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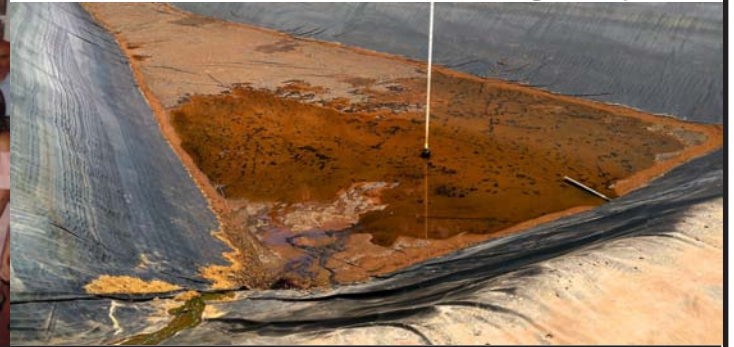


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The number of visitors to St Helena, the remote British Overseas Territory in the middle of the South Atlantic, remains worryingly low, despite widespread hopes that the island's new airport would bring economic prosperity. Newly-released figures have revealed that, during the first six months of 2019, there were only 2,807 "passenger arrivals" to the island compared with 2,034 in the first six months of 2014.

This indicates that the island's new airport, paid for with some £285 million of taxpayers' money, is simply not leading to the huge influx of tourists that was so widely predicted. As *The St Helena Independent*, the island's weekly independent newspaper, says in a page one headline, carried in its most recent edition: "Tourism figures refuse to increase."

The new airport finally opened to commercial flights in October 2017. However, as I revealed in my first blog about the island in June 2016, the airport had by then been beset with countless controversies and delays.

With the arrival of the first commercial flights from South Africa, islanders hoped that this would lead to a massive increase in visitor numbers and that tourists would bring a much-needed economic uplift to a population of under 4,500 people, where the average annual wage is little more than £7,000 a year.

Indeed, before the airport opened, there were official predictions that tourist numbers would increase to 29,000 a year by 2042. Such figures now look, at best, over-optimistic and, at worst, pie in the sky.

I have long had a soft spot for St Helena because I first visited the island, accompanied by my parents, in 1948 when I was just two years old. During the past two and a half years, I have visited the island twice more writing "special reports" on my findings in both January 2017 and December 2018.

St Helena, 47 square miles in size and about a third the size of the Isle of Wight, is one of the most remote places on earth having first erupted out of the South Atlantic some 15 million years ago. Yet it is also one of the most welcoming places on the planet: "Saints", as local residents are affectionately known, rarely fail to live up to their name in terms of giving a warm welcome to one and all.

I have scrutinised the most recently-published numbers on "passenger arrivals" and they do not make happy reading, particularly for the many Saints, including hoteliers, who have invested their life-savings in new businesses in the anticipation of vastly-increased tourist numbers.

To start with, "passenger arrivals" do not equate to "tourist arrivals" – far from it. Of the 2,807 "passenger arrivals" in the first six months of this year, the largest "country of origin" was... St Helena (with 890 people). In short, nearly a third of the total "passenger arrivals" consists either of Saints' returning to the island after leaving for business or pleasure or, alternatively, those who now live off the island but who were visiting family and/or friends back on St Helena.



These locals are, sadly, not the sort of "passenger arrivals" who will fill hotel rooms, bars and restaurants and bring prosperity to the island and its entrepreneurs and workforce.

The second biggest "country of origin" for "passenger arrivals" was the United Kingdom, with 665 people for the first six months of this year. This total may seem low but it should be remembered that, at present, Britons have to make a huge effort, both in terms of time and money, to visit St Helena.

Not only does the journey by air, via Johannesburg, take two days each way, but visitors from the UK typically have to pay for two overnight hotels in the South African city (one night each way), quite apart from their considerable outlays once they are on St Helena. In short, even for a week, a holiday is likely to run to thousands of pounds per person.

The newly-released figures show that the total number of "non Saint tourists" who came to the island in the first six months of this year was just 811. Admittedly, that is well up on the figure of "non Saint tourists" for the first six months of 2014, which stood at just 249. However, the new total is still pitifully low. Incidentally, cruise ship passengers to St Helena are not included in the total of "passenger arrivals" as they often spend only a handful of hours on the island, usually eating on board their ships.

During recent years, St Helena has received around £30 million a year in Government subsidies from the Department for International Development (DFID). The ambition remains that, with a vibrant economy that includes a strong tourism sector, the island can eventually move towards self-sufficiency. But what is to be done? Sadly, neither I nor others have a magic wand to wave but, for starters, the island needs to become far more accessible to the outside world. When I last visited the island eight months ago, Lawson Henry,

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a senior island councillor, Cabinet member and chairman of the economic and development committee, was deeply critical of the decision to have the “hub” – for flights to and from St Helena – in Johannesburg rather than Cape Town (where Saints have strong historic links and where tourists feel safer and keener to visit than Johannesburg).

“We have to have a re-look at the hub and people have to be able to reach the island from different points of origin... If we don’t make these interventions, I think tourists will eventually stop coming,” he told me.

To be fair to the St Helena Government, it is addressing this issue: there will be trial midweek flights, starting in December and operated by Airlink, to and from Cape Town.

In the long run too, the authorities need to find ways of flying directly to St Helena from Europe, ideally the UK. I have no doubt that this would see a huge rise in the number of tourists visiting the island from the Britain and other European countries.

It is ridiculous that only 108 French people visited St Helena in the first six months of this year, given the immense interest from the nation in Napoleon, who was exiled to St Helena in 1815 and who died there six years later. With regular flights from Europe, this figure could easily run to several thousand French tourists to the island each year.

Tomorrow, we will know the identity of our new Prime Minister: either Boris Johnson or Jeremy Hunt. His first major task will, of course, be to try to sort out the Brexit debacle.



However, at some point, sooner rather than later, the new Prime Minister and his senior Government colleagues will need to tackle a second, less well publicised, debacle: the one that continues to be inflicted upon the residents of St Helena. One thing is certain: Saints deserve a far better deal from their British rulers than they are getting at present.

Government to trial electric cars ‘soon’

The government’s Transport Division at Donkey Plain have been quietly working away on checking whether electric cars are suitable for St Helena roads. There is one electric car on the Island already; the car battery is recharged simply by plugging the connection into a normal 13amp power socket. The power consumption figures show that electric cars are already cheaper than petrol or diesel powered vehicles and the price advantage will gradually increase after the eagerly awaited renewable energy project is completed.

The plan is to introduce electric cars as the government’s fleet of cars needs replacing. The initial trial will monitor a limited number of cars to check how they perform in comparison to carbon fuelled cars. While it is probably more convenient re-charge electric car batteries at home an assessment will need to be made on how many charging points will be needed in main centres such as Jamestown, Half Tree Hollow and Longwood. Public charging points would be provided on a pay-as-you-use basis which will mean using a debit card in some, if not all cases.

A date for the start of the pilot scheme has not been set but is reported to be not too far away. Progress with the introduction of electric cars will be in accord with the newly adopted policy on climate change however the transition from fossil fuels to electric power will unavoidably take several years.

It is not yet known which electric cars SHG will start to import. Autocar magazine in its most recent review of electric

cars pinned the Best Affordable Electric Car badge for 2019 on the bonnet of the Kia e-Niro.



Best affordable electric car - 2019

When giving the Kia e-Niro the number one spot the Autocar review said - Along with its sister car, the Hyundai Kona Electric, the Kia e-Niro redefines how much real-world range we should now be expecting from an electric vehicle towards the more affordable end of the price spectrum. For around £35,000, the 64kWh battery pack common to both enables them to comfortably travel 230 miles on a single charge. A few years ago, that would be the sort of range you’d be expecting from something far pricier, and probably with a Tesla badge on its nose.



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Editorial

There has been a lot going on this week which affects us even if it does not interest us. Ever since Margaret Thatcher became prime minister there has been something about either the sound of their voice or the way they behave that has irritated me in most of them; Thatcher's voice, Tony Blair always pausing between words and becoming George W Bush's boot licker and so on. And it's happened again! Boris (bad hair day) Johnson is going to raise my blood pressure every time I switch on the international news; worse than that Johnson is set well on course to become Donald Trump's boot licker. Is this politics or perversion?

Johnson can be just as outrageous as Trump but in a different way. Yesterday Johnson launched himself in the House of Commons with a Ministerial Statement with the grand title Priorities for Government. His first priority is to deliver Brexit on 31st October. He will also have the UK at the centre of a new network of trade deals. There will be road and rail investment and investment in broadband and 5G. He claimed no town will be left behind ever again and no community ever forgotten. Britain will lead the world in delivering net-zero carbon emissions and free ports will revitalise the coastal communities. The bio-science sector will be 'liberated' from anti-genetic modification rules so blight resistant crops will feed the world. British satellite and earth observation systems will be the envy of the world and the UK will be the seedbed of the most exciting and dynamic business investments. He will lead a robust democracy with a clean, green, prosperous, united, confident and ambitious future. He will introduce policies to boost competitiveness and productivity and change tax rules to provide extra incentives to invest in capital and research. He claimed Brit children and grandchildren will live longer, happier and healthier lives as Britain boasts the most affordable transport and technological connectivity on the planet.

Who is he trying to kid?

Once more we have a new person leading the Department for International Development. I had high hopes of Rory Stewart but he lasted just two months. He was one of several ministers who ran out through the door just before Boris Johnson walked in through it. Stewart did not want Johnson as his boss and I can fully sympathise with that. Now we have Alok Sharma at the helm. No, I had not heard of him either. Before being a politician Sharma worked in banking, he is a chartered accountant. In 2016 he voted for Britain to remain in the European Union now he will support a no-deal if push comes to shove. So we all will know where we stand with this one.

He was previously an employment minister and a housing minister before that. He is MP for Reading West. His voting record in the House of Commons records him voting against laws to promote equality and human rights and against the

right of EU nationals living in Britain to remain in Britain after Brexit – if that ever happens. He has generally voted in favour of higher taxes on plane tickets but against measures to prevent climate change. He is in favour of selling England's state owned forests. He has consistently voted for reductions in welfare benefits.

Back in this part of the world the pace of government business is much less hectic. Yesterday it was announced the new building regulations will come into force on 16th August. That is almost exactly two years after the revision of the old building regulations was completed. The report on the last Social and Community Development Committee (held on 10th July, it took 14 days to write the 387 words in the report) tells us, "The Information Bill remained (remains?) on hold, pending a high level decision on the way forward for Data Protection and Freedom of Information. Both remained (remain?) priorities, in particular the General Data Protection Regulation". Data Protection is certainly important but what reasons are there for giving it more importance than the Information Bill (which is usually called the Freedom of Information Bill). Both Bills are of equal importance and should be presented to Legislative Council at the same time. And who is it we are waiting for to make the high level decision? Probably the UK Government. So often the information coming from SHG is non-information. Why are government officials so scared of explaining straight and directly what is going on behind the Castle door. If the same government officials are still wondering why so many people distrust government and never bother to get involved in decisions made by government the answer can be found by these same people simply by looking in the mirror.

At Legislative Council today councillors are asking about the review commissioned from consultants on the Mantis Hotel/ St Helena Hotel Development Ltd. Each councillor has their own copy of the review but the same unaccountable government officials are holding it back from public eyes. The councillors want the report made public but government officials are saying NO. Why don't councillors just pass around copies of the report they already have? They have all sworn a ridiculous and entirely undemocratic oath, which is, "*I (name) do swear that I will be a true and faithful Councillor and that I will not, directly or indirectly, except with the authority of the Governor, reveal the business or proceedings of the Government of St Helena or the nature or contents of any document communicated to me, or any matter coming to my knowledge, in my capacity as a Councillor. So help me God.*" This is another reason why people distrust government. Faceless, unaccountable officials hold the power while the supposedly accountable councillors are reduced to banging on closed doors. It seems inevitable that even fewer people will bother to vote at the next general election.

