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associated with travelling to and from St Helena as a result of the pandemic; my real concern that my circumstances would render it impossible to travel to St Helena whilst those restrictions remain; and the equal impossibility of forecasting how long these restrictions will persist; have persuaded me that it is time to stand aside to allow the appointment of a new Chief Justice. As that decision crystallised it also occurred to me that I have been the Chief Justice for 14 years now. I believe it is also time for St Helena, Ascension and Tristan to have a Chief Justice who brings to the position a new vision and vigour. I will, of course, remain as Chief Justice until my successor has been identified.

It has been a tremendous honour and privilege to serve as Chief Justice. Julia and I have always enjoyed our visits whether to St Helena or Ascension. Sadly, we never made it to Tristan. We would both like to thank all those we have met for the warmth and kindness of our reception. We have made many new friends over the years. We are both very sad that we shall not be able to bid our farewells in person.

At a personal level I need to pay tribute to Ms Yvonne Williams, Judicial Services Manager and to those who have staffed Judicial Services over the years. The success of St Helena's administration of justice has been, and will continue to be, due, to a significant degree, to their diligence and above all to their commitment to serve to community of St Helena. St Helena and Ascension will always be close to our hearts.

**Charles Ekins**

"On Monday this week I sent His Excellency The Governor notice of my intention to retire as Chief Justice of St Helena, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha. As I explained to the Governor, it had in any event been my intention to retire next year when I attain 65 years of age and would also have reached the milestone of 15 years as Chief Justice. The difficulties

## Sentencing and Appeals in the St Helena Supreme Court Under the Chief Justice, Charles Ekins, Esq, on Video Link from UK

**28th April 2021**

**Liam Adams** was sentenced to a total of 14 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity and to meeting a child following grooming. The sentence of 14 months imprisonment takes into account both offences. On the first offence, causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity, Adams contacted a 13 year old girl 1489 times via social media over a period of nine months. After eight months of grooming the 13 year old girl Adams arranged to meet the girl. However, Adams' behaviour became known when the young girl told her teacher she had received messages from adults.

**Ricardo Williams** was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment and disqualified from holding a driving licence for a period of 2 years. Williams was charged with three offences, all of which arose from one incident on 23<sup>rd</sup> December last year. Williams left the car park at Rosie's, Ladder Hill and pulled out in front of a police car. When the police attempted to stop Williams he drove off at speed down Ladder Hill. From Ladder Hill Williams drove to the sea front where another police car attempted unsuccessfully to detain Williams. The first police car arrived at the sea front and both cars were used in an attempt to block Williams but avoided both cars and escaped. Williams was contacted by the police on 26<sup>th</sup>

December. The Chief Justice referred to Williams' poor driving record, the prolonged nature of the dangerous driving offence and Williams' lack of co-operation with the police when questioned about the incident.

### Appeals

**Mike Gerard Caswell** was sentenced in the Magistrates Court on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 for a single offence of assault occasioning actual bodily harm. The Attorney General appealed against the sentence handed down in the Magistrates Court was unduly lenient and was one which no court properly directing itself could reasonably have imposed. The Chief Justice outlined the circumstances of the assault and referred to Caswell's previous conviction including a conviction for assault. The method and calculation used by the magistrates to determine what sentence to impose was recounted by the Chief Justice who concluded, "The Magistrates took into account all relevant aggravating factors. I agree that the Attorney General has fallen into the trap in this case of double counting those features which properly go to categorisation and applying them also to aggravation. Again, not only is the necessary test not met, I entirely agree with the starting point reached by the Magistrates." The Chief Justice dismissed the appeal.

# ***Sentencing and Appeals in the St Helena Supreme Court***

## ***Under the Chief Justice, Charles Ekins, Esq, on Video Link from UK***

**Jeremy Crowie** appealed against a sentence of six months imprisonment imposed upon him on by the Magistrates' Court for abduction of a young girl. The Appellant is, or at the relevant time was, 33 years of age. He has a number of previous convictions but none of a similar nature to the present.

The Chief Justice said: "The sentence was imposed in relation to an offence of abducting a child. When the Appellant was arrested in relation to this offence he did then admit that he had spent the night with the girl in the shed. He said that he had done so as the girl had told him she was thinking of committing suicide; and he therefore felt that she would be safest in his company.

This was a very vulnerable girl. The appellant knew she was still under the age of 16. I do not accept that he stayed with this girl out of concern for her well-being. If he was so concerned he could have sought help at the time. At the very least he could have assisted the search for her and have put minds at rest by telling the searchers that she had been with him overnight."

The Chief Justice upheld the appeal by converting the sentence to a suspended sentence instead of immediate imprisonment.

### **5th May 2021**

**Damien Benjamin**, 31, was sentenced to six months imprisonment for a single offence of inciting a child to engage in sexual activity. The Chief Justice said that "Although it is but a single offence your messaging spanned a period of 10 months albeit that the sexual messaging did not commence until 1<sup>st</sup> June", "inciting the girl to engage in sexual activity comprising of vaginal and oral penetration. "In July 2020 you were served with a Child Abduction Warning Notice in relation to another young girl." "You clearly used grooming behaviour towards this girl. You solicited Sexual images of her. There is an obvious and significant disparity in age."

