Arrives  
in Cape Town –  
the cable breaks could happen  
again***



# Tribute and Reflection on 1st Anniversary of Liberated Africans Reburial

On Sunday, the Liberated African Advisory Committee organised a day of commemoration in Rupert's Valley to mark the 1st anniversary of the reburial the remains of the Liberated Africans.

Guided walking tours led by Adam Sizeland, the museum director, started at Rupert's Beach, continuing up the valley to the Upper Burial Ground. Another group walk was led by Matt Joshua, Head of Tourism.



Duncan and his team at AMD Engineering made a big contribution. AMD Engineering collected the gravel from the quarry, brought it to the burial site and spread it with perfection. The appearance of the burial site is now much more presentable. Adrian Duncan's AMD Engineering continued the involvement of the wider community with this important project.



**Stones laid by people visiting the burial site during the day**

The main feature of the commemoration was placing 325 stones from Rupert's Beach on the burial site. It was pointed out Rupert's Beach was the major landing stage for the Liberated Africans when they were disembarked at St Helena and it would have been a pebble beach at that time. Each stone represents one of the 325 skeletal remains exhumed in 2007-08 to make way for the Haul Road.

People attending the commemoration during the day were invited to lay stones on the burial site as an act of Tribute and Reflection. The stones are laid in concentric circles – the largest circle covering the width of the burial site.



**Adrian Duncan's team spreading the gravel over the burial site in preparation for Sundays Commemoration.**



The children at the three primary schools painted all the stones. Each stone was painted white and then the children put a hand print on them using various paint colours.

The burial site is now finished with a surface of gravel enclosed by a border of large red mason-worked stone. Adrian

More work is needed to complete the plan for the liberated African burial site and the commemoration of their part in St Helena's history. Eventually, the oil storage tanks on the top left of the photo will be removed. When they are, it will allow work to start on the Memorial Garden. The area around the burial site is to be landscaped.

It is intended that the No.1 Building will become an interpretation centre for all the burial sites in Rupert's. This building, near the Sea Rescue Centre, is the only building which remains from the time when Rupert's Valley was used to disembark freed Africans. Interest in this part of the project has been indicated by one or two funding agencies. Work continues with detailed discussions to try to secure funding.



## Tribute and Reflection on 1st Anniversary of Liberated Africans Reburial



From left, Shelley Magellan-Wade, Isobel Peters, Helena Bennett and Adam Sizeland

Members of the Liberated African Advisory Committee who are leading the transformation of the globally significant Liberated African burial sites

## The Right Ship to Bring St Helena's Cargo

Last week the *Maria da Paz* was renamed the *Maria De Lay* in an article about Meihuizen's inability to keep to their own schedules. A reader found a photo of a ship called *Maria De Lay* and sent it to us. Never in a million years did we think a ship would be called the *Maria De Lay*.



A check on the *marinetraffic* satellite tracking website did not produce a result for the *Maria De Lay*. The vessel in the photo is lying unusually high on the water despite being loaded

with containers. Containers could all be returning empty – maybe?



Some readers may prefer this *Maria Da Paz* – a character in a Brazilian TV soap opera



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# Editorial

Well! I don't know what the world is coming to! Last Friday I shared some thoughts with you about anti-social behaviour at week-ends in Jamestown. My thoughts were inspired by a press release issued by SHG on that subject and informed by a UK College of Policing publication on *Safer Streets*. That was last Friday; so far two UK newspapers have got hold of my page four thoughts and included them in their own newspapers. Please remember, when I say 'newspapers' I use the word loosely. The Daily Star was the first to publish. Whatever the big stories of the day might be, the Daily Star is always different. Yesterday's front page headline was "Ex-teacher puts sexy billboards of herself all over London – and won't back down". Someone once said the Daily Star had found space beneath The Sun newspaper. The second UK newspaper to publish the anti-social behaviour story was The Sun.

Both stories are exactly the same, word for word. Which suggests some agency is selling the story to any newspaper that will buy it. To look on the bright side, if the Guardian newspaper uses the story there will be a planeload of sociologists arriving here to study a new strain of 'Britishness' that has developed independently 4,700 miles from home soil. It sounds like a new strain of Omicron. But, the St Helena Research Institute could make a fortune handing out research licences.

The story was put together in a curious way. It starts like a tourist advert; lovely photos and mentions of remoteness, Napoléon, Jonathan, stunning scenery, the marine life, the wirebird and all the other usual things. The Sun even starts with a tourism video. Both newspapers use the bit in the story about St Helena being the second oldest British Overseas Territory. Both newspapers use the same sentence, "Despite the dreamy tropical weather and being thousands of miles away from the UK, the volcanic island is more similar to Britain than one might think." AND THEN, to prove how British St Helena is, they report about weekend drunkenness and boy-racers causing mayhem. The Head of Tourism is worried sick the next plane will be full of drunken (British) jobs falling down the steps as they stagger off in search of Jamestown on a Saturday night. As for me, I travelled 4,713 miles to get away from that kind of 'Britishness'.

The call it 'craft beer' now; it was pure plain real ale in days gone by. It is beer made in the traditional, non-mechanised way in small breweries. It developed from the successful Campaign for Real Ale which managed to kill off the worst of the mass-produced industrialised so-called brewing methods. It developed and grew fast, and then grew some more. The along came Brexit.

One of the brothers who own the Bone machine brewing Co in Pocklington East Yorkshire told a reporter, "It just got too much – Brexit. We were heavily geared for export. We'd be selling to Finland, Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Netherlands, Italy, Spain. We had Hungary in the pipeline. And it all disappeared

with Brexit." What got too much is the post-Brexit trading arrangements with European Union countries meant that Bone Machine's craft beers needed to be accompanied by expensive and time-consuming paperwork. Killed by bureaucracy. Bone Machine is one of more than 100 small brewers that have been forced out of business in the past 18 months, hit by a combination of Brexit, the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis.



Thankfully, the Buxton Brewery who produce this Jacob's Ladder session bitter (light and easy to drink – great for a Saturday night) still exists and going strong. Buxton Brewery started in a garage; the first batch was 40 litres. The brew first was not as good as expected but somehow all of it went down the hatch.

There are two ways to measure how old you are. One way is to look at the date on your birth certificate. The other way is to measure your biological age. This is a measurement of your organism's chances of becoming sick or dying with the passage of time. We don't all lose functional capacity at identical rates – and the organ systems in our body decline at different speeds. This means that some people's biological age may be younger or older than the average for their chronological age.

There are several ways to estimate biological age. Surprisingly, one of the best is incredibly simple: use your eyes. Research shows that age estimates made by looking at someone are just as good as some more complicated techniques of gauging biological age.

Another study found that smokers, people who were obese, and those in poor health were all perceived as being older than their chronological age by their peers. Given these factors do indeed increase biological age, this shows how accurate just looking at someone can be.

You could be as young as you look or as young as you feel. I think Jonathan has the answer to this one.

**Vince**

# Your Opinion Counts

**Dear Editor & Readers,**

Having read in the SAI news from the Falklands and now more recently in our local press about 'measures' to prevent or control Anti-social behaviour in the CBD (central business area) of J'town ...permit my thoughts on the major orbit of circumstances.

While possibly addressing or attempting to curtail or preventing such behaviour (a definition is not really given), we are attempting to RESPOND and not actual establishing the REASONS.

The various established governmental departments such as Human Rights, Social Services, charities & NGOs, including our struggling Educational systems seem to be all retro and not pro-active while little is iden-

tified or established as to reasons, and a 'system' or long-term strategy established to address; New Horizons is a valid attempt previously held by Scouts, Guides, Church Brigades, etc. and possibly sports clubs. But, *off the playing field* or attending meetings, how does the individual or peer groups behave ?

Education is not just about knowledge or skills but the individual & social communal, care & responsive development of the person: the **total person**.

The religious bodies or faith communities too i.e., The Church per se is also failing, as a sense of morality or ethical behaviour previously instilled in the past, irrespective of types of services, is often sadly lacking or even absent.

Little or non-social responsibilities of the individual means they are not educated and controversial as it is, not fit to belong to a very small and vulnerable island community. This is a serious indictment of the historic,

current established or temporary social family structures....our Island Society is rapidly failing.

One of the prime loop-holes is not holding parents or parent of under-age adolescent accountable for anti-social behaviour.....there is a rapid developing culture of 'passing the buck' onto a governmental organisation who must deal with the 'problem'. If 18 is the prescribed age for voting then until that age parents are responsible for their child and should be made to bear the (anti-social) consequences. (*Name & Shame* if necessary).

The African adage: *It takes a whole village to educate a child* should hold very true to St Helena.