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At last it seems St Helena is getting in on the ground floor with something big that's happening on a global scale. Instead of playing catch-up and finding it hard not to fall further behind this Island is now facing a situation where a new development on a global scale will involve St Helena from the start. It should mean the people of this Island can reap the benefits in way that has never happened before in our 517 year human history. There is all to play for, but the other side of the coin shows there is a lot to lose if we get it wrong.

Last Friday SHG called a press conference to officially announce a Letter of Intent had been agreed between the Government and Google for a transatlantic fibre optic cable to be landed here. The benefits to St Helena of the cable have been reported before and should now be well known. The decision to negotiate a contract with Google are also now becoming well known as reports multiply in that part of the global business media specialising in telecommunications and engineering. What is also becoming increasingly clear is the mega-massive investments being made and being planned for small satellite networks and ever more subsea fibre optic cables.

German media reported this week on the St Helena cable connection saying the cable capacity "far exceeds home use, which is why the Saints are looking for paying co-users: satellite operators." It is the co-users who will bring new money to St Helena and hopefully transform the lives of all who live here. The report in the German media was promoted by the tireless Christian von der Ropp. *"After more than 7.5 years, my efforts to connect to a submarine cable for St. Helena have finally been successful,"* said Christian von der Ropp, initiator of the campaign to connect St. Helena. So far, the remote island, which belongs to the UK, is only supplied with a satellite connection with a data transfer rate of only 50 Mbit /s." The report goes on to say that new technology will be used with Google's Equiano cable offering more capacity than any previous cable as well as more operational flexibility.

The tireless von der Ropp does not stop there. On a business oriented social media platform Christian wrote, "50 years ago Ascension island in the South Atlantic Ocean was the first tracking station to make contact with Apollo 11. Since Friday we have certainty that Google will land the world's fastest submarine cable to date, Equiano, on Ascension's mother island, St Helena, which as a side effect of including islanders into the global Information Society will enable ground stations in the middle of the South Atlantic. Such will offer new downlink windows, support new satellite constellations and allow tracking launches from new space ports in Europe, New Zealand, Australia and elsewhere. St Helena which has suffered from its isolation for decades has the unique opportunity to once again capitalize on its remoteness." The new optimism knows no limits. SHG's Chief Economist who is off-island at the moment added to the good news feast on social media, "Excited we are now working with Google and ASN to bring the Equiano Fibre Optic Cable to St Helena. Current speeds with the existing satellite are at 1 Mbps so

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SHG Press Release SUBSEA CABLE TO BE LANDED ON ST HELENA

St Helena Government (SHG) is pleased to announce that it has issued a letter of intent to connect St Helena to the Equiano subsea cable project. This will provide the first fibre optic connectivity from St Helena to the outside world through both Europe and South Africa.

On 28 June 2019, Executive Council made the decision to proceed after assessment of the benefits of this project in comparison with other options. Connecting to Equiano meets SHG's timing and budgetary requirements for the European Development Fund and supports the Digital ICT Strategy for St Helena.

Chair of the Economic Development Committee, Councillor Lawson Henry, said:

"This is an historic moment. A truly transformational project for St Helena. When you consider the start of commercial air services just under two years ago, it is incredible that in 2021 we will look back and think how far St Helena has come in just a handful of years. In a world with international fibre connectivity, imagine streaming videos in our classrooms, telemedicine services in our hospital, and entrepreneurs developing digital businesses from the comfort of their own home. Our next challenge once the cable is landed is to ensure that it is affordable to everyone on St Helena."

SHG's Financial Secretary, Dax Richards, added:

"We are pleased to work with Equiano on such an important project for St Helena. The cable has the potential to transform life on our Island and should create new opportunities to stimulate sustainable social and economic development. It is important that everyone is able to benefit from what improved connectivity and accessibility will bring. After all, that is one of the key conditions underlying the EU funding for this project."

The spur between the main trunk of the Equiano cable and the Island will be 1140km long. The target is to deliver broadband to St Helena as early as August 2021, providing the cable laying and associated works to start the service proceed on time. The marine survey of the Equiano cable route is in progress, so we should expect to see a survey ship in the vicinity of St Helena possibly in August 2019.

This cable will be capable of providing the Island with scalable connectivity, ranging from a few hundred gigabits per second up to multiple terabits as demand varies. On this basis it allows for the most cost effective growth of bandwidth needs for the Island.

In order to prepare for the arrival of the fibre optic cable, the St Helena Community College has developed a list of available IT courses for those who wish to make the most out of the enhanced connectivity. For more information contact Angela Benjamin on tel: 22607 or email: angela.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Furthermore, if you would like to tell us what the cable could mean for you, please fill in our online questionnaire at www.bit.ly/sthelenacable

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fibre is going to be a big developmental improvement!" was Nicole's contribution.

Looking further afield a report in the UK claims "The space industry could be key to the UK taking a stand on climate change". The report quotes many ways this might happen, one way being, "the satellite sector is already starting to show how we can drive down emissions from heavily-polluting transport, such as by smart routing of our shipping freight." That could be another benefit to us; cutting down the time it takes to import goods from the UK will be a major blessing. As could improved satellite surveillance of pirate fishing vessels around the territorial waters of the British Overseas Territory islands in the South Atlantic. The recently published Blue Belt Programme Annual Update includes the benefit satellite surveillance can have in protecting marine life from over-fishing. Over in Canada another business report is headlined, "Companies look to cash in on out-of-this-world profits in new space economy" and then goes on to describe the exciting future for small satellite networks.

A UK venture called the Space Growth Partnership introduces a glossy brochure with, "Almost every week we seem to watch, breathless, as a new breakthrough hits our screens or marvel at the information relayed from constellations of satellites orbiting around the globe". All participants in the brave new world of small satellite networks seem to be brimming with confidence and optimism. It is the strangest of feelings when realising St Helena is so very close to being part of it all.

At last Friday's official announcement SHG said that Alcatel Submarine Networks (ASN) were visiting possible sites for



A cable laying ship – of the sort we should see here before too long

landing the cable on St Helena together with a representative from Pelagian -, a UK Subsea cable specialist, who are advising SHG on the cable connection project. It is possible we will see a survey ship around the coast in a few week's time as it identifies the best route to bring the cable ashore. Underneath it all SHG wanted to convey a sense of caution. The Letter of Intent is just a start, the actual contract with Google is still to be negotiated, agreed and signed.



Google's Equiano Cable Will Extend to the Remote Island of Saint Helena, Flooding It With Data

The tiny island will need to turn itself into a data hub to make use of the expected bandwidth

By Michael Koziol

If you know anything about the South Atlantic island of Saint Helena, that's probably because it was the island where the British government exiled Napoleon until he died in 1821. It was actually the second time Britain attempted to exile Napoleon, and the island was chosen for a very specific reason: It's incredibly remote.

Napoleon is long gone, but the island's remoteness continues to pose challenges for its 4,500-odd residents. They used to only be able to reach St. Helena by boat once every 3 weeks, though it's now possible to catch the occasional flight from Johannesburg, South Africa to what's been called "the world's most useless airport." Residents' Internet prospects are even worse—the island's entire population shares a single 50 megabits per second satellite link.

That's about to change, however, as the St. Helena govern-

ment has shared a letter of intent describing a plan to connect the island to Google's recently announced Equiano cable. The cable will be capable of delivering orders of magnitude more data than anything the island has experienced. It will create so much capacity, in fact, that St. Helena could use the opportunity to transform itself from an almost unconnected island to a South Atlantic data hub.

Google announced its planned Equiano cable, named for the abolitionist Olaudah Equiano, in June. The company plans to run the cable along the western coast of Africa, connecting Lisbon, Portugal to Cape Town, South Africa. The 1,140-kilometer branch to Saint Helena could be completed as early as August 2021.

The cable will be the first to take advantage of a new technique called fiber-level switching that should drastically im-

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prove the cable's ease of deployment as well as reduce its cost. Traditionally, cables use "wavelength-level switching" to route signals to the correct location. The downside of this approach is that a signal's optical wavelength has to be adjusted en route, which requires cumbersome equipment to be deployed along the undersea cable.

Fiber-level switching, as the name suggests, doesn't touch a signal's particular wavelength. Instead, it mechanically moves the signal to the correct cable, like getting on the right bus to your destination. Fiber-level switching grew out of another recent Google undersea cable development, called space-division multiplexing, which raises the number of fiber pairs that can be packed into a cable.

Of course, more fiber pairs in a cable means more data. For Saint Helena, in fact, it means too much data. The Saint Helena government estimates that the Equiano branch will deliver a minimum of several hundred gigabits per second, and possibly multiple terabits. For an island with fewer than 5,000 residents, that kind of service would be prohibitively expensive, which is why the island's government is exploring ways to use all this bandwidth.

One idea, according to Christian von der Ropp, who started the Connect Saint Helena campaign in 2011, is to market the island's location as an ideal spot for satellite ground stations, which connect satellites to the cable backbone of the Internet. The island is well-situated to cover the South Atlantic, a region with few options for a robust backbone connection. Satellite constellation companies like OneWeb have already expressed interest in the island as a possible location for a ground station.

Depending on how many fiber pairs Google runs to the island, Saint Helena could become an important data center hub in the South Atlantic. Google did not respond to a re-

quest to comment about how many fiber pairs the company may deploy, but von der Ropp believes that delivering more than one fiber pair could indicate that Google might ultimately extend the cable beyond Saint Helena, all the way to South America.

If that does happen, it "would basically close a ring in the Atlantic," von der Ropp says. With a few exceptions, all of the cables spanning the Atlantic follow a similar route from the United States to Europe. A South Atlantic cable by Google would provide some much-needed diversity in cable routes, and offer a backup in case something happened to the other trans-Atlantic cables.

The Saint Helena government's partnership with Google is just one attempt to connect the island. The proposed South Atlantic Express cable, which would stretch from South Africa to Brazil and connect Saint Helena along the way, is in the process of finalizing funding. With multiple efforts now underway, the prospect of connecting Saint Helena to the rest of the world seems more likely than ever.



Map showing the planned Equiano cable route, including Saint Helena



Push Jo'burg out with or without a parachute

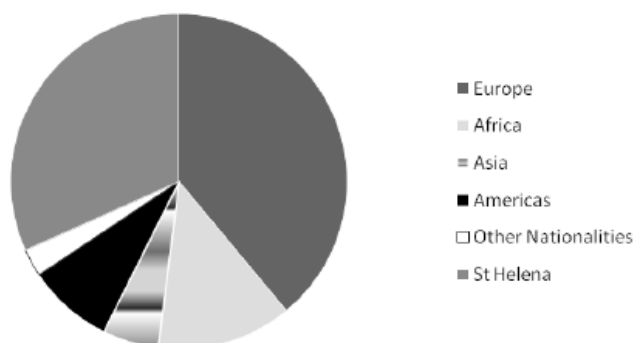
Fly from Cape Town and cut out the compulsory overnight stopover

The updated visitor numbers published last week do more than just tell us how many people get off the plane every week. One of the important things they confirm, again, is that Europe is where St Helena's market is for visitors, South Africa remains stubbornly in Division Two.

The UK is and has always been the biggest market; taken together with other European countries visitor numbers from Europe are three times more than from South Africa. The South Africa numbers have moved very little since the airport opened despite being the only country with a direct flight to St Helena. That should not be too much of a surprise; South Africa always did have the only direct international route with the RMS – and at better ticket prices than were offered to Ascension passengers.