Stressing and insisting on RIGHTS (of the individual especially as is) without equally stressing & maintaining the RESPONSIBILITIES is doomed to long-term failure and socially irresponsible.

**Sincerely, Father David**

## Tour Guide Training



### Napoleon on St Helena

Napoleon Bonaparte is the island's most famous former resident. Napoleon was exiled to St Helena in 1815 after his defeat at Waterloo and spent more than 5 years on St Helena, until his death on 5 May 1821. His body was taken back to France in 1840.

Napoleon's time on St Helena is a fascinating period of history. While in exile his presence put St Helena on the map, and this continues today with Napoleon's legacy being a key visitor attraction.

As part of St Helena Tourism's ongoing tour guide training programme, French Consul Michel Dancoisne-Martineau will deliver 'Napoleon on St Helena', a 2-day training course for new and established tour guides. The course offers opportunities for incorporating key sites into island tours, or creating dedicated tours on the subject.

Those trained will be accredited by St Helena Tourism. Training will take place in late September or early October. Dates will be finalised once expressions of interest are collated.

To register for training or to find out more, please contact the Tourist Office on telephone 22158 or email [matthew.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:matthew.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh).

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

## DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

### The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Twenty First Sunday of the Year

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
11.15 a.m.	Reserved Sacrament	St Helena & The Cross
5.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Cathedral

### The Parish of St James

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Twenty First Sunday of the Year

9.30 a.m.	Reserved Sacrament	St James
<b>Thursday 31st August</b>		
7.00 p.m.	Reserved Sacrament with Healing	St John

### The Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Twenty First Sunday of the Year

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthew
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b>		
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mark



*A huge thank you is sent to everyone who gave support, sent cards and messages and helped in any way following the death of Dawn Thomas. The kindness shown by everyone is appreciated. May mum now rest in peace.*



**Warmly invites you to join us for any of these events during the visit of our Territorial Leaders**

**Commissioners Torben & Deise Eliasen**

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Open Air Meeting | At the Bridge in Jamestown 7pm

**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August**

Holiness Meeting | At HTH Salvation Army Hall 11am

Salvation Meeting | At HTH Salvation Army Hall 6pm

(Followed by 'Bring & Share' Fellowship Tea)

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September**

Evening of Praise & Worship

With Special Performances and Guest Singers  
At HTH Salvation Army Hall 7.30pm



Partner Geoffrey, brothers and Sisters of the late Joyce Lillian Williams who died on 17 June 2023 would like to sincerely thank the Doctors and staff at the Pretoria Hospital, the doctors and staff at the General Hospital also Marjorie Harding for their kindness and care given to Joyce during her hospitalization.

Thanks to Bishop Dale Bowers, Deacon Clarence Roberts, Joy George and Roy and his team. Colin and Davina Lawrence and Joyce Greentree for making the wreaths, Solomon's for printing the service sheets and Ivan Gough for doing the video.

Thank you everyone for your messages of sympathy through phone calls, emails and cards, thank you all for your support.

*Our lips cannot speak how we loved her,  
Our hearts cannot tell what to say,  
But God only knows how we miss her,  
In our home that is lonely today.  
May She Rest in Peace,*

# Omicron Taking Another Strain

Covid is in the headlines again, now with a new strain called EG.5, or, informally, Eris (nicknamed after the Greek goddess of strife and discord). A descendant of Omicron, Eris is already the dominant coronavirus subvariant in many countries, infecting more people than any other single strain.

The highly transmissible Omicron subvariant XBB. 1.5 now accounts for over 90 per cent of new Covid-19 cases reported in the US, according to the latest estimates by the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). XBB.

The team detected a rising reinfection frequency in favour of Omicron VOC reinfection for each NGS-characterized VOC detected and reported, along with related Pango lineage data. Almost 26% of persons infected with the original SARS-CoV-2 strain reported rising reinfection incidences with subsequent variants.

Experts say this variant has a higher transmissibility rate than previous strains but doesn't appear to be more dangerous. "It is causing increasing case counts in certain parts of the world, including India."

On June 30, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention added three symp-

toms to its COVID-19 list: Congestion/stuffy nose, nausea and diarrhoea. Those three new conditions now join other symptoms identified by the CDC: Fever.

Other symptoms may include fever, chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches, sore throat and vomiting. Symptoms can last between five to seven days but vary from person to person.

Share on Pinterest Research shows that the antibodies that develop from COVID-19 remain in the body for at least 8 months. Immunity can occur naturally after developing COVID-19, from getting the COVID-19 vaccination, or from a combination of both.

Since the virus replicates in the upper respiratory tract, it causes less lung damage than prior strains. Several researchers think that the high transmission rate with very mild pathogenicity of the Omicron variant may build herd immunity, giving hope for the end of the pandemic.

Director of Health, Derek Burke, told the *Independent* yesterday arrangements will soon be made for another roll-out of booster vaccines. The vaccine is already in storage in St Helena, it is just a matter of sorting out some details with the Chief Medical Officer. The vaccine used is designed to combat Omicron and the 'sons and daughters' of Omicron – EG.5 being one of them.



## FACTS ABOUT THE EG.5 VARIANT

Daughters Andrea & Verena along with the family of the late Sylvia Benjamin Would like to thank the Staff of the General Hospital for their assistance following our mum's sudden passing on the 14th July.

Special thanks to Davina and Colin for the beautiful wreaths and to all who gave flowers, Bishop Fenwick for stepping in to conduct the Funeral Service, Roy and his team for their role in the burial and to everyone who attended the funeral service.

We would also like to thank all who sent cards, emailed or called with their messages of sympathy, the love and support shown to us during this deeply sad time was greatly appreciated and comforting to all of us.

*Gone from our lives but forever in our hearts, fly high our Angel.*

## What is The Wireless Telegraphy Committee? No-One Knows

Before last Friday's Ministers Question Time, councillors were reminded that questions involving ongoing discussions and negotiations of a commercial and confidential nature cannot be answered. As this appeared to rule out just about everything everybody wanted to know, what was hoped would be an interesting session suddenly had as much attraction as the skin on a rice pudding.

All was less than hoped for until Karl Thrower bowled his question at Mark Brooks. It was a fast delivery. It may have been a bouncer, beamer, yorker or an inswinger; the beauty of the delivery could only be heard on the recording. The slight hesitancy in the response indicated Mark Brooks' wicket wobbled a bit but the bails did not come off.

Karl Thrower asked which minister is a member of the Wireless Telegraphy Committee. After Mark Brooks' wicket stopped wobbling and the fielder at Third Man had returned the ball (no runs) there was a clear impression the thought in every minister's mind was 'what is he talking about'. While Mark Brooks was thinking to himself that we will not score any runs while Karl Thrower is bowling, the minister had to admit he had not read the 1989 Telecommunications Ordinance. Mark Brooks took evasive action as further balls were bowled, mostly aimed at him rather than the wicket. It soon became clear the regulations which include 'there shall be a Wireless Telegraphy Advisory Committee' had ended up in the dusty basement storeroom at the Castle along with many once-cherished policies and plans. Listeners to Ministers Question Time were left wondering if the Wireless Telegraphy Advisory Committee has ever existed, no matter how briefly, during the 34-year life of the 1989 Telecom Ordinance.

The Chief Minister, as she sometimes does during Ministers Questions, told the minister on the receiving end to knock the ball for a single so she could be at the wicket. Julie Thomas asked why this committee should meet. While it was a defensive stroke with the bat, on an unpredictable wicket, any fair-minded person would admit she had a point.

The same regulations state there will be three members of the Wireless Telegraphy Advisory Committee. The first mentioned is 'The manager of the St. Helena Branch of Cable & Wireless PLC'. With the passage of 34 years, Cable & Wireless is now Sure and the number of managers employed must be many more than when the regulations were written. The second member is 'A licenced radio operator appointed by the Governor'. The third and last is 'A member of Executive Council appointed by the Governor'. What these three people will do when and if they ever meet is less than clear. The only hint given in the regulations is 'the Attorney General shall consult the Wireless Telegraphy Advisory Committee, but shall not be bound to act in accordance with the advice of the Committee.'

What advice could such a committee give? The manager from Sure could be a customer services manager. The radio operator is not guaranteed to know much about the complexities of telecom engineering, finance, installation and regulation. The member of Executive Council, now called a minis-

ter, we now know is unlikely to have read the important bits in the legislation. So, to bowl a googly, what useful advice could the Wireless Telegraphy Committee Offer? Even if the committee did offer some useful advice on a particular issue, the Attorney General can choose to ignore it without justification. Among all the useless bits of legislation that exist, this bit is up there with the most incompetent examples of legislative draftsmanship.