The focus on South Africa has included representations at travel and destination shows and exhibitions together with a big push to persuade travel agents to sell St Helena to their customers. There are seven travel agents in South Africa actively selling St Helena according to the latest ESH annual report. This is the highest number outside the UK where thirteen travel agents are known to be booking people on flights to St Helena. Despite the relatively high South African representation the travel agent's customers are not buying, even after almost two years of direct flights.

Passenger Arrivals by Continent



Passenger Arrivals - Continent of Origin - 2019 so far

Arrivals	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Year to date	
Europe	344	217	191	181	92	69	1,094	39%
Africa	132	54	76	58	19	27	366	13%
Asia	50	26	43	19	5	8	151	5%
Americas	73	22	69	52	4	11	231	8%
Other Nat.	21	13	9	8	8	16	75	3%
St Helena	173	126	202	139	118	132	890	32%
Totals	793	458	590	457	246	263	2,807	100%

The whole of the rest of Europe also has seven travels agents selling St Helena according to the latest figure and the rest of Europe brings in more visitors than South Africa. The figures seem to be shouting at us, concentrate on building up the European market, that's where St Helena's market is and that is where we should be looking if we want more people to come here.

Another important consideration is St Helenians are the second biggest travel group after Europe. It is very likely most Saints travel to and from Europe; few fly to South Africa and stay there. If the numbers in both categories, Europe and St Helena are added together almost three-quarters of all passenger arrivals come from

Europe. The latest official government figures show clearly that if we want more people to come here we need to make it more convenient for them. The people we should make every effort to attract are in Europe.

For many the cry has always been, 'direct flights from the UK', while others will agree with the sentiment but point to the brutal economic fact that the passenger numbers are too low to keep a long haul flight up in the air. There is another development gathering speed and popularity, it's called *flygskam* which is Swedish for 'flight-shaming'. Why flight-shaming? As the threat of climate change comes into sharper focus and more urgent so does the extent and degree of pollution caused by planes. Air travel is becoming known as the dirtiest way to travel. Why Swedish? The Flygskam movement started in Sweden. A group of notable and noticed people got together to persuade the Swedes to avoid plane travel at all costs – the clear and present threat of climate change demanded such action.

Flygskam has been building into an ever more popular concept for over three years and now extends across Europe. In Sweden where it all started the Swedish airports operator, Swedavia, report passenger numbers dropping a further 8% in the first three months of this year. Sweden's main rail company saw passenger figures increase by 1.5 million last year and business travel has increased by a further 12% in the first three months of this year. The 'no-fly' message has spread across Europe and is starting to have an effect.

While 15 year old Swedish climate change activist Greta Thunberg can take the train from Stockholm to London and stay on the tracks again as she travels around Europe on her very effective Awareness Tour it is a different matter when journeys are from London to San Francisco, Paris to Bangkok or Heathrow to St Helena. While the Flygskam effect will be less the longer the flight is, the pollution taxes governments are now preparing to impose on long distance plane travellers will certainly have an impact. For St Helena it will have an unwelcome effect on our already meagre visitor numbers.

While some of all this is happening now in Sweden and elsewhere, it is not too far into the future before we feel the effects of all this. Last month Reuters news agency opened a report with, "The Netherlands and France are trying to convince fellow European nations at a conference in The Hague to end tax exemptions on jet fuel and plane tickets, as part of a drive to make the EU carbon neutral by 2050." South Africa has had legislation to introduce a pollution tax ready since 2015. Ramaphosa's government has had pollution tax on the sidelines since their 2018 budget. For the moment the most certain things which can be done to make travel to St Helena more convenient for is to use Cape Town instead of Johannesburg and cut out the compulsory overnight stopover in South Africa before boarding the plane to St Helena.

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

If it's been a bad year for SHG then it's been a rotten one for the private sector! It makes one smile to hear SHG say 'Everyone is feeling the pinch' because the only people around here actually feeling the pinch are the private sector, SHG employees get paid regardless of results.

SHG *do not* set a fine example of efficiency, from untargated subsidies to throwing money down the drain, examples of which are the Mantis hotel sinking faster than the Titanic, two radio stations, one fully funded by the taxpayer, the other struggling to maintain independence as a private sector entity, endless departmental resources, four people to stamp an invoice before it gets to the bank, has no one heard of spread sheets? One observes that it takes government employees 2-3 weeks to undertake a repair/maintenance job that would be done within 2-3 days by the private sector. ESH and tourism continue to build ranks, against what should be a backdrop of building the private sector, thousands and thousands of pounds continue to be spent on trips abroad for international promotion with not one visible tourist in sight, when is this madness going to end?

SHG are avoiding the dirty job that needs doing, headcount reduction, diverting services to the private sector and to start the painful process of educating people that SHG will no longer provide jobs for all, for life. People may emerge kicking and screaming but the private sector has been screaming about inequality for decades, time to get tough. A top heavy, impractical and inefficient government are the results of decades of inactivity surrounded by endless meetings, committees and boards as an excuse not to make a decision, the private sector do not need to have a meeting to accomplish something, the government feels it does; the difference? Visible results.

The man appointed to stop this insan-

ity and with full support of Her Majesty's Government is Philip Rushbrook who also seems to have gained the support of the local private sector, even, the media have been kind. A crisis is looming, we are told to cut the cloth but government seem to be cutting from an endless roll, time to get the scissors out.

Jamestown Reader

Dear Editor,

Whilst it is great news that we are finally going to get a fibre cable connection to a super fast network the obvious seems to have been over looked. Everyone is getting excited about improved internet for the home user and all the benefits it will bring. Think again. Unless SURE update their tired and dated network to your house you will not see the benefit. FACT.

I am certain that there is some spare capacity in SURE's network to allow a few to get better service. It simply is not possible for all of us to get an upgrade. It would be like all of us over night getting the GOLD PLUS service as a minimum. SURE build the network they need to carry the data we buy. They would not spend a fortune on expensive upgrades

in their network today, just in case we as the customer want to use it. Business sense.

Look at the comedy mobile phone service we have. It's old tech, poor coverage and low customer care. They (SURE) spent the minimum required to offer a service. Travel around the island and see how many times you can't get a signal or you lose a call half way through. There are plenty of hills and valleys elsewhere in the world and getting a mobile signal is not any issue if you invest in an up to date network.

Therefore, unless SHG finally break the monopoly and allow another Telco in, SURE will respond to the demand (eventually) and invest in a better local network. They spend out, we have to as well. The monthly subscription will likely rise. The customer always pays regardless of the service offered. We have to accept sub standard offerings with a monopoly unfortunately.

Well done to Dax and all those involved in securing the Google fibre.
Your work has only just begun.

Regards, Spike



CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS TAKING PLACE IN AUGUST 2019

***The following is a public announcement from
Legislative Council:***

Councillors will hold a series of constituency meetings in each district commencing mid-August for constituents to ask questions and raise concerns.

If there is a particular topic that you would also like discussed, please contact the Secretary to Elected Members on tel: 22590 or email: sec.em@helanta.co.sh by no later than Friday, 2 August 2019.

Dates and times for these constituency meetings will be announced in due course.

SHG

24 July 2019

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

Climate Change – Our Individual Responsibility

Addie Thomas

Fashion and other consumables have created wonderful and weird products taken from earth's natural resources to appease human's demands across the globe for more and more. Great emerging powers want label after label. They even have bus tours to designer outlets in the UK from London, Paddington.

A lovely thought that we can now join the 'save the world' club through greater awareness of earth's exploitation.

So here on the island we can look forward to a future of sustainability and some further introductions to our cultural fabric like:

- More solar power
- More wind and water turbines
- LED lighting (including checking old wiring and lighting for increased draw due to age)
- Sedum roofing
- Rainwater harvesting (for those who don't already have this)
- Better water systems with definitive measured waste (Breeam Schemes) through leaks, poor installation etc
- A better foul waste solution which is currently devastating for our marine life
- Electric powered vehicles with the relevant chargers in place prior to a mass influx so that charging locations don't mean people have to drive miles out of their way (losing business in the case of Taxis) to charge.
 - o It will be wonderful to see inhabitants of the island being offered some form of subsidy to trade in their old vehicles, after all, these electric cars are hugely expensive and with the current hike in the cost of living and bank loans etc would deem this additional expense some ask? Will this mean emission charges when people come into Jamestown who cannot afford to change their vehicles?
- Modern Methods of Construction including 'green sustainable homes' which limits the amount of natural resources harvested for 'Grand Designs'.
- Recycling bins around the island (lovely to see already in situ)
- Chargeable plastic bags (lovely to see already in situ)

One of the items that concerns me is our need to use plastic bottled water in its droves due to the lack of trust in the water treatment. Plastic causes so much damage especially to our Marine-Life, so it is so good when we can get into the habit of recycling such items properly.

Big shout out to Blue-Marine who have done up a lovely children's book to educate children from a very early age on preservation of Marine-Life. It was very special to see at the Fisherman's Association AGM last week.

What can we do individually without dismissing our efforts as insignificant? "Every little bit helps" as Tesco says eh? There are so many things we could do around our lifestyle, it would be all too many to compile now in this short piece but my

thoughts around consumption remain – we should manage our consumption carefully (that doesn't just mean eating) although food sources and wastage remains a 'hot topic'.

As I started to wrap up home in London, I realised how much clutter I had accrued over the years. Useless, wasteful clutter which was bought on a whim and thrust in the back of the cupboard a few months later with no regard for the natural resources that had gone into the product. Imagine millions of people all doing that?

Feng Shui (translates as *wind-water* in English) changed my life too. Originating from ancient China, it's about getting harmony into environments through energy forces. Basically, clearing the clutter to allow energy to move and exist, not trapping good or bad energy through clutter. I started to rid myself of unwanted items, my home not only started to clear but so did my headspace. I could see space, real live breathing space that I hadn't seen for years (yes luvie, I did dust the areas but it was just the space element that I had missed). I love my diminutive lifestyle now. Extreme hoarding can have all sorts of social and psychological connotations.

The best example I can give is "seeing the wood from the trees". It is a pity however that China's tradition hasn't been upheld when it comes to its own brand love and consumption these days.

I used sites called Shpock and Gumtree which allowed me to sell ninety per cent of my goods online and give the other lot to charity. I was able to make a few pounds from my unloved and unwanted goods whilst others were able to recycle them and use them all over again. How awesome!

I cast my mind back to a friend's daughter who would be given perhaps over twenty gifts at Christmas, as she tore at the gifts, glanced at them, shouted out maybe in exclamation and then tossed them to one side to go into the garage for years to come 'unboxed', I sat horrified at the irresponsible level of consumption **by the adults**.

I was so fortunate to grow up in a home with siblings where I had to share and my birthday in October also fell in the very poor fishing season. I received gifts (mostly guns, bow and arrows as I didn't like dollies and that sort) but I can pretty much remember most gifts because they weren't many and they were all used to their fullest extent. Sometimes Dad recycled wood to make us bright red very noisy scooters. (I'm sure our neighbours will remember this and thank DadJ).

Nowadays, I don't worry about gifts unless they are needed and mean my carbon footprint is less. The best tangible gift I was given lately was a Kindle. Whilst I use electricity to charge it, I no longer use reams of paper and the charge lasts me for a long time. Gifts for me as I've got older is time, a smile, a kind word, doing for others and the list goes on, but you get my gist? There is something magical about Christmas, children and gifts, yet wouldn't it be lovely if we could treat children to experiences which engage their unselfishness and awareness of the real 'treasures' in life thus minimising our

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consumption in the process and returning awareness and consciousness to our future generations?

A friend of mine took her daughter along at Christmas to give food to the poor. Another friend gave a gift of a donation to paediatric care on behalf of her daughter, all the while educating her child as to how fortunate she was to have the basic necessities in life like health, loving parents, good food, friends etc.

Social media and marketing ploys entice us with big bold letters branding “Bargain Buy – Half Price Sale” all in perhaps red letters. The brain has a way of activating when red lettering is used in marketing. It has been proven that this colour is a stimulus. So we buy and we buy. **Buy one get one free**.....because we can, not because we need to.

Growing up, I was clothed but I was never the fashionable gal. I remember the many weird outfits I would merge to attempt to look fashionable (only to fall flat when my sisters found out I had ‘borrowed’ something) but I was never an outcast for this. There were many children like me in this situation. Of course there was still a discomfort with not being as fashionable as others, but nowadays, the need to ‘fit in’ is off the scale. I feel so sorry for the youngsters who are made to believe that if they don’t have the latest fashion they deserve to be bullied and ridiculed. Social Media has become **the pressure** aiding grotesque consumption.

All I can suggest to our young people is this, *“this is your future, your planet, don’t bow to manipulative marketing and it is ok to stand away from the crowds and be different. In fact, it’s quite special to be just you, it’s not about what’s external but rather what’s in your hearts and minds”*.

For me now, Charity Stores are a great place to shop if I need something, they are laden with good quality clothing, which have been cleaned thoroughly and can be cleaned again. I don’t have a lot anymore it just stifles my life and slows me

down. May the goods that I do possess allow me no need to buy too soon again in the future.

I’ve never been the biggest of shoppers; I find the whole process boring and tedious. Thank goodness for Amazon when I do need something (although I’ve often complained bitterly about their packaging and the extent of it). Yet, as I’ve got older, I try to live by the motto **“accrue memories and experiences rather than tangible things”**.

Our sentiments with ‘things’ has led us to hang on tightly, never even enjoying the item but worshipping the fact that it is there. Yet, I applaud those who have items that you’ve cared for and used in your daily lives for many years. I had one set of dinner goods, no heirs and graces, just one set of goods and visitors never commented on the fact that they were used on each occasion. “Who cares if they are clean?”

Of course, a comfortable and peaceful home brings us so much joy. Yet that comfortable home doesn’t have to be stacked to the rafters with unwanted and unnecessary goods. Oh yes, and I gave up my pitch years ago in ‘competing with the Joneses’. I don’t want to compete in mass consumption because it is ruining our planet among other things.

So at the end of all of that rambling, what I’d like to say to my fellow Islanders is this, “take care of you and your actions”. Think not of how insignificant your contributions are but what legacy will you leave with your children and grandchildren and many generations to come. What’s **your** carbon footprint? Not mine, not America’s. **What’s yours?**

Belinda Carlisle said “honey leave a light on for me”. Well I say don’t. Many of us monitor our usage for affordable reasons. We can now add collective energy saving too for a greater cause.

Have a great weekend and thank you for taking the time to read my article.

SUSPICIOUS SUBSTANCE FOUND ON INBOUND FLIGHT TO ST HELENA

On Saturday 20 July 2019, the Airlink crew reported a suspicious substance had been found on-board flight SA8131 inbound to St Helena.

As a result, staff from St Helena Airport Limited (SHAL) along with representatives from St Helena Government Police and Customs proceeded to implement standard protocols for aircraft and passenger search. This caused a delay to the disembarkation and arrivals processes for passengers arriving at St Helena Airport.

The travelling public are reminded that St Helena and Airlink have a zero tolerance policy towards the use or transportation of any banned substances, and that all measures are in place to offer a robust response to actual or potential incidents.

Any inconvenience caused to the travelling public is regretted but the safety of passengers and crew remains paramount.

St Helena Airport Limited, 20 July 2019



EXCO REPORT – TUESDAY 23 JULY 2019

Executive Council met yesterday to consider and advise whether the proposed Phase One of the Year One programme for the DFID funded Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP) be approved.

Projects which form Phase One of the Year One programme are:

Micro-Projects

Setting aside a budget for 'micro-projects.' Micro-projects are projects that have a low cost (£50K or less) and can be implemented quickly. Projects that will be funded with this budget will directly support strategic economic development goals and have a broad public benefit.

SHG ICT Infrastructure

Acquisition of new storage servers. Additional storage capacity and more efficient operations will result in improved operations and facilitate provision of additional IT services, including services to schools which receive ICT support from SHG.

Programme support services

One foundational aspect of the EDIP is acquiring the technical services necessary to enable St Helena Government to

plan and manage the EDIP and other future capital investment.

It was recognised that, although small, the Phase One projects are the first steps of a larger portfolio of projects. More substantive works are expected to progress during the second half of this financial year in Phases Two and Three which will positively impact the private sector. Significant planning and preparation has gone into this first phase of the EDIP, which will set the tone for the remaining programme.

In considering the proposal Members acknowledged the commitment and hard work of the Senior Economist and Capital Programme Manager in developing both the Year One programme and the comprehensive business cases which support it.

Executive Council was pleased to approve the proposed Phase One of the Year One programme for the Economic Development Investment Programme.

ExCo

24 July 2019



St Helena
Government

ST HELENA WATER LEVELS UPDATE

- **Island water storage is at just 26 days**
- **Daily consumption rises slightly to above 1,100,000 litres**
- **No significant rainfall is forecast for the next week**
- **This is an Island-wide issue and until the situation improves we must all restrict our water usage to essential use only**

The Island's water stocks remain dangerously low, with water storage for St Helena down to just 26 days. With no recent substantial rainfall and daily consumption levels rising slightly to just over 1,100,000 litres of water, the Island's water situation remains serious.

Again, it is not forecast for St Helena to experience any significant rainfall over the next week with predictions at just 0.5mm of rain Island-wide. This in turn means that there will be no surface water run-off going into the Island's reservoirs. Harpers Reservoir One has run dry and is currently empty.

To preserve our precious resource it is important that we all continue to cut down our water use to essential use only. Remember we are currently under a hosepipe ban with Connect Saint Helena (CSH) having enforced Island-wide water restrictions on Monday, 24 June 2019.

In the interim, Connect St Helena are continuing to pump from Chubb's Spring, and are also continuing to pump water from Hutt's Gate to Red Hill at a rate of 200,000 litres per day. The relining of Levelwood Reservoir is complete with the hope that water will begin to catch here soon.

It is everyone's responsibility to take great care in using our water and consumers are continually urged to reduce con-



sumption wherever possible. St Helena residents, businesses and people who use water for agricultural purposes are also urged to exercise great care and restraint when using water.

Regular updates on reservoir levels will be issued to the public.

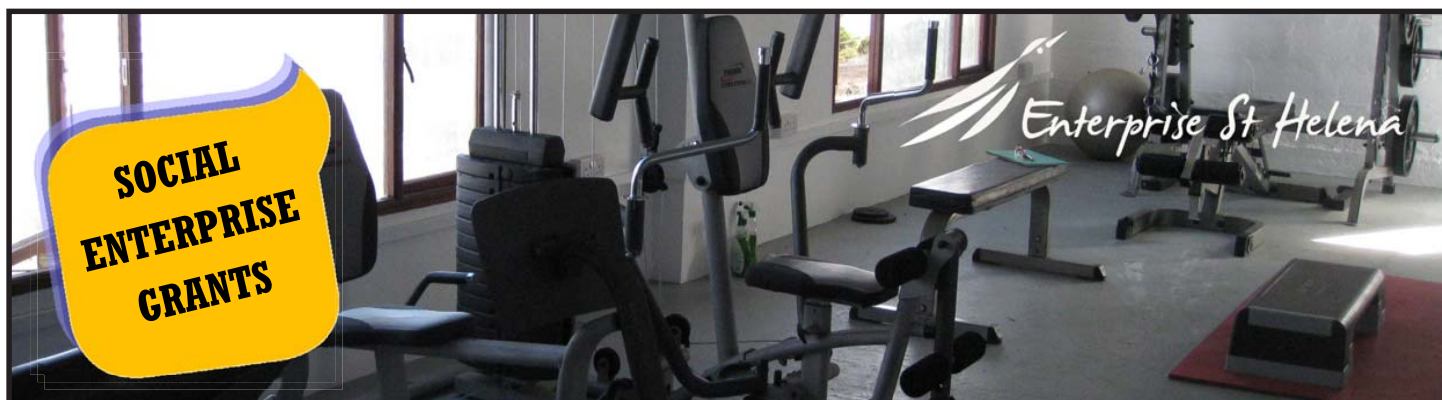
If you see anyone using water irresponsibly or notice a burst pipe or leak then please inform CSH immediately.

Every drop counts, every action counts - Everyone must save every drop of water possible.

St Helena Resilience Forum

23 July 2019





Enterprise St Helena is offering funding to support Social Enterprises. Grants will be offered at 75% of the project cost to a maximum grant value of £7,500.00.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Social Enterprises, Non-government Organisations, Associations and Charitable Organisations with a business approach and a social aim, or provide products and services that deliver social, economic and environmental benefits to the local community and/or enhance the local tourism product.

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

Strategic plan preparation	Planning application requirements (e.g. design plans)
Business financial and administration systems	Equipment, fixtures and fittings, technology hardware and software
Technical and Legal Advice	Website design and implementation including promotional video development
Marketing advice including packaging and branding	Skills Development*

Grants are subject to eligibility criteria; terms and conditions apply

*Skills Development Grants are offered at 75% of total cost of course / training project, with the minimum amount of £500.00 up to a maximum of £5,000.00.

For more information please contact Mandy O'Bey on telephone 22920 or e-mail mandy.obey@esh.co.sh



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WATER STORAGE UPDATE

Connect Saint Helena Ltd are continuing with a programme of works to ensure security of the island's precious water supply. One aspect of our programme is to replace reservoir linings which are beyond their useful life and leaking.

Last week two technicians from Butyl Products arrived on island to assist our Water Team with the installation of the lining at the Levelwood reservoir.



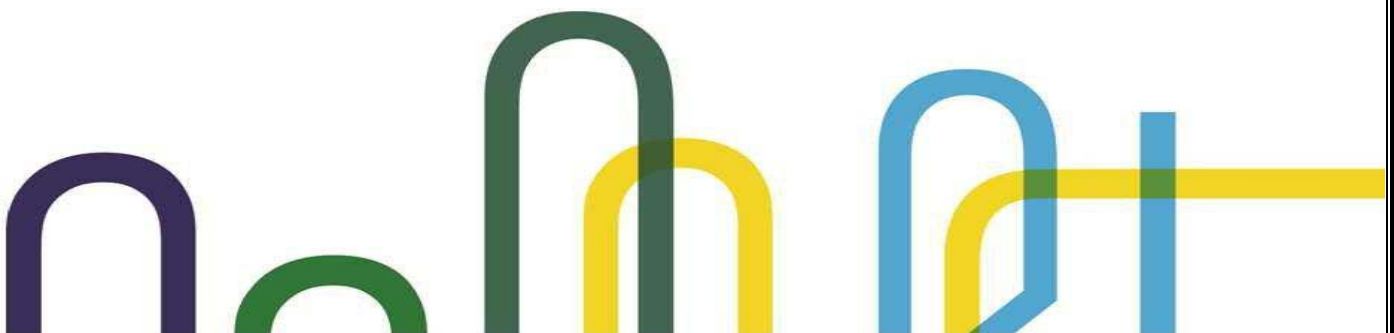
We have now started directing raw water into the reservoir.

St Helena's reservoir levels remain low, at 25% total storage capacity. Until the reservoirs reach at least 50% full, St Helena's water storage levels remain in a serious condition.

A reduction in consumption is the only way we can extend the period for which our declining stocks will last, therefore Connect Saint Helena Ltd asks for everyone's continued co-operation in reducing water consumption wherever possible.

We also urge members of the public to continue to notify us on telephone 22255 during working hours or our Out of Hours Contractor, David Constantine on telephone 22522 of any leaks or bursts.