Worse than that, this committee has been held up to be a defender of customers' interests. Apart from probably never having been in existence, it could never do that job in any shape or form. Throughout the entire life of what is now embarrassingly out-dated legislation there has never been a robust counterpoint to the private telecom monopoly. The electricity and water services have the Utilities Regulatory Authority. One of the URA's responsibilities is to ensure the users of these services are protected from both unreasonable prices and unreasonably low levels of service. An updated Telecom Ordinance which includes establishing the legal framework for a Telecom Regulator has been passed by Legislative Council but has not been enacted. We need an effective Telecom Regulator now.



*Batsman bowled a beamer*



**THE ROCK**

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US  
ON SUNDAY 27th August 2023  
@  
**11 am**  
FOR  
PRAISE AND WORSHIP  
At Longwood Avenue

Transport is available from  
Jamestown, HTH  
Contact 23249 or 62552

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**



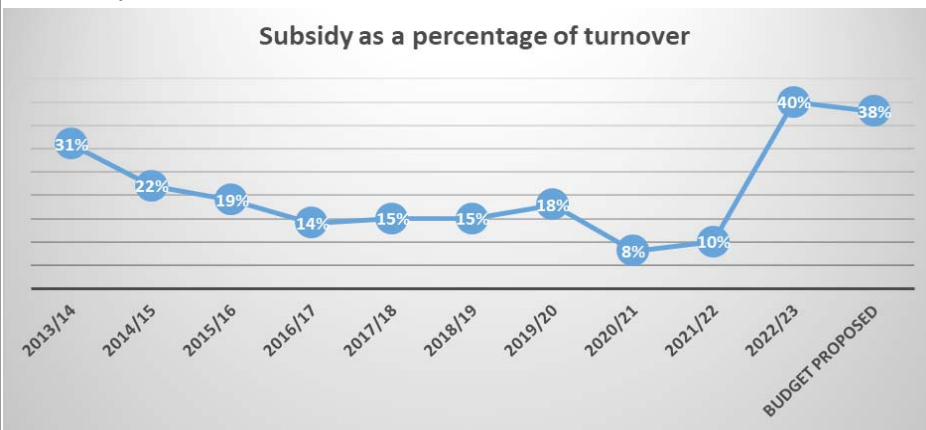
# Connect's View - tariffs should be transparent and equitable

Connect published a 21-page appraisal of the utility's financial situation to accompany their proposal to the Utilities Regulatory Authority (URA) for increases in electricity, water and sewage charges. The details are advertised here, today. Called 'Tariff Paper 2023-24', each page is packed with fact, figures and information. Connect are to be congratulated for being informative about how serious the current situation is and the prospects for the immediate future. In situations such as this, those with any authority of any kind keep their lips sealed and maintain an icy silence. It would be unfair to beat Connect around the head because they are being straight with us about the bad news. Others should follow their example.

## The Financial Situation

### The Need for Subsidy

Connect have agreed a £1.767 million subsidy with SHG for this year. This subsidy, even though it is massive, is less than Connect need to meet all costs. The big cost is cost of diesel for the power station. Since the pandemic, the cost of diesel has rocketed in line with everything else. The price of fuel is the main reason why Connect now need a subsidy of 40p in every £. This is an increase of 32p since the pandemic.



The chart shows the increase in subsidy. At the height of the pandemic, the price of diesel was very low due to the lockdowns, business closures and the reduced demand for petrol and diesel. At that time Connect needed a subsidy of 8p for every £ spent; the lowest it has been for a long time. Last year Connect's subsidy jumped 30% due to the rising price of diesel coupled with increased costs for new materials.

### Bridging the Income/Expenditure Gap

Subsidy and existing revenue from charges is not enough to cover all costs. Additional revenue from charges is proposed.

1. £45 standing charge on every domestic quarterly bill. The commercial rate proposed is £60. If accepted, the standing charges is estimated to bring £190,000 in extra revenue. The standing charge would start on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. The full year revenue for 2024-25 can be expected to be close to £400,000.

An alternative proposal, to increase the unit cost of electricity by 15% and bring in an extra £174,000 has not been proceeded with.

2. Water charges are also proposed for an increase by 10% overall and are expected to raise £27,000 in revenue.

3. Some sewage charges are also destined for increase, by 10%, raising £4,700.

### Profit and Loss

Electricity was making a profit for several years; £405,000 in 2020, £268,000 in 2018. Last year there was a loss of £229,000. Connect estimate 55p per unit is the average charge required to cover costs. At present it is 39p. Apart from increased oil prices, the electricity division suffers from declining demand.

The water division has never made a profit. Recent yearly losses range from £685,000 to £192,000. A cubic metre of water cost £7.78 to collect, treat and distribution.

The £3.34 average charge for a cubic metre of water recovers only 43% of the actual cost.

The sewerage division has reduced its losses in recent years and made a small profit last year. In a normal business the opportunity for new business brings the opportunity for some additional profit. Bringing Rupert's Sewage Treatment plant into service only has Connect thinking about the additional cost.

### Renewable Energy

Connect say it is their objective "to transition to 80% electricity generation from renewables by 2027/28. Connect has developed an Energy Delivery Plan which sets out a roadmap for this. This sets an ambitious agenda for development which in turn requires increased investment to deliver the targets within the Plan."

At present, 80% of electricity is generated using diesel power. Connect describe the situation - "Dependency on diesel generation and the international oil price variability continue to weigh heavily on the cost, and predictability of the cost of electricity production. In particular, Connect's exposure to fuel price volatility has increased (declining demand results in declining use of renewables due to the technical requirement to maintain the base load on grid forming diesel generation to ensure the stability of the grid) as well as concerns around energy security due to the current reliance on diesel for electricity generation." And add, "declining demand and the need to run the diesel generators to maintain the base load has resulted in a decreased share of electricity generation from renewables. This is having a detrimental impact on the costs of electricity generation."

### And Finally

Looking to the future, Connect say, "Whilst on the one hand Connect is faced with increasing costs of production and service delivery, on the other hand, Connect has also adopted an ambitious agenda for the next five years, with various improvements set out in Connect's *Strategic Plan 2023/24 – 2027/28* across the electricity, water, and wastewater sectors. There are long-term benefits from these initiatives but additional spend is needed in the first instance."

# Connect Apply Again to URA for Tariff Increases

## Are They Proposing the Most Popular Option?

On Tuesday Connect submitted a proposal to the Utilities Regulatory Authority (URA) for selective increases in charges. No increases are proposed to the usage charges for electricity but Connect want to introduce a new standing charge. For domestic users it would be £45 every three months and £60 for commercial users.

It is Connects view that the tariffs should be transparent and equitable. Yes, all domestic users pay the same standing charge, as do all commercial users, but is that being fair and even-handed? For users who want to keep their electricity bill to the lower rate of 30p and are careful not to use more than 1,000 units, the £45 standing charge is a 15% increase on what they previously paid. For someone who can afford to be not so careful and uses 1,500 units, the £45 standing charge is only 8.5% more on the bill. As so often happens, it can be argued the less well-off are hit hardest.

Connect have produced a 21-page document, Tariff Paper 2023-24, explaining the background to the present financial situation and the effect this situation has had on their finances. They also produce facts and figures to explain and justify the introduction of the standing charge on electricity bills. The standing charge, they say, is intended to cover

	Pre-May 2022	April 2023
Variable Cost of Fuel	0.17	0.32
Variable Generation Costs	0.03	0.04
<b>Variable Costs of Generation and Distribution</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.36</b>
Fixed Generation Cost	0.08	0.08
Distribution Costs (All Fixed)	0.04	0.04
<b>Fixed Cost of Generation and Distribution</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.12</b>
<b>Total Generation and Distribution Costs before Allocate Overheads</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.48</b>
Administration and Other Overheads	0.07	0.07
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>0.55</b>

### Cost breakdown for generating and distributing one unit (1kWh) of electricity

the fixed costs of producing a unit of electricity (1kWh) while the charge for every kWh used covers the variable costs.

The table shows the increase in the cost of fuel (and other variable costs) has added 16p to every unit of electricity used. Fixed costs have remained the same despite increasing price inflation. When Connect estimated the actual cost to produce one unit of electricity was 39p, fuel was 51% of the cost. As of April this year, fuel had risen to 65% of the total cost of one unit of electricity. The price of crude oil fell from mid-April to the end of June by as much as \$10 a barrel. It has now risen again to around the price it was in April. The cost of fuel is not only variable, its volatile.

The effect caused by introducing the electricity standing charge is that low users of electricity pay more per unit,

because of the new standing charge. Connect's own figures show that customers who use less than 1,000 units will pay will pay more per unit for electricity.