22 July 2019





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- Make your own International Payments;
- And more!

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English Premiership Fixtures 2019/2020

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Friday, 9 August 2019

20:00 Liverpool v Norwich City

Saturday, 10 August 2019

12:30 West Ham v Man City
AFC Bournemouth v Sheffield Utd
Burnley v Southampton
Crystal Palace v Everton
Watford v Brighton
17:30 Spurs v Aston Villa

Sunday, 11 August 2019

14:00 Leicester City v Wolves
14:00 Newcastle Utd v Arsenal
16:30 Man Utd v Chelsea

Saturday, 17 August 2019

Arsenal v Burnley
Aston Villa v AFC Bournemouth
Brighton v West Ham
Chelsea v Leicester City
Everton v Watford
Man City v Spurs
Norwich City v Newcastle Utd
Sheffield Utd v Crystal Palace
Southampton v Liverpool
Wolves v Man Utd

Saturday, 24 August 2019

AFC Bournemouth v Man City
Aston Villa v Everton
Brighton v Southampton
Liverpool v Arsenal
Man Utd v Crystal Palace
Norwich City v Chelsea
Sheffield Utd v Leicester City
Spurs v Newcastle Utd
Watford v West Ham
Wolves v Burnley

Saturday, 31 August 2019

Arsenal v Spurs
Burnley v Liverpool
Chelsea v Sheffield Utd
Crystal Palace v Aston Villa
Everton v Wolves
Leicester City v AFC Bournemouth
Man City v Brighton
Newcastle Utd v Watford
Southampton v Man Utd
West Ham v Norwich City

Saturday, 14 September 2019

AFC Bournemouth v Everton
Aston Villa v West Ham
Brighton v Burnley
Liverpool v Newcastle Utd
Man Utd v Leicester City
Norwich City v Man City
Sheffield Utd v Southampton
Spurs v Crystal Palace
Watford v Arsenal
Wolves v Chelsea

Saturday, 21 September 2019

Arsenal v Aston Villa
Burnley v Norwich City
Chelsea v Liverpool
Crystal Palace v Wolves
Everton v Sheffield Utd
Leicester City v Spurs
Man City v Watford
Newcastle Utd v Brighton

Southampton v AFC Bournemouth
West Ham v Man Utd

Saturday, 28 September 2019

AFC Bournemouth v West Ham
Aston Villa v Burnley
Chelsea v Brighton
Crystal Palace v Norwich City
Everton v Man City
Leicester City v Newcastle Utd
Man Utd v Arsenal
Sheffield Utd v Liverpool
Spurs v Southampton
Wolves v Watford

Saturday, 5 October 2019

Arsenal v AFC Bournemouth
Brighton v Spurs
Burnley v Everton
Liverpool v Leicester City
Man City v Wolves
Newcastle Utd v Man Utd
Norwich City v Aston Villa
Southampton v Chelsea
Watford v Sheffield Utd
West Ham v Crystal Palace

Saturday, 19 October 2019

AFC Bournemouth v Norwich City
Aston Villa v Brighton
Chelsea v Newcastle Utd
Crystal Palace v Man City
Everton v West Ham
Leicester City v Burnley
Man Utd v Liverpool
Sheffield Utd v Arsenal
Spurs v Watford
Wolves v Southampton

Saturday, 26 October 2019

Arsenal v Crystal Palace
Brighton v Everton
Burnley v Chelsea
Liverpool v Spurs
Man City v Aston Villa
Newcastle Utd v Wolves
Norwich City v Man Utd
Southampton v Leicester City
Watford v AFC Bournemouth
West Ham v Sheffield Utd

Saturday, 2 November 2019

AFC Bournemouth v Man Utd
Arsenal v Wolves
Aston Villa v Liverpool
Brighton v Norwich City
Crystal Palace v Leicester City
Everton v Spurs
Man City v Southampton
Sheffield Utd v Burnley
Watford v Chelsea
West Ham v Newcastle Utd

Saturday, 9 November 2019

Burnley v West Ham
Chelsea v Crystal Palace
Leicester City v Arsenal
Liverpool v Man City
Man Utd v Brighton
Newcastle Utd v AFC Bournemouth
Norwich City v Watford
Southampton v Everton
Spurs v Sheffield Utd

Saturday, 23 November 2019

AFC Bournemouth v Wolves
Arsenal v Southampton
Aston Villa v Newcastle Utd
Brighton v Leicester City
Crystal Palace v Liverpool
Everton v Norwich City
Man City v Chelsea
Sheffield Utd v Man Utd
Watford v Burnley
West Ham v Spurs

Saturday, 30 November 2019

Burnley v Crystal Palace
Chelsea v West Ham
Leicester City v Everton
Liverpool v Brighton
Man Utd v Aston Villa
Newcastle Utd v Man City
Norwich City v Arsenal
Southampton v Watford
Spurs v AFC Bournemouth
Wolves v Sheffield Utd

Tuesday, 3 December 2019

19:45 Arsenal v Brighton
19:45 Burnley v Man City
19:45 Leicester City v Watford
19:45 Sheffield Utd v Newcastle Utd
19:45 Wolves v West Ham
20:00 Man Utd v Spurs

Wednesday, 4 December 2019

19:45 Chelsea v Aston Villa
19:45 Southampton v Norwich City
20:00 Crystal Palace v AFC Bournemouth
20:00 Liverpool v Everton

Saturday, 7 December 2019

AFC Bournemouth v Liverpool
Aston Villa v Leicester City
Brighton v Wolves
Everton v Chelsea
Man City v Man Utd
Newcastle Utd v Southampton
Norwich City v Sheffield Utd
Spurs v Burnley
Watford v Crystal Palace
West Ham v Arsenal

Saturday, 14 December 2019

Arsenal v Man City
Burnley v Newcastle Utd
Chelsea v AFC Bournemouth
Crystal Palace v Brighton
Leicester City v Norwich City
Liverpool v Watford
Man Utd v Everton

Sheffield Utd v Aston Villa
Southampton v West Ham
Wolves v Spurs

Saturday, 21 December 2019

AFC Bournemouth v Burnley
Aston Villa v Southampton
Brighton v Sheffield Utd
Everton v Arsenal
Man City v Leicester City
Newcastle Utd v Crystal Palace
Norwich City v Wolves
Spurs v Chelsea
Watford v Man Utd
West Ham v Liverpool

Thursday, 26 December 2019

AFC Bournemouth v Arsenal
Aston Villa v Norwich City
Chelsea v Southampton
Crystal Palace v West Ham
Everton v Burnley
Leicester City v Liverpool
Man Utd v Newcastle Utd
Sheffield Utd v Watford
Spurs v Brighton
Wolves v Man City

Saturday, 28 December 2019

Arsenal v Chelsea
Brighton v AFC Bournemouth
Burnley v Man Utd
Liverpool v Wolves
Man City v Sheffield Utd
Newcastle Utd v Everton
Norwich City v Spurs
Southampton v Crystal Palace
Watford v Aston Villa
West Ham v Leicester City

Wednesday, 1 January 2020

Arsenal v Man Utd
Brighton v Chelsea
Burnley v Aston Villa
Liverpool v Sheffield Utd
Man City v Everton
Newcastle Utd v Leicester City
Norwich City v Crystal Palace
Southampton v Spurs
Watford v Wolves
West Ham v AFC Bournemouth

Saturday, 11 January 2020

AFC Bournemouth v Watford
Aston Villa v Man City
Chelsea v Burnley
Crystal Palace v Arsenal
Everton v Brighton
Leicester City v Southampton



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Man Utd v Norwich City
Sheffield Utd v West Ham
Spurs v Liverpool
Wolves v Newcastle Utd

Saturday, 18 January 2020

Arsenal v Sheffield Utd
Brighton v Aston Villa
Burnley v Leicester City
Liverpool v Man Utd
Man City v Crystal Palace
Newcastle Utd v Chelsea
Norwich City v AFC Bournemouth
Southampton v Wolves
Watford v Spurs
West Ham v Everton

Tuesday, 21 January 2020

19:45 AFC Bournemouth v Brighton
19:45 Aston Villa v Watford
19:45 Everton v Newcastle Utd
19:45 Leicester City v West Ham
19:45 Sheffield Utd v Man City
19:45 Wolves v Liverpool
20:00 Man Utd v Burnley

Wednesday, 22 January 2020

19:45 Chelsea v Arsenal
19:45 Spurs v Norwich City
20:00 Crystal Palace v Southampton

Saturday, 1 February 2020

AFC Bournemouth v Aston Villa
Burnley v Arsenal
Crystal Palace v Sheffield Utd
Leicester City v Chelsea
Liverpool v Southampton
Man Utd v Wolves
Newcastle Utd v Norwich City
Spurs v Man City
Watford v Everton
West Ham v Brighton

Saturday, 8/15 February 2020*

Arsenal v Newcastle Utd
Aston Villa v Spurs
Brighton v Watford
Chelsea v Man Utd
Everton v Crystal Palace
Man City v West Ham
Norwich City v Liverpool
Sheffield Utd v AFC Bournemouth
Southampton v Burnley
Wolves v Leicester City

*As part of the 2019/20 mid-sea-

son player break, five of the above matches will take place on the weekend commencing 8 February and five on the weekend commencing 15 February

Saturday, 22 February 2020

Arsenal v Everton
Burnley v AFC Bournemouth
Chelsea v Spurs
Crystal Palace v Newcastle Utd
Leicester City v Man City
Liverpool v West Ham
Man Utd v Watford
Sheffield Utd v Brighton
Southampton v Aston Villa
Wolves v Norwich City

Saturday, 29 February 2020

AFC Bournemouth v Chelsea
Aston Villa v Sheffield Utd
Brighton v Crystal Palace
Everton v Man Utd
Man City v Arsenal
Newcastle Utd v Burnley
Norwich City v Leicester City
Spurs v Wolves
Watford v Liverpool
West Ham v Southampton

Saturday, 7 March 2020

Arsenal v West Ham
Burnley v Spurs
Chelsea v Everton
Crystal Palace v Watford
Leicester City v Aston Villa
Liverpool v AFC Bournemouth
Man Utd v Man City
Sheffield Utd v Norwich City
Southampton v Newcastle Utd
Wolves v Brighton

Saturday, 14 March 2020

AFC Bournemouth v Crystal Palace
Aston Villa v Chelsea
Brighton v Arsenal
Everton v Liverpool
Man City v Burnley
Newcastle Utd v Sheffield Utd
Norwich City v Southampton
Spurs v Man Utd
Watford v Leicester City
West Ham v Wolves

Saturday, 21 March 2020

Burnley v Watford
Chelsea v Man City
Leicester City v Brighton

PREMIER LEAGUE



Liverpool v Crystal Palace
Man Utd v Sheffield Utd
Newcastle Utd v Aston Villa
Norwich City v Everton
Southampton v Arsenal
Spurs v West Ham
Wolves v AFC Bournemouth

Saturday, 4 April 2020

AFC Bournemouth v Newcastle Utd
Arsenal v Norwich City
Aston Villa v Wolves
Brighton v Man Utd
Crystal Palace v Burnley
Everton v Leicester City
Man City v Liverpool
Sheffield Utd v Spurs
Watford v Southampton
West Ham v Chelsea

Saturday, 11 April 2020

Burnley v Sheffield Utd
Chelsea v Watford
Leicester City v Crystal Palace
Liverpool v Aston Villa
Man Utd v AFC Bournemouth
Newcastle Utd v West Ham
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Brighton v Liverpool
Crystal Palace v Chelsea
Everton v Southampton
Man City v Newcastle Utd
Sheffield Utd v Wolves
Watford v Norwich City
West Ham v Burnley

Saturday, 25 April 2020

AFC Bournemouth v Leicester City

Aston Villa v Crystal Palace
Brighton v Man City
Liverpool v Burnley
Man Utd v Southampton
Norwich City v West Ham
Sheffield Utd v Chelsea
Spurs v Arsenal
Watford v Newcastle Utd
Wolves v Everton

Saturday, 2 May 2020

Arsenal v Liverpool
Burnley v Wolves
Chelsea v Norwich City
Crystal Palace v Man Utd
Everton v Aston Villa
Leicester City v Sheffield Utd
Man City v AFC Bournemouth
Newcastle Utd v Spurs
Southampton v Brighton
West Ham v Watford

Saturday, 9 May 2020

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Spurs v Leicester City
Watford v Man City
Wolves v Crystal Palace

Sunday, 17 May 2020

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Burnley v Brighton
Chelsea v Wolves
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Newcastle Utd v Liverpool
Southampton v Sheffield Utd
West Ham v Aston Villa

PREMIER LEAGUE



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Vacancy - MT Ops Driver

Ascension Island

Ref 2973

Competitive Salary + Bonus + Site Allowance

Interserve is recruiting a Mechanical Transport Operations Driver to work on the Ascension Island Base to operate a variety of heavy goods, passenger carrying and airfield specialist support vehicles.