1. There are 600 Connect customers who use less than 200 units per quarter. The £45 standing charge would be the same as adding about 23p to every unit of electricity used.
2. For the 690 customers using between 201 and 400 units, the standing charge is the same as adding about 11p to every unit used.
3. The 142 customers using more than 1,000 units in any quarter will only see an increase per unit of 4p or less.
4. Because the standing charge is the same for every customer, those who can afford to use more units will notice the increase less.

## Connect Had an Option Two But Decided Not to Use It

Option 2 is shown in the 21-page document. Option 2 was to increase the usage charges and not introduce the £45 standing charge for everyone. The tariff charges are shown on the table below. Please note; this charging structure is not being proposed to the URA,

INCREASE IN TARIFF PER UNIT			
Consumer Type	Current Tariff	Proposed Tariff	Increase
Domestic Single Phase First 1,000kWh	30p	35p	5p
Domestic Single Phase Above 1,000kWh	46p	53p	7p
Domestic Three Phase	46p	53p	7p
Commercial	46p	53p	7p
Government	46p	53p	7p

In Option 2 the price of a unit of electricity is increased by 5p for low usage customers and 7p for everyone else. There is no £45 standing charge in Option 2.

### Analysis of Impact of Option Two on Domestic Consumers

If Option 2 was proposed, Connect's low usage customers would not pay more per unit because of the £45 standing

Quarterly Consumption Bands in kWh	Max. Consumption Per Quarter in kWh	Number of Consumers	Average Impact per kWh	Impact Per Quarter	Impact Per Month	Impact Per Week
1-200	200	601	5p increase	£10.00	£3.33	£0.83
201-400	400	689	5p increase	£20.00	£6.67	£1.67
401-600	600	580	5p increase	£30.00	£10.00	£2.50
601-800	800	379	5p increase	£40.00	£13.33	£3.33
801-1000	1000	216	5p increase	£50.00	£16.67	£4.17
1001-1200	1200	73	5p increase	£64.00	£21.33	£5.33

charge. It would simply be if you use less electricity, you pay less. If you use

# Connect Apply Again to URA for Tariff Increases

more you pay more. If Connect continue to burn fossil fuels, climate change principles mean the pricing structure should have high users paying higher prices. Low users should be encouraged with lower charges per unit.

1. Using Connect's figures, a little more than 86% of their customers would be better off paying 5p more per unit instead of the £45 per quarter standing charge.

2. There are 216 Connect customers who use almost all the 1,000 kWh (units) charged at 5p more than present lower rate under option 2. These customers would be £5 worse off per quarter according to Connect's figures.

3. 95% of Connect's Customers use no more than 1000 units per quarter and pay the lower 5p rate per unit under option 2.

4. Under option two, the remaining 5% who use more than 1,000 units would pay 7p more for each unit used after exceeding 1,000 units.

## Analysis of Impact of Option Two on Domestic Consumers

Quarterly Consumption Bands in kWh	Max. Consumption Per Quarter in kWh	Number of Consumers	Average Impact per kWh	Impact Per Quarter	Impact Per Month	Impact Per Week
1-200	200	601	5p increase	£10.00	£3.33	£0.83
201-400	400	689	5p increase	£20.00	£6.67	£1.67
401-600	600	580	5p increase	£30.00	£10.00	£2.50
601-800	800	379	5p increase	£40.00	£13.33	£3.33
801-1000	1000	216	5p increase	£50.00	£16.67	£4.17
1001-1200	1200	73	5p increase	£64.00	£21.33	£5.33
1201-1400	1400	31	6p Increase	£78.00	£26.00	£6.50
1401-1600	1600	20	6p Increase	£92.00	£30.67	£7.67
1601-1800	1800	7	6p Increase	£106.00	£35.33	£8.83
1801-2000	2000	5	6p Increase	£120.00	£40.00	£10.00
2001-2200	2200	2	6p Increase	£134.00	£44.67	£11.17
2201-2400	2400	2	6p Increase	£148.00	£49.33	£12.33
2401-2600	2600	1	6p Increase	£162.00	£54.00	£13.50
2601-2800	2800	0	6p Increase	£176.00	£58.67	£14.67
2801-3000	3000	1	6p Increase	£190.00	£63.33	£15.83

Max. Consumption Per Quarter in kWh	Number of Consumers	% age of all Customers	Impact Per Quarter	Options 1 & 2 Compared	
200	601	23.05%	£10.00	£35.00	Saving with Option 2
400	689	26.43%	£20.00	£25.00	
600	580	22.25%	£30.00	£15.00	
800	379	14.54%	£40.00	£5.00	
1000	216	8.29%	£50.00	£-5.00	Option 1 Costs More
1200	73	2.80%	£64.00	£-19.00	
1400	31	1.19%	£78.00	£-33.00	
1600	20	0.77%	£92.00	£-47.00	
1800	7	0.27%	£106.00	£-61.00	
2000	5	0.19%	£120.00	£-75.00	
2200	2	0.08%	£134.00	£-89.00	
2400	2	0.08%	£148.00	£-103.00	
2600	1	0.04%	£162.00	£-117.00	
2800	0	0.00%	£176.00	£-131.00	
3000	1	0.04%	£190.00	£-145.00	
<b>2607 TOTAL - All Customers</b>					

## REDUCED FLIGHT FARES

It has been informed that there are several available seats on the below one-week flight rotation between Ascension and St Helena and vice versa. PCA members have agreed to a decreased return air fare cost of £200 for these flights. This decrease provides people living in Ascension and St Helena to visit one another on either island for six nights.

### Ascension to St Helena return

45 seats available, leaving Ascension on Sunday 03<sup>rd</sup> September for St Helena returning to Ascension on Saturday 09<sup>th</sup> September at a return fare of £200.

### St Helena to Ascension return

45 seats available, leaving St Helena on Saturday 02<sup>nd</sup> September for Ascension returning to St Helena on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at a return fare of £200. It has been advised reduced tickets are for return journeys only and do not apply for single journey bookings.



## **Small Island Cuts Cost of Electricity for Second Time This Year**

The Isle of Sark is a two square mile independently governed island in the English Channel with a population of 500. Sark is one of the four islands which form the Bailiwick of Guernsey, a Crown Dependency. The Sark Electricity Company will cut the cost of electricity for the second time this year on 1<sup>st</sup> September. In January electricity cost 53p per unit, 26p for the Fuel Cost Component (FCC) and 27p for fixed costs. During the following months the FCC reduced as the world oil price dropped. On 1<sup>st</sup> August the price of a unit of electricity was reduced to 44p. On the 1<sup>st</sup> September the price will drop further to 40p – making a 25% drop in the price in eight months.

The official announcement told the Sark population “Sark Electricity Limited (SEL) is delighted to confirm that the benefits of the new Price Control Mechanism agreed between SEL and The New Sark Electricity Price Control Commissioner Mr Shane Lynch (The OPC) continue to positively impact unit prices for electricity on Sark. As a result, the unit price will reduce by a further 4p from 44p per unit to 40p per unit with effect from 1st September 2023. This is excellent news for our customers and the team at SEL are delighted to be able to finally begin delivering upon our long-held ambitions for cheaper and safer electricity on Sark.” It is reported the ambition of the Sark Electricity Company is to bring the unit price down to 37p through operational savings.

In October 2019 the unit price of Sark electricity was increased by 29% to 85p per unit. In 2022 the electricity company passed from private to community ownership, with each resident having a vote at the annual general meeting. The new managing director of the Electricity Company praised the new Price Control Commissioner after announcing the most recent price reduction, saying he had “confidence in the new Commissioner’s rigid application of the Law” which “will now open the door to investment that has been on hold for too many years due to painful legal wranglings.”



**Only bicycles, tractors and the horse & cart are allowed on Sark. Cars are banned.**

## **Stop Selling Starlink and Cut Customers Off - SA Regulator Orders**

South Africa’s telecommunications regulator has demanded that a local Internet service provider (ISP) stop importing Starlink kits on behalf of its customers and cut them off from the satellite broadband service.

The ISP in Northern Cape received a ‘cease and desist’ letter from the regulator on 14<sup>th</sup> August. The ISP was ordered to stop acquiring, distributing and facilitating sale of any Starlink products in South Africa, that will in any form provide satellite access to the Starlink services.

The ISP imported Starlink kits on behalf of thousands of its customers for several months. It also manages their accounts with Starlink, but also allows them to take it over and deal with the company directly. It charged R15,000 (£630) for the Starlink kit and R1,799 (£75) per month for the service. Due to enormous demand, it was forced to temporarily pause new orders about two weeks ago.