Responsibilities

- To carry out driving duties and other tasks as directed by Line Management.
- To ensure you are aware of when and where to report for duties, checking roster for driving/operating tasks.
- To ensure driver's hours are adhered to in accordance with JSP 800 Vol 5 and Drivers' Hours Records Cards (F/MT 106) are completed accurately.
- To ensure you are fully conversant with all vehicles and equipment you are required to drive and operate.
- To daily/weekly inspect vehicles held in MT Ops Fleet and vehicles you are required to drive/operate in accordance with the relevant procedures.
- Maintain cleanliness of vehicles; report any anomalies with vehicles to MT Ops for rectification.

The person

- Hold a full clean driving licence.
- Some knowledge of military driving and associated procedures and practices would be advantageous.
- Be prepared to be instructed on a range of military and specialist plant and vehicles.
- Experience of working in a military environment would be beneficial. Good level of health and fitness.
- Self-motivated and able to work without supervision.
- Good communication skills, visual awareness and spoken and written English.
- Must be medically, dentally fit and will pass required security checks.

Interserve will pay a competitive salary, monthly site allowance and a bonus at 13th and 27th month. Hours of work are 47.5 per week. The contract duration is 27 months single status with 74 days leave excluding weekends. Air/sea transportation for 4 agreed holiday periods will be at the Company's expense. Free accommodation, meals at the mess and work clothing will be provided.

For further information, tel 00-247-63400 or email Theresa.Corker-Coleman@interserve.mod.uk.

To apply upload your CV at www.careers.interserve.com/jobs.

Closing date for applications is Monday 5 August 2019.

Interserve is one of the world's foremost support services and construction companies. Everything we do is shaped by our core values. We are a leader in innovative and sustainable outcomes for our clients and a great place to work for our people. We offer advice, design, construction, equipment, facilities management and frontline public services. Headquartered in the UK, we have gross revenues of £3.3 billion and a workforce of 68,000 people worldwide.

Vacancy - F&L General Operator Ascension Island

Ref 3514

Competitive Salary + Bonus + Site Allowance

Interserve is recruiting a Fuel & Lubricants (F&L) General Operator to work on the Ascension Island Base.

Responsibilities

- Carry out daily, weekly and monthly accounting of Aviation and Ground Fuels on BFIS and GFMS. Ensure that the Fuel State Board and the F&L Vehicle State Board is updated daily.
- The correct operation of the Bulk Fuel Installation (BFI), Petroleum Supply Depot (PSD) and Motor Transport Filling Installation (MTFI) in accordance with the referenced instructions. Assist with Ship to Shore and Cross Island fuel transfers.
- To ensure refuelling of all military and commercial aircraft transiting Ascension Island Base as well as Ground Fuel deliveries to the USAF and MTFI are all carried out in accordance with referenced instructions.
- The correct operation and the implementation of driver responsibilities for Airfield Refuelling Vehicles, Refuelling Equipment and MT Vehicles in accordance with referenced instructions.

The person

- Good standard of education in Maths and good command of written and spoken English required for UK Courses. Prepared to undertake the required training in the UK and on Ascension to achieve the formal training required for this post.
- Full clean driving licence.
- General health and safety knowledge.
- Good all round communication skills with staff, managers and clients. Will be well-organised, a motivated team player who is keen to learn F&L operations.
- Able to deal effectively with periods of intense activity. Has a 'can do' mature attitude, is flexible, reliable and self-motivated.
- Must be medically and dentally fit, CP2 Colour perception essential, will obtain and hold security clearance (SC).

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For sale by tender:-

1 Timberwolf PTO/S426H

High speed, heavy duty professional shredder

Specifications:-

Power Source:	Tractor PTO drive (not supplied)
Overall Weight:	1260kg (without prop shaft)
Type of feed:	Hydraulic
Maximum diameter material:	225mm (9")
Material processing capacity:	3 tonnes/hr
Required engine power:	80-115hp
PTO Speed:	1000rpm

No longer used due to absence of power source. Sold on '**as is / where is**' basis.
Purchaser will need to arrange collection.

Purchased in 2013. Original cost was £16,500.00

Viewing Date & Venue: Friday, 9 August 2019 at SHAPE Recycling
Centre, Donkey Plain (**Tel: 24143**)

Closing Date for Tenders: Friday, 16 August 2019

Tenders to be addressed to: SHAPE Manager, Sandy Bay Head
Centre
E-mail: SHAPE@helanta.co.sh

Please note that tender offers below **£3000** will not be considered. SHAPE also reserves the right not to accept the lowest or any Tender.

VACANCY

Temporary Clerk

The Access Office is seeking to recruit a Clerk to provide support in the Airport Directorate.

Reporting to the Office Manager, the post holder will assist with all project support and office management functions in the Directorate. Salary for the post is at Grade A2 (£5844 per annum) and employment is offered on a fixed term contract up to 31st December 2019.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Lojanda Vorster, Support Supervisor, on telephone number 22494.

Application forms and job descriptions are available from the Airport Directorate, 1st Floor, Post Office, Jamestown should be completed and submitted to Mrs Lojanda Vorster, Support Supervisor or email lojanda.vorster@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday the 2nd of August 2019.



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Janet Lawrence
Airport Project Director

22 July 2019

VACANCY FOR AUXILIARY WORKER

The successful person will be responsible to the Head teacher. The main responsibilities of the post will be for the supervision of pupils before and after school, during mid-morning and lunch periods and to accompany and supervise nursery pupils being transported home at mid-day.

The ideal candidate must display a caring and sensitive attitude towards children, be energetic, enthusiastic, self-motivated and able to carry out instructions given by the Head Teacher. A sense of responsibility is also essential.

Salary for the post is at Grade A.1, commencing £5,713 per annum.

For further details and a full job description for this post, interested persons should contact Miss Elaine Benjamin, Headteacher, Pilling Primary School, Education & Employment Directorate on telephone number 22540 or email elaine.benjamin@primary.edu.sh

Application forms are available from the Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources and should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Human Resources Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Wednesday, 7 August 2019.

The Education & Employment Directorate is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to uphold these principles. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory medical check and vetting or DBS Disclosure and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

Mrs. Wendy Benjamin
Director of Education & Employment
25 July 2019



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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR A CASUAL WORKER

The Support Services Division under the Infrastructure and Transport Directorate and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Directorate is seeking expressions of interest from persons to fill the role of Receptionist on a casual basis for about five months in the first instance. The Receptionist will be required to work flexibly at Essex House and Scotland Offices and be available when any of the Administration Assistants is on leave or indisposed.

Interested persons should have a sound academic background which includes some experience of working in an administrative or customer focused environment.

Salary for the post is at £22.89 per day.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Miss Karen Thomas, Human Resources Manager at Essex House; on telephone number 22270 or e-mail karen.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh. Application forms, available from Essex House Reception, should be submitted to this address by no later than Tuesday 30th July 2019.

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

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.

Derek Henry
Acting Director of Infrastructure and Transport Directorate
16 July 2019



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**Underwater
footage
required**



St Helena Tourism is seeking to purchase St Helena underwater footage for international promotion.

The footage/video clips should be fairly recent, and of relatively good quality and visibility.

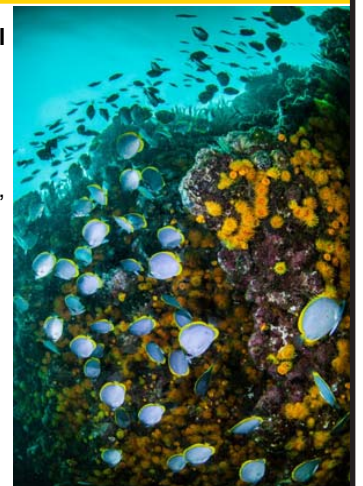
Ideally it should showcase a stunning array of St Helena marine wildlife, underwater caves, popular dive sites or ancient wrecks.

Whale shark footage is also desirable— being a huge centre of scientific and touristic interest.

All lengths of footage considered.

Interested parties should contact the Enterprise St Helena Marketing Team by Friday 19th July.

For further information please contact Sophia Joshua on telephone 22920 or via email Sophia.Joshua@tourism.co.sh



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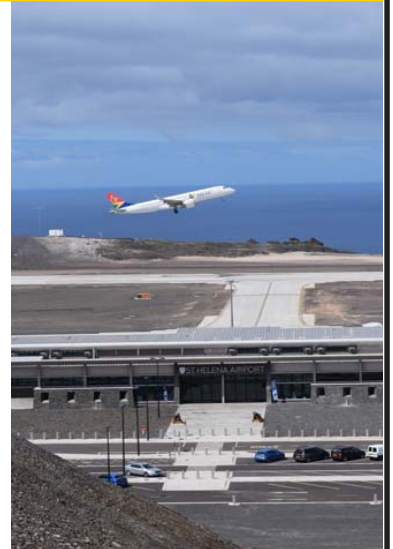
Enterprise St Helena Board of Directors' Meeting



A meeting of the Enterprise St Helena Board of Directors' will take place on Wednesday 31 July 2019 at 9:00am at the Head Office, Ladder Hill Business Park.
Specific items that will be discussed which are open to the public:

1. Travel Shows attended Quarter 1, 2019;
2. Management Accounts Quarter 1, 2019;
3. Draft Financial Statements 2018/2019;
4. ANRD Proposal for Agricultural Support - Bee DNA;
5. OCTA Anaerobic Digestion Project Update - Composting Components;
6. Review of Grants Policy;
7. Board Meeting Schedule;
8. ESH Subcommittee Updates.

A copy of the Agenda and Papers open to public will be available from Monday 29 July from the Board Secretary via email: natasha.bargo@esh.co.sh or telephone No. 22920



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VACANCY FOR A TEMPORARY TEACHER

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ a suitable person to work in the Primary Sector on a temporary basis for the period 2nd September 2019 – 13th December 2019. The successful application will be required to teach all subjects across the primary curriculum,

Please note that the opportunity for this post is advertised locally.

Applicants must have qualified teaching status and recent experience in teaching would be advantageous. The ideal candidate must be self-motivated and have good interpersonal skills

Rate of pay for this role will be dependent on qualifications and experience, on the Directorates Scheme of Service ranges from £10,550 - £18,114 per annum.

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Mrs. Wendy Benjamin
Director of Education & Employment, 19 July 2019





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TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Interviewing techniques

Are you currently unemployed, seeking a new career or would like to improve your interviewing techniques? **If so**, this is the ideal course for you!