**The ISP’s Starlink units in transit. There is a similar photo on some mobile phones showing a large number of Starlink terminals destined for St Helena**

The South African telecom licensing and legal arrangements are very different to St Helena. The South African Electronics Communications and Transactions Act is now 21 years old and is just as strange as our own 34-year-old Telecommunications Ordinance. It is reported that in the South African Act, there is a requirement for Elon Musk’s Starlink to be 30% owned by South Africa’s disadvantaged groups which are defined as black people, youth, women, and people with disabilities.

The ISP has provided Starlink services mostly to people in sparsely populated areas in Northern Cape province. Starlink was found to be much better than the existing telecoms companies which did not invest more than necessary due to the small customer base and the large areas to be covered.

Starlink soon became known as cheaper and more reliable than the existing telecom service providers. The ISP received 2,600 applications for Starlink connections and then had to suspend acceptance of further applications. To get around this very complicated situation the ISP has chosen to trans-

fer Northern Cape customers to a separate company registered in Mozambique, from where it plans to distribute Starlink kits to other African countries where the service is not yet available. Mozambique is one of five African countries where Starlink has rolled out. The South African Regulator has not responded to requests to comment.

## ***Cable Repair Ship Arrives in Cape Town – the cable breaks could happen again***



**Cable layer Léon Thévenin is moored in Cape Town harbour after a nine-day voyage from Mombasa, Kenya**

The Léon Thévenin arrived in Kenya, East Africa, on 6<sup>th</sup> August just as an avalanche in the sub-sea Congo Canyon, located north of Luanda, Angola, caused breaks in the West Africa Cable System (Wacs) and South Atlantic 3 (Sat-3) subsea cables. The Equiano cable is also in the area but was not damaged. Some data from the two damaged cables was transferred to the Equiano.

The Léon Thévenin was mobilised for the cable repair but could not start the voyage back around the Cape of Good Hope until 12<sup>th</sup> August. The ship arrived in Cape Town on Monday this week for further supplies and will then continue up Africa's west coast to locate the site of the cable damage – a distance of 3,600km (2,250 miles). It is estimated the repair to the West Africa Cable System (Wacs) should be completed around 8<sup>th</sup> September, meaning the cable will be out of use for more than one month.

The combination of the Congo Canyon and sediment carried to sea from the Congo River basin is a recognised cause of submarine avalanches in coastal waters off northern Angola. The Congo River carries up to 40 million tonnes of sediment out to sea every year. The build-up eventually falls into the submarine canyon. In January 2022 the current caused by the massive movement of sediment travelled 700 miles to deep-sea; reaching an ocean depth of 4,500 metres (2.7 miles). It is the longest avalanche of sediment ever measured. This month's cable breaks could happen again.

# SOLOMON & COMPANY (ST HELENA) PLC



**WE ARE HIRING**

## **GROCERERY SALES ASSISTANTS WITHIN HTH SUPERMARKET**

Register your interest with the HR Department via telephone number 22380 and come in for an interview on Thursday, 07 September 2023 between 9am to 11:30am or 1pm to 3pm in the Main Office Building, Jamestown. Interviews will be held on a first come first served basis.

Copies of the job description can be collected from the Reception Desk, Main Office Building, Jamestown, or alternatively, a copy can be requested via [hradmin@solomons.co.sh](mailto:hradmin@solomons.co.sh)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc offers attractive benefits to Employees which include but are not limited to:

- Pension Contributions
- Attractive Leave Packages
- Staff Discounts

## **PROPOSED ELECTRICITY AND WATER TARIFFS COMMENCING 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is proposing revised tariffs commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

Connect will receive a subsidy from SHG. Whilst this represents a significant proportion of the amount requested by Connect, the failure to reach the full subsidy amount combined with the significant period since tariffs were last adjusted as well as increasing cost pressures will leave a funding gap.

We are therefore proposing to introduce a standing charge within the electricity tariff structure and an increase of 10% for water and sewerage charges.

	<b>CURRENT TARIFF</b>	<b>PROPOSED TARIFF</b>	<b>Increase</b>
<b>ELECTRICITY TARIFF CHARGES</b>			
<b><u>Usage Charges</u></b>			
Domestic Band 1 (first 1,000 units)	£0.30	£0.30	0.00
Domestic Band 2 (units over 1,000)	£0.46	£0.46	0.00
Commercial and 3 Phase	£0.46	£0.46	0.00
<b><u>Quarterly Standing Charges</u></b>			
All Domestic	£0.00	£45.00	£45.00
Commercial	£0.00	£60.00	£60.00
<b>WATER TARIFF CHARGES</b>			
<b><u>Quarterly Standing Charges</u></b>			
Domestic	£12.50	£13.75	£1.25
Commercial	£36.41	£40.05	£3.64
Agricultural	£12.50	£13.75	£1.25
<b><u>Domestic Use</u></b>			
Treated Water first 15 cubic metres	£1.69	£1.86	£0.17
Treated Water 16 – 25 cubic metres	£2.22	£2.44	£0.22
Treated Water above 25 cubic metres	£4.37	£4.80	£0.43
Untreated	£1.11	£1.22	£0.11
<b><u>Other Use</u></b>			
Commercial	£4.37	£4.80	£0.43
Agricultural treated	£2.22	£2.44	£0.22
Agricultural untreated	£1.11	£1.22	£0.11
<b>DRAINAGE TARIFF CHARGES</b>			
Domestic Standing	£21.78	£23.96	£2.18
Commercial Standing	£34.39	£37.83	£3.44





	<b>CURRENT TARIFF</b>	<b>PROPOSED TARIFF</b>	<b>Change</b>
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**ELECTRICITY OTHER CHARGES**

Disconnection	£43.03	£43.03	Nil
Reconnection	£43.03	£43.03	Nil

**WATER OTHER CHARGES**

Connection	£37.29	£37.29	Nil
Disconnection	£37.29	£37.29	Nil
Reconnection	£37.29	£37.29	Nil

**DRAINAGE OTHER CHARGES**

Empty private septic tank (domestic)	£86.37	£86.37	Nil
Empty private septic tank (commercial)	£138.73	£138.73	Nil
Unblock private sewer line (domestic)	£86.37	£86.37	Nil
Unblock private sewer line (commercial)	£138.73	£138.73	Nil
Connection	£42.54	£42.54	Nil
Disconnection	£42.54	£42.54	Nil

Anyone wanting to understand more on how the tariff charges will affect them, is welcome to call Connect on 22255 or email [enquiries@connect.co.sh](mailto:enquiries@connect.co.sh).

Any comments you might have regarding the proposed tariffs can be forwarded to:

The Utilities Regulatory Authority, The Castle, Jamestown marked for the attention of Yvonne Williams or by email to: [yvonne.williams@judicialservices.sh](mailto:yvonne.williams@judicialservices.sh).

All comments must be received by **4pm on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

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**We are recruiting...**



**St Helena  
Government**

**JOIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE**

### **Terrestrial Conservation Officer (£14,585 per annum)**

Are you passionate about St Helena's endemic plants and invertebrates? If so, ENRP has an exciting opportunity as Terrestrial Conservation Officer to lead and deliver their Terrestrial Conservation programme. You will help to set the strategic direction ensuring it remains adaptable to changing terrestrial environment needs and uses. The post is responsible for recurrent and project activities, including team management, programme implementation, report writing, communications and outreach activities, and building links between relevant stakeholders that are important to, and associated with, the work of the Terrestrial Conservation Section. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries: Stuart Jennings on Tel No 24724**  
**Closing date: 30 August 2023**

### **Social Care Officer (Adults Service) (£12,879 per annum)**

The Health & Social Care portfolio is seeking an individual to join the Adult Service team. As the Social Care Officer you will need to be able to recognise and respond to issues of mental capacity and safeguarding, as well as to promote the independence, provide meaningful support and to safeguard vulnerable people within our community. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries: Angela Bevan on 22920**  
**Closing Date: 30 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**

To access job profiles and application forms online, visit [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies) Alternatively, these are available in paper format from Central Human Resources and Organisational Development at The Castle, Jamestown.

For further information, please contact the recruitment team on telephone number **22470** or via the email address below.

Applications should be submitted to the Human Resources Officer by email [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) or paper copies delivered to the Human Resources Officer by the closing date.