Course Title	Date	Cost
Interviewing Techniques Facilitator: Cynthia Bennett	13–15th August (3 Full days)	FREE

This programme includes the full process of job search from identifying a suitable job, completing job applications, preparing for an interview, attending the interview and a review on the interview process.

For further information please contact Cynthia Bennett, Work Development Co-Ordinator on email cynthia.bennett@sainthelena.gov.sh or call 22607.

To register for this course please contact Cherilee Thomas-Johnson, Ag Student Services Co-Ordinator on email shcc@sainthelena.gov.sh or call telephone 22607.

Saint Helena Community College, Education Learning Centre,
Education & Employment Directorate, Jamestown, St Helena Island,



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TIP OF THE WEEK

Each cycle of a washing machine uses an average of 100 litres of water.

Use the washing machine for full loads only.

Using the machine half full will waste around 20 litres of water each time.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS' OPEN DAYS 2019

The three primary schools - Harford, Pilling and St Paul's - will be hosting their annual Open Days.

Each school will start the day with their Entertainment & Prize Presentation for parents, guardians and invited guests.

Following this, the schools will be open to the public at the following times:

School	Date	Time
Harford Primary School	Tuesday, 30 July	12.00pm - 3pm and 3.30pm - 5.30pm
St Paul's Primary School	Wednesday, 31 July	1.30pm - 3pm and 4pm - 6pm
Pilling Primary School	Thursday, 1 August	11.30am - 12.30pm, 1.30pm - 2.45pm and 7pm - 9pm

All are encouraged to attend the Open Days to see the primary schools in action and to view the children's work.

#StHelena #Education #PrimarySchools #OpenDays

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APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2019/57:** Full Planning Application to **Change from Saddle Roof to Hip Design**, Nr Princes Lodge, St Pauls, on Parcels 0016 and 0322 Scotland, adjacent to Colin Yon. Applicants: Andrew and Serena Ellick
2. **Application 2019/58:** FULL Planning Application for **Erection of Three Poly Tunnels**, Harpers Estate on Parcel 0273 Francis Plain, adjacent to Andrea Timm, Stedson Francis, Raymond Williams and Mervyn Yon. Applicant: Martin Joshua.
3. **Application 2019/59:** FULL Planning Application for **Extensions to Existing House to form Two Bedrooms**, Sapper Way on Parcel 0041 Scotland, adjacent to Martin Henry. Applicant; Jody Grant-Lawrence.
4. **Application 2019/60:** FULL Planning Application for **Refurbishment of the Duke of Edinburgh Playground; Erection of 1.8m Fencing, Demolition to Existing Wall to form an opening for an Entrance & Installation of a Gate** on Parcel 080062 Jamestown. Applicant: Creative St Helena

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 Secretary on Telephone 22270 or email Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Application should make them in writing within 14 days, to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Review & Representations Closing Date : 4pm – 9th August 2019

Shane Williams
Planning Officer

NOTIFICATION MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, 7 August 2019, at 9 am. The meeting will be held in the Training Room 1, opposite the St Helena Community College, Jamestown.**

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

Should you require a copy of the Agenda, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 22270. Agendas will be available on **Monday, 5 August 2019.**

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.



Blue Belt Programme

Annual Update for Financial Year 2018/19

Extracts

In March-April 2019, the Blue Belt Programme and the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) led a marine survey around Tristan da Cunha and St Helena and was a follow up to the 2018 survey on the RRS James Clark Ross. The aim of the survey was to improve understanding of the different marine ecosystems present within Tristan da Cunha and St Helena.

In the Tristan Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), work focused upon the seamounts, where deep-water fishing occurs. The team visited the McNish and RSA seamounts where recent fishing activity had taken place. The survey used a range of techniques including seafloor mapping, deployment of scientific mid water trawls and deepwater camera surveys. The aim of these activities was to understand the importance of the seamount habitats for commercial species and determine the likely impacts of historic fishing.

In St Helena the team's work focused on the importance of the island and seamounts for fisheries. They concentrated on mid-water ecosystems where tuna, the main commercial species of St Helena, live. The RSS Discovery surveyed the nearshore area around St Helena and the Bonaparte and Cardno seamounts. Scientists collected oceanographic and biological samples to try to understand the local food webs and environmental conditions favoured by tunas such as yellowfin and bigeye.

A wide range of exciting species were caught and identified by Blue Belt Programme, BAS and Natural History Museum scientists. These included deep sea fish species such as the spook fish, slanes viper fish and inflated rat tails. A range of octopus and squid species were also caught, these included the cockeyed squid and the ghost octopus.

Seabed bathymetry was collected over the seamount complexes of both Tristan da Cunha and St Helena. The seabed images collected illustrated the shape and location of these habitats which have been shown to be biodiversity hotspots. During the survey a total of 3629 specimens were identified and preserved. The Discovery 100 collection will now be housed in the Natural History Museum. The collection will be available to scientific specialists worldwide to undertake more detailed studies on the species caught during the survey.

Monitoring and enforcement: combating illegal unregulated and unreported fishing

During the surveillance operations conducted over 2018-19, the Blue Belt Programme facilitated live operational support to Ascension Island, St Helena, British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) and South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands to support tasking of patrol vessels. In addition to supplying intelligence to suggest where contacts have been detected, the satellite surveillance was successful in validating instances where there have been no-risk contacts. Aligning the tasking of the patrol vessels with the positions of the satellite imagery led to further improvement in the efficiency of patrol vessels.



Waylon Thomas catching a skipjack in St Helena
(photo – Blue Belt Programme)

Work Plans 2019–2020

- Support the revision of the marine management plan to include new information policies and management strategies for the island's principal human activities
- Support development of new regulations under the Environmental Protection Ordinance for marine developments and commercial marine recreation within the Marine Protected Area (MPA) through the provision of additional drafting support
- Assist the development of the marine accreditation scheme for marine tourism operators on the island
- Provide reports to enhance our understanding of biodiversity of the marine environment and impacts of anthropogenic activities
- Support the SHG to update maps of the inshore habitats to better inform the marine management plan and underpin the assessment of sand extraction on the marine environment
- Process and analyse samples collected from Discovery 100 to characterise the marine environment
- Conduct inshore and offshore tuna tagging and analysis as part of the Blue Belt and International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) projects
- Work with SHG to build improved laboratory facilities and provide specialist training for SHG staff
- Work with SHG to develop fisheries legislation to allow effective management of their waters



A drawing of the new laboratory in St Helena which the Blue Belt Programme is supporting

Georgia Aquarium's deep ocean whale shark tags stay silent

The usual tag on a whale shark will record its movements but if the whale shark descends into the ocean depths the water pressure destroys the tag. Whales Sharks are known to sometimes dive very, very deep but why they do it, no-one knows. So Georgia Aquarium researchers decided to design and assemble their own DIY deep ocean tag.

During the International Conference on Natural Capital in March this year the Georgia Aquarium team tagged whale sharks with three specially designed tags they brought here. The plan was for the tags to release around the end of June, rise to the surface and transmit the data stored within it via satellite to receivers at the Georgia Aquarium.

Al Dove, Vice-President – Research and Conservation contacted the *Independent* last night to tell us, "Unfortunately we have not heard from our tags via satellite, so our best hope now is that they wash up somewhere and are returned to us by some kind soul. This has happened for us on several occasions in the past, including a St Helena tag that washed up in Brazil, so it's definitely within the realms of possibility. If we get the tag back, then we can plug it into the computer and download all the data.

We will continue to work on the tag design and attempt to answer the question of how deep whale sharks can dive. It's a significant technological challenge. Our next opportunity will be in Galapagos at the end of August, where whale sharks also do the deep diving behaviour."



A whale shark tracking tag, designed to withstand the pressures of the deep ocean

THANK YOU FROM ST PAUL'S

Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of our "Queen's Official Birthday Holiday" Fund Raiser, held at Kingshurst on Monday 17 June 2019. 'Takings' from this event totalled £1,633.23. Thank You so much.

WINNERS OF THE MULTI RAFFLE WERE:

1st Prize	Food Hamper	Prudence Joshua	Plantation Square
2nd Prize	Sandwich Toaster	Hazel Henry	Thompson's Hill
3rd Prize	Vegetable Rack	Rosalie Lawrence	Sapper Way
4th Prize	Toilet Hamper	Joanne Jonas	Half Tree Hollow
5th Prize	Cherry Cake	Kerry Lane	Blue Hill
6th Prize	Microwave Shelf Stand	Kensie Fowler	Half Tree Hollow
7th Prize	25 Piece Cutlery Set	Michael Glanville	Jamestown
8th Prize	Glasses	Colby Richards	Jamestown
9th Prize	Candy Tray	Craig Yon	Longwood
10th Prize	Chopping Board	Laura Duncan	The Hermitage
11th Prize	Box of Biscuits	Annalyn Williams	Longwood
12th Prize	Flask in a Book	Simon Green	Knollcombes

Thank You to those who kindly sold tickets for this Multi-Raffle prior to the date of the event.

Thank you too, to members from St Peter's Chapelry who contributed to and organised, a stall and raffle for St Peter's Church (within our Parish) at the event. The amount raised was £253.00.

Parishioners, Friends of the Parish, Visitors and Stall Holders – Your presence, generous 'giving' and 'spending', together with your help (before, after or during the event) is greatly appreciated. We thank you for your continued support to our Parish Fund Raiser Event.

God Bless You All.

Widespread storm damage on Tristan

Raging winds and heavy rain caused widespread damage on Tristan last Friday night. Tristanians survived the night with no injuries reported but damage to government buildings, including some government housing is reported to be extensive. Only one privately owned house was badly damaged and the Tristan community quickly got together to repair the damaged house. The storm also caused a power cut but this power has now been restored.

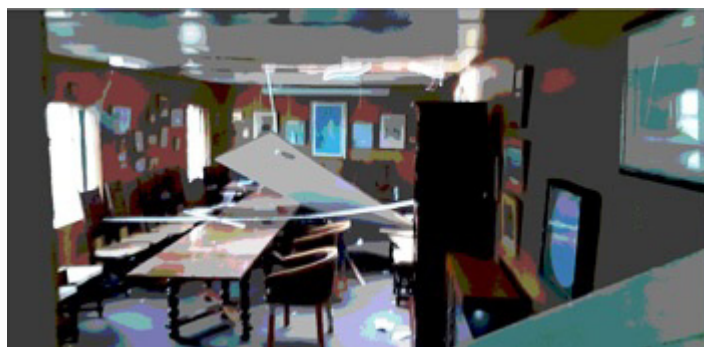
The damaged buildings include the police station, the post office/tourist office, mechanical workshop, the administration building and radio station. Roofs were ripped off by the wind and windows broken. The heavy rain then damaged interior furniture, equipment and fittings. The communications equipment room was flooded causing long-term damage to telephone and internet equipment. The only communication available now is by satellite phone.

The island store and warehouse escaped damage which means Tristanians still have dry and frozen food available. The new Camogli Hospital, opened in June 2017, also survived intact. An assessment has been made of the materials required to repair the damage. The MFV Edinburgh is standing by in Cape Town and is ready to sail to deliver the materials to Tristan. However the departure date depends on how long it takes to get essential repair materials delivered to the Edinburgh. It is planned to have the Edinburgh loaded and on her way sometime next week. Meanwhile, the Tristan community are continuing with the massive clear-up operation and doing whatever is possible to make the damaged buildings watertight.

It is estimated the damage is at least as bad as the 2001 hurricane on 21st May although areas outside the settlement (Edinburgh of the Seven Seas) have not yet been inspected. In 2001 the Potato Patches, the back of the island and the outer islands all suffered damage, including loss of livestock. A statement from the UK Government on 22nd July read, "Tristan da Cunha, a British Overseas Territory in the South Atlantic, has been hit by severe storms this week. The UK Government is working with the local government to help the island get back on its feet. To help, funding has been principally agreed for emergency repairs. Contractors to help with repairs have been identified and are on standby to travel to the island next week." The statement adds, "To further the UK's quick response to the storms on Tristan, the Foreign Office are looking at options to send an engineer and equipment to the island to restore FCO's satellite link, which provides phone and internet to the whole island."

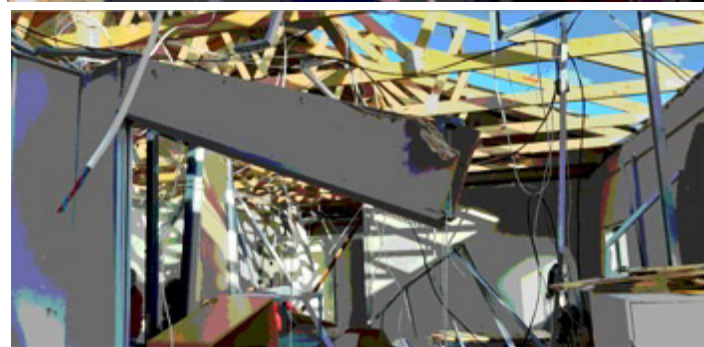
Tristan Administrator, Sean Burns, was off-island when the storm struck but plans to return next week with the MFV Edinburgh. While off-island (in the UK) the Administrator has been able to assist with organising the relief effort and has provided regular reports on the extent of the damage and the progress being made to get help to Tristan. Governor Philip Rushbrook, together with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, continue to explore other ways assistance can be given to the Tristan community.

In the absence of Sean Burns, Loraine Repetto is the Acting Administrator and has been communicating information to assistance providers using the slow and restricted capabilities of the CTBTO (Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organisation)



station's satellite link, which is the only link available. The same means of communication is being used to send weather forecasts to Tristan, which are then printed out and pinned on the public notice board.

The photos were taken by Robin Repetto and then transmitted by CTBTO satellite phone by Maxime Le Maillot



MFV Edinburgh

GOVERNOR HOLDS RECEPTION FOR ST HELENA FOOTBALL TEAM AND ISLAND GAMES COMPETITORS

On Wednesday evening, 24 July 2019, Governor Rushbrook welcomed St Helena's International Football Team, Island Games Competitors, Coaches, Team Managers, their families, and invited guests to Plantation House to congratulate them on their recent representation of St Helena at International Games.

In his speech, the Governor welcomed back and congratulated all the international competitors for their participation and achievements at the Huws Gray International Inter-Island Games Football Tournament in Ynys Mon, Wales, and the 2019 NatWest International Island Games in Gibraltar.

He said:

"The personal achievements of every footballer, athlete and swimmer, many for the first time on the international stage, have been remarkable. A true credit to all of us. St Helena may be small. St Helena may be in a distant part of the Atlantic. But wherever St Helena competes, whether Wales, Gibraltar or elsewhere, it earns new friends and respect for its sportsmanship and dedication. The most important element in sport is not to win at all costs, it is to know that you have given your best, to learn from the experience, and to strive again in the next competition."

A speech was also given by Councillor Derek Thomas, where he spoke proudly of St Helena's International competitors and the exposure that the Island gained from their participation in the respective competitions. He then spoke about the future of sport on St Helena and how more should, and will, be done to support the Island's sporting infrastructure going forward. Further speeches were given by Chair of the National Sports Association St Helena (NSASH), Nick Stevens, and also Goal-keeper/Coach of the St Helena Football Team, Keith Yon.

Nick said:



"It has been a pleasure to be a part of two wonderful teams. Both have done so much to establish St Helena on the sporting map and it was a pleasure to manage you all."

The St Helena Football Team finished tenth place in the tournament but brought back invaluable experience for future competitions.

The young Island Games Competitors all set new personal bests and national records and will now work to improve even further for other upcoming international events.

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25 July 2019

GRANT OF ST HELENIAN STATUS

In accordance with Section 15(3) of the Immigration Ordinance, 2011, the following persons have been granted St Helenian Status with effect from:

26 June 2019

- **Mr Paul John Cherrett** of La Carolita, Sea View, Alarm Forest
- **Mrs Samantha Claire Cherrett** of La Carolita, Sea View, Alarm Forest
- **Dr Carlos Humberto Soto Canova** of Maldivia House, Jamestown
- **Mrs Heidemarie Del Rosario Hamm Soria** of Maldivia House, Jamestown
- **Mr Luis Pedro Soto Canova** of Maldivia House, Jamestown

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23 July 2019



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JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

SKITTLES SEASON - 2019

Scores:

15th. July

	PARTTIMERS - 507	Bt	STRUGGLERS - 433	
Ladies - H. Sc:	Stacey Williams	56	Sally Hickling	58
Gents - H. Sc:	Gavin (Duff) Ellick	69	David Thomas	57
Gents - H. Sp:	Gavin (Duff) Ellick	14	David Thomas	15

17th. July

	EXTRATORS - 485	Bt	RUSTY PISTOLS - 472	
Ladies - H. Sc:			Terri Clingham	48
Gents - H. Sc:	Deon Thomas	62	Wayne Yon	65
Gents - H. Sp:	Ashton Benjamin	11	Wayne Yon	17

Upcoming fixtures:

Monday 29th. July - Rusty Pistols v Guys & Dolls

Wednesday 31st. July - Guys & Dolls v Parttimers

Thank You

The St Helena League of Friends would like to express their sincere thanks to all who supported our 25th Anniversary Family Bingo, at the Jamestown Community Centre on 18th July. A special thank you to the local businesses and individuals who provided prizes for the bingo and the raffle. We raised the sum of £492 .

Thank you all for your generous support.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Full Time Chef

The Blue Lantern seeks to employ a Full Time Chef to join their Hard working & Enthusiastic team.

Interested persons can contact Keith or Dustin at the Blue Lantern. Email your CV with contactable references to:

bluelantern@helanta.co.sh or

contact #25555



PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, 29 JULY 2019

The following is a public announcement from the St Helena Public Accounts Committee:

A formal session of the St Helena Public Accounts Committee (PAC) will take place at 1.30pm in the Council Chamber on Monday, 29 July 2019.

The programme of business will focus on the 2017/18 Financial Statements of the Saint Helena National Trust.

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

The meeting will be broadcast live via SAMS Radio 1.

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23 July 2019

GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 21st July 2019



In the last days of beautiful weather devoid of any precipitation before we enter scruffy August, last Sunday was perfect for golfing. 15 golfers turned up to participate in the 18 hole stableford competition. In spite of the good weather many golfers didn't perform at their best. Only 5 golfers returned 30 points and above. Top on the leaderboard and winner of the days competition by one point was Mr Jeffrey Stevens aka Foxy with 35 points. Second place with 34 points was Mr Gerald George. Mr Leon Crowie and Tony Green tied for 3rd place with 32 points each. The two ball pool was shared between Mr Paddo Johnson on the 11th and the captain Bramwell who scored two on the 7th. The prizes were sponsored by Mrs Daphne Francis and presented by the Club Captain Bramwell Lumukwana. Congratulations to all the winners.

Next competition on Sunday 28th July 2019 is 18 Hole Monthly Medal competition sponsored by Sure South Atlantic. Tee off time is 12:00. Registration is ongoing through the usual channels. Add your name to the list on the clubhouse noticeboard, leave a voice mail on 24421, or drop a message to our Facebook page @SGHC.org.sh Junior golfers training continues every Thursday at 16:15 weather permitting until further notice.

In other exciting news the club celebrated Mr Brian Fowler who had his first ever hole-in-one on Saturday 20th July 2019 on Hole number 1. Hole-in-One is a rarity on the game of golf. Brian was awarded a Hole-in-One trophy. Congratulations Brian. Lastly, the committee of management wishes to advise community members who pass/walk on or in the vicinity of the golf course to avoid littering the golf course. The committee has strategically placed wheelie bins on the golf course specifically for this purpose. Further, the club wishes to inform pedestrians who walk through the golf course other than on the public road, that they do so at their own risk and the club will not be held liable for any injuries suffered as a result of flying golf balls. The community's cooperation in this regard will be highly appreciated.

SHFA Football League Week 4

20/7/19

Lakers 5 v 0 Saints

Goals for Lakers – Jace Williams 3, Cody Thomas 2.

MOM – Jace Williams of Lakers.

Wirebirds 0 v 1 Rovers

Goal for Rovers – Rico Benjamin.

MOM – Rico Benjamin of the Rovers.

21/7/19

Bellboys 8 v 0 Wizards

Goals for Bellboys – Andrew Yon 3, Matthias Young 3, Tyler Brady, Sidonio Benjamin.

YPOM – Matthias Young of Bellboys.

MOM – Andrew Yon of Bellboys.

Harts 4 v 0 Axis

Goals for Harts – Marc Williams, Shane Stroud, Joey Thomas, Sean – Lee Thomas.

YPOM – Sean – Lee Thomas of Harts.

MOM – Marc Williams of Harts.



We wish you all a great weekend and hopefully we will have good weather for golf.....!

Contributed by;

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Junior Football Fixtures

The 2019 Junior Football season will commence this coming Sunday. We are looking to have at least one more team from the Primary Schools. If anyone is interested in playing Junior Football contact Nick 22034 or turn up on Sunday morning. We are also looking for volunteers to referee.....interested in doing something for our youngsters' then contact Nick at New Horizons.

Sunday 28th July

Pitch 1 (Primary School)

9am: Yellow Devils v Jungle Rangers Referee Nick Stevens

10am: Young Rebels (friendly match)

Pitch 2 (11-15 year olds)

9am: Sky Scrapers v Rangers Referee: Gareth Johnson

10am: Galacticos v Titans Referee Kyle Yon

Saturday 3rd August

Pitch 1 (Primary School)

9am: Young Rebels v Yellow Devils

10am: Jungle Rangers (friendly match)

Pitch 2 (11-15 year olds)

9am: Galacticos v Skyscrapers

10am: Titans v Rangers

Sunday 11th August

Pitch 1 (Primary School)

9am: Jungle Rangers v Rebels

10am: Yellow Devils (friendly)

Pitch 2 (11-15 year olds)

9am: Titans v Skyscrapers

10am: Galacticos v Rangers



OPEN DAY

BLAST OFF WITH

PILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Planetarium opens
from
7pm-9pm**

**Head Teacher, Staff and Pupils
of
Pilling Primary School
invite you to 'get spaced out' at our
Prize Presentation & Open Day
On: Thursday 01st August 2019**

**On Sale (7pm-9pm)
Galaxy Milk
Moon Rocks
And lots More.**

**Prize Presentation will be held 'on earth' at Education Learning Centre Hall
starting at 9.30am (for parents/invited guests only)**

**The school will be open for parents and the public to 'moon walk around' and
check out 'the sparkling stars at work' from 11.30-12.30 and 1.30-2.45pm.**

We will 'blast off into space' from 7pm to 9pm.



Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

Friday open from 4.00pm till late mixed tunes from the bar.

Saturday open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm country tunes from the bar 8.00pm till late mix sounds by DJ Jeremy Johns

Sunday open from 5.00 to 8.00pm.



**For Sale is A Freelander 1.8 Petrol in Very Good Condition
Licensed and Insured until November 2019,
For further information please contact tel: 23902 or Mobile
63850 after 5pm**

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Situated at Kunjie Field,
Nr Scotland roundabout.

First building on your right. Car park is
available.

Opening hours: Mondays, Wednesdays &

Fridays: 16:00 – 18:00

Saturdays: 17:00 – 18:00

We stock a good range of Ladies, Men's &
Children's clothing at bargain prices.

Come and have a browse!

Contact Jean Fowler on Telephone 24044.

HAPPY SHOPPING!!!