*To be considered for our vacancies, you must complete our application form. Please do not submit your CV.*

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## Assistant PAYE Officer (£7,341 per annum)

The Treasury section is looking for an individual who has an interest in working with Tax. The individual will have the opportunity to work with the day to day management of the PAYE system, auditing the Tax data for individual employee, tax payers and dealing with tax queries ensuring all PAYE taxes are collected in line with the Income Tax Ordinance.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Gillian Knipe on 25880  
Closing Date: 29 August 2023

## 1:1 Teaching Assistant (Prince Andrew School) (£7,823 per annum)

Do you have a passion for Education? We are looking to recruit a Teaching Assistant to provide assistance to the class teacher by supporting teaching and learning in the school/classroom environment. The individual needs to be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and have good communication skills to be able to communicate between students, parents and colleagues. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Kerry Lawrence on Tel No 22607  
Closing date: 29 August 2023

## Trainee Helmsmen (Sea Rescue) (£7,200 per annum)

Applications will be considered from 16 years +

Are you keen to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by protecting and saving lives at sea? If you are a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual with the ability to remain calm under extreme physical and mental pressure, then the St Helena Sea Rescue Service has an opportunity for you to join their team.

Enquiries: Leeroy Caswell or Mark Caswell on Tel No 25052  
Closing date: 04 September 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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## ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

### INTERNSHIP - CONSERVATION & FISHERIES DIRECTORATE

***Would you like the opportunity to join the Ascension Island Conservation and Fisheries Directorate on a full-time basis from October 2023 to October 2024?***

Ascension Island hosts a unique assemblage of animals and plants in a dramatic volcanic landscape. It is home to one of the world's largest nesting populations of green turtles, over a million seabirds, plant species found nowhere else on earth and a marine environment that abounds with fish.

Protecting, monitoring and managing this amazing biodiversity is a great challenge and we are looking for hard working, enthusiastic people to assist us. You will work across all aspects of the department and take part in a range of tasks on the island including monitoring turtle, land crab and seabird populations, non-native species removal, maintaining the National Park and Marine Protected Area, endemic plant restoration, fisheries monitoring and education and outreach programmes.

We'd like to hear from anyone interested in being involved in our conservation work who has preferably lived and worked in small isolated communities before and is willing to work hard as part of a small team. We are offering a 12-month position from October 2023 to October 2024.

For the successful candidates we will provide:

- One return flight between the UK or St Helena and Ascension and reasonable travel expenses within the UK to Brize Norton if required.
- Rent free accommodation, including electricity and water allowances (Shared bungalow with other project staff: private bedroom, shared kitchen, bathroom and communal areas).
- Internships are unsalaried, but a contribution of £160 per month for subsistence will be paid to each intern.
- Necessary medical and dental care while in Ascension.

**This appointment will be subject to:**

- Satisfactory Employment References
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance

**Closing Date: 13 September 2023**

**Interviews: w/c 18 September 2023 by Skype if off island**

**To apply visit:** <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/>

**For more information about AIGCD, or about living and working on Ascension Island, please visit the official website at [www.ascension.gov.ac/conservation](http://www.ascension.gov.ac/conservation) or find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/AscensionIslandConservation](https://www.facebook.com/AscensionIslandConservation)**

Funding is generously provided by Elizabeth Scarlett. <https://www.instagram.com/elizabethscarlett/>

# NOTIFICATION

## MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on

**Thursday, 7th September 2023, at 10 am at the St Helena Community College Main Hall, Jamestown.**

Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors.

The Agenda and redacted versions of the Handling Reports will be available on the LDCA Web Page of the SHG Web Site. Should you require assistance, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 24724.

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



## CUSTOMER NOTICE



Solomon & Company would like to advise customers that **GREENLANDS** will be **CLOSED** to the public from **TUESDAY 29 AUGUST** to **SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER** for renovation works.

Normal opening will resume from **Monday 4 September 2023.**

A selection of toiletries and personal care items will continue to be available in **The Star, Half Tree Hollow Supermarket and Silver Hill Shop.**

Customers are thanked for your patience and understanding during this closure and we look forward to your continued custom on re-opening.

## AUDIT ST HELENA

*invites applications for the following job vacancy*

### **PRINCIPAL AUDITOR**

**Salary range £22,100 to £28,000 per annum**  
**12-month fixed term contract**

The Principal Auditor will lead the planning and delivery of financial audit engagements across a range of public entities in accordance with International Auditing Standards.

Candidates must be a qualified accountant with a minimum of three years' recent experience in external audit and at least one year in a supervisory capacity in an audit environment, together with knowledge of recognised financial reporting frameworks. We are looking for a team leader with good communication and people management skills who is able to plan, prioritise and project-manage workflow and use their own judgement. Excellent analytical abilities and IT skills are also required. Working knowledge of CaseWare is desirable.

Job Profiles and Application Forms are available on request by calling 22111 or emailing [helene.v.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:helene.v.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh) and applications should be submitted by email or by hand to Audit St Helena, First Floor, New Porteous House, Jamestown, by no later than **10am on Monday 11 September 2023.**

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



**AUDIT ST HELENA**  
External Auditors

## Sisters travel 5500 miles from tiny remote island to Blackpool - all to see Madame Tussauds



Sisters Faith and Carmen Rogers, who are among the many tourists that choose to visit Blackpool (Image: James Maloney/Lancs Live)

5,500 miles and over 24 hours of travelling might seem a long way for a holiday.

But for two sisters such a journey is worth it, particularly when Blackpool and its famous landmarks are the end goal. Sisters Carmen and Faith Rogers hail from one of the most remote islands on Earth - Saint Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean.

Prior to 2017, the island did not have an airport and the only way to access it was by sea via a five-day ship voyage from Cape Town in South Africa. Six years on, it's a little less remote and passengers are able to reach the island in six hours to Johannesburg OR Tambo International Airport in South Africa.

Travelling from Saint Helena to Johannesburg is exactly what the sisters did, but they also

then made a 13-hour flight to the United Kingdom on top of that. But this wasn't to visit the bright lights of London. Rather, it was to visit the seaside town of Blackpool with their own eyes.

Carmen and Faith were admiring the promenade's Comedy Carpet when Lancs Live approached them on why they had decided to holiday in Blackpool this summer. They informed us they had only arrived to the seaside resort the night before but the one thing they

had come for was one of its most well-known attractions.

"We're here mainly for Madame Tussaud's," Carmen explained. "In Saint Helena, we hear about Blackpool all the time."

Visiting for four days, Carmen explained the route from their remote island to get to the UK and what their plans are for the trip. She added: "It's a well-known tourist attraction and we're really looking forward to it. We've only just got here and all we've done is eat, but we're going to do the attractions."

Not only are the sisters enjoying the bright lights of Blackpool, but they're also meeting friends from Cumbria even further up north than what they're used to in their southerly remote island home.

The subtropical British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena is 1,200 miles away from Africa and 1,800 miles from South America. The only other landmass near to Saint Helena is Ascension Island, around 807 miles to the northwest of it.

Seeing as it's so small and remote, it comes as no surprise that the population of Saint Helena is just 4,439 according to the 2021 Census and it consists of a tight-knit low-crime community. The whole island is just 45 square miles and is a third of the size of the Isle of Wight - the same size as Disney World in Orlando.



An Olly Murs waxwork at Madame Tussauds in Blackpool (Image: Anthony Devlin Photography 2022)



LancsLive



# International Football

By Leigh Richards

Tottenham secured their first win under the management of Ange Postecoglou and in the post-Harry Kane era with a thrilling and deserved victory over Manchester United.

There were pre-match demonstrations against chairman Daniel Levy and owners ENIC, but Postecoglou was given a thunderous reception and once the action got under way Spurs responded with a vivid demonstration of the attacking style that is the Australian's trademark.

Spurs and United created chances throughout a sometimes-chaotic encounter before the deadlock was broken by Pape Matar Sarr's goal, drilled high into the net from close range four minutes after the interval.

In a game of numerous chances, Spurs sealed the victory in front of the ecstatic home support after 83 minutes when Ivan Perisic's cross took a touch off Ben Davies before going in via Lisandro Martinez.

The home side hit the woodwork twice in the first half through Pedro Porro and Luke Shaw's deflection, while Antony hit the upright for United, new Spurs keeper Guglielmo Vicario saved superbly from Casemiro and Bruno Fernandes somehow headed wide of an open goal in the first half.

Both sides also had penalty appeals turned down when Cristian Romero han-

dled and then when the Spurs defender appeared to be bundled to the ground by Martinez at the other end, but ultimately it was Spurs' greater attacking intent that made the difference.



West Ham United claimed a rousing London derby win against big-spending Chelsea despite playing almost 30 minutes with 10 men.

The Hammers were 2-1 ahead when defender Nayef Aguerd, who opened the scoring with an early header, was sent off in the 67th minute for his second bookable offence.

But Chelsea could not force an equaliser with their numerical advantage and then conceded a late third through Lucas Paqueta's penalty in the fifth minute of added time.

Teenager Carney Chukwuemeka scored his first goal for the Blues to make it 1-1 but Enzo Fernandez wasted a chance to put them ahead when his penalty was

saved by Alphonse Areola.

Michail Antonio fired West Ham back in front with a powerful angled strike in the 53rd minute, before the hosts were reduced to 10 men.

However, Mauricio Pochettino's side were unable to capitalise on Aguerd's dismissal to force a second leveller despite a second-half debut for Moises Caicedo, who has joined from Brighton in a deal that could become a British record.

The Ecuador midfielder, who signed for an initial £100m fee which could rise to £115m, had a chance to make it 2-2 but shot over from the edge of the penalty area.

Caicedo, looking rusty after two months without a game, then conceded a penalty for a foul on Hammers left-back Emerson and Paqueta made no mistake from the spot to seal West Ham's victory.



## RESULTS - WEEK 2



Nottingham Forest	2	vs	1	Sheffield United
Fulham	0	vs	3	Brentford
Liverpool	3	vs	1	AFC Bournemouth
Wolverhampton Wanderers	1	vs	4	Brighton & Hove Albion
Tottenham Hotspur	2	vs	0	Manchester United
Manchester City	1	vs	0	Newcastle United
Aston Villa	4	vs	0	Everton
West Ham United	3	vs	1	Chelsea
Crystal Palace	0	vs	1	Arsenal

## FIXTURES - WEEK 3

### Friday 25th

19:00 Chelsea vs Luton Town

### Saturday 26th

11:30 AFC Bournemouth vs Tottenham Hotspur

14:00 Arsenal vs Fulham

14:00 Brentford vs Crystal Palace

14:00 Everton vs Wolverhampton Wanderers

16:30 Brighton & Hove Albion vs West Ham United

### Sunday 27th

13:00 Burnley vs Aston Villa

13:00 Sheffield United vs Manchester City

15:30 Newcastle United vs Liverpool

## FOOTBALL JOKES

Why wasn't the nose on the soccer team? It didn't get picked!

Why can't you play soccer with pigs? They hog the ball.

Why was the soccer field wet on a sunny day? The players dribbled all over it.

Why shouldn't you play soccer in the jungle? There are too many cheetahs!



# International Football

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Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 Brighton & Hove Albion	2	2	0	0	8	2	6	6
2 Manchester City	2	2	0	0	4	0	4	6
3 Arsenal	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	6
4 Brentford	2	1	1	0	5	2	3	4
5 Liverpool	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
6 Tottenham Hotspur	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
7 West Ham United	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
8 Newcastle United	2	1	0	1	5	2	3	3
9 Aston Villa	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	3
10 Nottingham Forest	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
11 Crystal Palace	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3
12 Manchester United	2	1	0	1	1	2	-1	3
13 Fulham	2	1	0	1	1	3	-2	3
14 AFC Bournemouth	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
15 Chelsea	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
16 Sheffield United	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0
17 Luton Town	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0
18 Burnley	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
19 Wolverhampton Wanderers	2	0	0	2	1	5	-4	0
20 Everton	2	0	0	2	0	5	-5	0

**Table as it stands after Week 2 matches**



England's wait to win a first Women's World Cup title goes on after Spain deservedly triumphed in the final in Sydney.

The Lionesses, looking to become the first England senior side since the men's team in 1966 to win the World Cup, suffered heart-break after being outplayed by a Spanish side full of flair and creativity.

England's players fell to their knees in tears at the final whistle as Spain celebrated inside their penalty area after dealing with a final corner kick in the 14th minute of nerve-racking stoppage time.

Spain captain Olga Carmona slotted the winner past goalkeeper Mary Earps in the first half, capitalising after England's Lucy Bronze lost possession in midfield.

England manager Sarina Wiegman, who has now lost two successive World Cup finals, introduced Lauren James and Chloe Kelly at half-time but Spain maintained control despite the Lionesses' best efforts.

Earps, who won the Golden Glove award as best goalkeeper at the tournament, made several stunning saves, none better than from the penalty spot to deny Jenni Hermoso in the second half.

The Manchester United stopper moved early to her left and caught Hermoso's effort, the penalty having been awarded for handball against midfielder Keira Walsh following a lengthy video assistant referee review.

But it was one step too far for the European champions, who lost just their second match in two years under Wiegman.

"I'm just deflated," said England defender Lucy Bronze. "Obviously we went into the World Cup wanting to win it and we were so close, but in the end we couldn't quite get it over the line.

"I am proud of what we have achieved but I

think everybody that knows me, knows that I only like gold medals."



Spain are crowned champions for the first time despite going into the tournament under a cloud of controversy following a dispute between players and the Spanish football federation



# What's been happening at New Horizons?

Following on from last week, we are back this week to see what's been happening at New Horizons and their packed holiday programme, which can be seen below.



## Holiday Club

28<sup>th</sup> Aug - 1<sup>st</sup> Sep 9am - 3pm £1

<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> - Public Holiday</b>
<b>Tues 29<sup>th</sup> - Fishing at Ruperts with Mr Neil George 10am - 2pm</b> Bring your rods!
<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup> - Walk to Heart Shaped Waterfall 10am</b>
<b>Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> - New Horizons Cake Sale at the Canister 10:30am</b> (we'd appreciate any cake donations - Thank You! ☺)
<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> - Bike Riding in Longwood area (we'll make arrangements to collect your bike)</b>



They would like to extend their thanks to Bliss Hair Salon, PAS for allowing them to use their facilities to make Pilau (everyone at NH enjoyed a plate!), Sew & Sew Tailoring, Alex Henry, Get Carters and Mr Neil George.

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**String door  
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**Keyrings £1.00**

**Kids T-shirts £4.00**

**Boys shorts £3.50**

We will be having a bumper **OUTDOOR SALE** in front of the shop on Thursday 31st Aug 10am to 2pm loads of Bargains for everyone...

## BLUE HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting for the BHCA will be held on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

from 19:30 at the Blue Hill Community Centre.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

## NECK Breaking News



*Wishing our Editor Vince a very Happy Birthday for today From all at the Independent & Saint FM*





# LOCAL FOOTBALL

Match Report by Mikee Williams

## COMFORTABLE WIN

The start of week four fixtures saw Rovers picked up a comfortable win against Axis.

Axis was happy to site deep and defended well up on tell a delightful through ball forward found Tyler Benjamin and he finished with ease to put the Rovers one-nil up with twenty-two minutes played.

With Axis defending deep, midfield veteran's Gibby Young and Alistair Buckley linked up well with a number of silky-smooth passing.

The two was involved in the build up to the second goal which eventually saw the ball at the feet of Ronan Legg who's pass found Tyler Benjamin to grab his second of the game.

Blaise Baldwin came on as a first half sub and within minutes stole the ball of a Axis defender and score a outstanding dipping volley to put his team three-nil up.

Half time score Rovers 3 v 0 Axis

Blaise was at it again in the second half grabbing another goal with four minutes gone.

Axis had a few chances at goal but didn't really trouble the Rovers backline. The boys in pink, after conceding so early in the second half defended really well with their goalie Scott Crowie making a couple of brilliant saves to keep the score respectful.

**Final score Rovers 4 v 0 Axis**

**Goals for Rovers - Tyler Benjamin 2, Blaise Baldwin 2**

**MOM - Tyler Benjamin of Rovers**

**YPOM - Blaise Baldwin of Rovers**



## FOUR IN A ROW

The first game on Sunday saw Bellboys continued on their great start to the season with a win over Harts.

The game started brightly with both teams enjoying possession on the ball. Harts were happy to dig in and hit the Bellboys on the break, which was working to good effect.

As the half went by, the boys in blue started to win the midfield battle and had two big chances to take the lead, but found Bellboys goalie Andrew Yon hard to beat.

Then, with some good play on the right wing from Harts, a cross found Kyle Shoemsmith at the back post who tap in to put the Harts one-nil up with fifteen minutes remaining in the half. Bellboys fought

back but found Kyle Yon in the Heart of the Harts defence in great form. Half time Bellboys 0 v 1 Harts

The Second have saw Bellboys kicking towards the Red Hill end and started brightest of the two teams. A mistimed tackle on the edge of the Harts box gave the referee no choice to award a penalty. Tyler Brady steps up and sent the goalie the wrong way to level the scores with just ten minutes played.

The game opened up with both teams again enjoying some good passes in midfield but found both defences hard to breach. Then a counter attack from Bellboys saw a brilliant through ball found its way to Joey Thomas, his shot was saved by Chris Owen in goal but rebounded back to Joey who made no mistake to give his team the lead with twenty minutes remaining.

This took Bellboys to another gear and they started to break the Harts backline more regularly. Then with ten minutes remaining on the clock, a confusion in the Harts box with a hand ball call from Harts saw everyone stop play including the Bellboys, whiles everyone waited for a whistle that never came, Tyler Brady was the quickest to react to tap in to win the game for the Bellboys, and made it four wins in a row.

**Final score Bellboys 3 v 1 Harts**

**Goals for Bellboys - Tyler Brady 2, Joey Thomas**

**Goal for Harts - Kyle Shoemsmith**

**MOM - Ryan Benjamin of Bellboys**

**YPOM - Edson Stevens of Harts**

## CHOP SHOP GO SECOND

The final game of week four saw the Chop Shop move into second place with a hard-fought match against Ballerz.

The Chop Shop came into the game as the favourites but were wasteful in front of goal, the miss chances most came back to haunt Chop Shop with the Ballerz having several chances themselves, notably a shot from Ethan Harris that hit of the cross bar down onto the goal line. The deadlock was finally broken when a tame shot from Blake Benjamin, from way out on the left wing, found its way through the keepers' legs to give Chop Shop the lead.

Half-time score Chop Shop 1 v 0 Ballerz

The second half was more like the first with Chop Shop failing to take their chances, but Ballerz was also defending really well, with Eureeze Peters-Stevens once again putting in some



# LOCAL FOOTBALL

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crucial tackles.

A penalty was awarded to Chop Shop fifteen minutes in, with Shane Stroud stepping up to take the penalty. Ballerz goalie Jerome Peters would make up for his error in the first half by saving the penalty to keep Ballerz in the game. The Ballerz sent men forward for an equaliser and was leaving themselves vulnerable to the counter. With ten minutes off the game remaining Chop Shop were rewarded another penalty, this time Dane Wade step up and blasted the ball home to the relief to all supporters of Chop Shop.

The Chop Shop would eventually hang on to claim the win to see them move into second place, three points behind Bellboys.

**Final score Chop Shop 2 v 0 Ballerz**

**Goals for Chop Shop - Blake Peters-Benjamin, Dane Wade (P)**

**MOM - Shane Stroud of Chop Shop**

**YPOM - Eureeze Peters-Stevens of Ballerz**



### Next weeks fixtures

**Sat 26th Aug—2pm Rovers vs Ballez**

**Sun 27th— 1:30pm Harts vs Chop Shop boys**

**Sun 27th—3:30pm Axis vs Bellboys**

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Bellboys	4	4	0	0	21	3	18	12
Chop Shop	4	3	0	1	13	7	6	9
Rovers	4	2	0	2	11	9	2	6
Ballez	4	2	0	2	4	13	-9	6
Harts	4	1	0	3	4	9	-5	3
Axis	4	0	0	4	3	14	-11	0



**Goalkeeper** - Andrew Yon of Bellboys

**Right Back** - Kyle Yon of Harts

**Centre Back** - Simon Scipio of Rovers

**Centre Back** - Declan Franconi of Axis

**Left Back** - Eurreeze Peters-Stevens of Ballez

**Right Wing** - Joey Thomas of Bellboys

**Midfielder** - Ryan Benjamin of Bellboys

**Midfielder** - Alistair Buckley of Rovers

**Midfielder** - Tyler Benjamin of Rovers

**Left Wing** - Shaquille Benjamin of Ballez

**Striker** - Blaize Baldwin of Rovers

## LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

Player	Team	Goals
Shane Stroud	Chop Shop boys	8
Tyler Brady	Bellboys	7
Own Goal		4
Rico Benjamin	Rovers	3
Tyler Benjamin	Rovers	3
Alex Osborne	Bellboys	2
Taylan Phillips	Bellboys	2
Jordan Yon	Bellboys	2
Toure Osborne	Ballez	2
Lars Williams	Axis	2
Kyle Shoesmith	Harts	2
Blake Benjamin-Peters	Chop Shop boys	2
Blaize Baldwin	Rovers	2
Brett Isaac	Rovers	1
Ronan Legg	Rovers	1
Nico Benjamin	Rovers	1
Dodi Williams-Peters	Harts	1
Marc Williams	Chop Shop boys	1
Ricardo Williams	Chop Shop boys	1
Sid Benjamin	Bellboys	1
Ethan Harris	Ballez	1
Owen Richards	Axis	1
Joey Thomas	Bellboys	1
Dane Wade	Chop Shop boys	1



# LOCAL FOOTBALL

Match Report by New Horizons

<b>Young Rebels</b>	<b>5</b>	vs	<b>3</b>	<b>Rumblers</b>
Louie Fowler	1		2	Dirk Peters
Dillion George	2		1	OG
Jamel Ward-Peters	1			
OG	1			
<b>MOM</b>	<b>Dillion George</b>		<b>Joshua Crowie</b>	<b>MOM</b>
<b>Terminators</b>	<b>0</b>	vs	<b>4</b>	<b>Troopers</b>
			2	Lebron George
			1	Zach Francis
			1	Ryan Stevens
<b>MOM</b>	<b>Levi Williams</b>		<b>Lebron George</b>	<b>MOM</b>
<b>Megalodons</b>	<b>2</b>	vs	<b>3</b>	<b>Guardians FC</b>
Kayden Leo	1			Kayden Scott
OG	1			John Espinosa
				Tyrel Timm
				OG
<b>MOM</b>	<b>Seth Lawrence</b>		<b>Kayden Scott</b>	<b>MOM</b>



TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Young Rebels	3	2	0	1	29	10	19	6
Guardian FC	2	2	0	0	21	8	13	6
Rumblers	2	1	0	1	18	7	11	3
Falcons	2	1	0	1	13	10	3	3
Megalodons	3	0	0	3	4	50	-46	0

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Next week fixtures

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Troopers	2	2	0	0	5	7	12	6
Terminators	2	1	0	1	7	6	13	3
Hurricanes	2	0	0	2	9	8	17	0

Saturday 19th August

9am— Guardian FC vs Rumblers

9am— Troopers vs Hurricanes

10am— Falcons vs Megalodons

## LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

Jamal Peters	Young Rebels	11	Lebron George	Hurricanes	3
Hugo Richards	Falcons	9	Lewis Thomas	Terminators	3
Dillion George	Young Rebels	9	Callum O'Dean	Terminators	2
Joshua Crowie	Rumblers	7	Lukas Robertsee	Hurricanes	2
Kayden Scott	Guardian FC	6	Elijah Young	Terminators	1
Joel Peters	Falcons	3	Levi Williams	Terminators	1
Louie Fowler	Young Rebels	3	Om Fowler	Troopers	1
Dirk Benjamin-Peters	Rumblers	2	Riley Yon	Hurricanes	1
Own Goal		2	Ryan Stevens	Hurricanes	1
Alexis Williams	Rumblers	1	Zach Francis	Hurricanes	1
Talem Francis	Rumblers	1			
Cruz Williams	Rumblers	1			
Kaiden Leo	Megalodons	1			
Luton Yon	Megalodons	1			
Kaiden Glanville	Guardian FC	1			

# Golf Report week ending 20 August 2023

The ever popular 2 team Texas Scramble took place on Sunday 20 August 2023. Twenty three golfers showed up to take part, along with three juniors who also joined the competition.

A shotgun start was applied, which means that all of the groups of players are at their appropriate tee boxes and therefore all players would tee off at the same time. Thus all of the players completing the competition at the same time.

Weather conditions were fairly good, particularly at this time of year. There was slight intermittent drizzle coupled with quite a bit of "wind sheer" but players continued undeterred with their game.

Jason Hopkins (does seem to be on a winning streak lately) as he and his partner Ashton Benjamin were the winners with 44 Stableford points. There were two teams coming in on a tie of 42 points, Leon Crowie and Ladies Captain Helena Stevens, and Leeroy Caswell and Entertainments Officer Jeremy Clingham. Consequently a count back was made and it was revealed that Leon and Helena emerged as the runners-up. Two teams won and shared the 2 ball pool, with both teams putting out on the 16<sup>th</sup> green. Young Tyler Anthony (playing his very first competition) partnered his granddad Mark, had a two ball, well done Tyler! Jason and Ashton was the other team that shared the 2 ball. Congratulations to all of the winners.

After the presentation by the Ladies Captain, the Half Yearly meeting took place and everyone enjoyed a delicious curry



and rice made by our entertainments officer Jeremy Clingham, a big thank you Jeremy.

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023 there will be an 18 hole Bogey Competition. Registration closes on Saturday 26 August 2023 at 4pm.

*Happy Swinging*

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