**Tyler Leo**, 28, was sentenced to six months imprisonment after pleading guilty to a single offence of inciting a child to engage in sexual activity. Mr Leo did this via social media, sending messages to a girl young girl. The Chief Justice said: "Although it is but a single offence your messaging spanned a period of approximately 10 months. You solicited nude photos of this girl, requests which happily she declined. The content of your messaging was explicit, inciting the girl to engage in sexual activity comprising of vaginal and oral penetration. "You have no relevant previous convictions but it is to be observed that in July you were served with a Child Abduction warning notice in relation to another 14-year-old girl. You demonstrated that you knew your behaviour was wrong by asking her to delete the messages, saying that you would be in real trouble if found out; It is of real concern that you nevertheless continued to send messages of a sexually explicit nature to the girl."

**Julian Knipe** was sentenced to 26 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to a single offence of inciting a child to

engage in sexual activity. When sentencing 34 year old Julian Knipe the Chief Justice pointed out that despite being charged with a single offence, the offence spanned a period of one month when Knipe used social media to incite a young girl to engage in sexual activity. Knipe was assessed as a being a high risk of causing serious harm, particularly to post pubescent girls.

### ***Appeal***

**Selwyn Stroud** appealed against a sentence of 20 months imprisonment imposed by the Magistrates Court on 15<sup>th</sup> April this year. Stroud was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and made the subject of a sexual offences prevention order (SOPO). In the following December and between 26<sup>th</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> February Stroud breached the terms of the SOPO. These breaches resulted in four charges for which Stroud was sentenced to 16 months and 20 months imprisonment, to run concurrently but consecutively to the sentence Stroud was already serving.

The Chief Justice ruled that one error had been made in calculating the sentence to be imposed in the Magistrates Court when it was pre-supposed there was a likelihood of harm because the girl involved was vulnerable. The Chief Justice reduced the sentences to 12 months imprisonment on the first count and 14 months imprisonment on the second count; to run concurrently. The Chief Justice also ruled the two more recent sentences should run concurrently with the sentence Stroud is already serving, rather than consecutively as ruled by the Magistrates Court.

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## **Your Opinion Counts**

### ***Dear Editor,***

I thought I ought to put two questions in the public domain, just as a matter of interest, for sure we are celebrating the death of Napoleon Bonaparte but what are we really celebrating?

Are we celebrating the death of a murdering French butcher whose armies slaughtered thousands of people across Europe.

Or

Are we celebrating the fact that he died on St. Helena and gave the Island a good source of income in tourism?

***Kind Regards***

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# Editorial

I followed the escalation of tension between Britain and France over fishing rights in the waters around Jersey until the news broke that two Royal Navy patrol ships were to be deployed in that troubled area in the English Channel – or *la Manche* as the French prefer to call it – *la Manche* refers to the shape of the channel between England and France, a sleeve.

After Prime Minister Bojo decided to send the gunboats I did not bother listening to the news on further developments, I preferred to use my own imagination, much more entertaining. I did pass the radio once when a voice from it told me the French had sent two of their vessels to join the fray in a tit-for-tat gesture. My imagination strayed back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century when Benjamin Disraeli, the then prime minister, used gunboat diplomacy to get his way when Britain ruled the waves. It seems he just sent a few Man o' War to steam along the coast of a nation which was proving troublesome and it appears that was enough to bring them into line. What kind of diplomacy Disraeli used for a land-locked country I don't know.

I have a book somewhere called *1,000 Years of Annoying the French* and it is true the only time peace and quiet prevailed between the two nations for a reasonable length of time was when Britain was in the European Union. It certainly did not take long to revert to old habits after Britain left the EU.

Brexit has a lot to answer for. There are an increasing number of things going wrong in Northern Ireland, If French fishermen are worried about not being able to fish quite so much around the island of Jersey they should consider the plight of some British fishermen whose livelihoods are seriously threatened. It's not the fault of fishermen of course it is that ridiculous Brexit so-called 'deal' which has turned many things upside down.

Interestingly, I pulled out an old report which starts "Boris Johnson's threat to deploy Royal Navy gunboats to patrol UK fishing waters in the event of a no-deal Brexit has been met with mixed reactions. In the event that there is no new agreement on fishing rights after December 31 when transitional arrangements end, the Ministry of Defence has confirmed that four 80-metre armed vessels are on standby to guard British waters from EU trawlers." That report was dated 12 December 2020 when Brexit negotiations were at fever pitch. I think it will be a good few years yet before everything settles down and the inadequate Brexit deal is not responsible for the collapse of entire industries, an excuse to start a riot, the reason costs are increasing, the spark for international tension on the high seas or a good reason why Scotland thinks it is best to split from the rest of the United Kingdom. **Vince**



**Jersey is about the size of St Helena but its territorial waters extend just three miles out.  
The fishing zone extends up to 12 miles out.**



The oldest swimmer in the Wreck 2 Wreck Challenge two week's ago, Bill Bolton managed to, with great help of his support team, collect sponsorship money amounting to £1,140. This money was handed over to the Yellowfin Swimming Club in a ceremony at the Coffee Shop last Saturday morning. Craig Yon from the Club thanked Bill and his team for the generous donation.

## ***Vaccine First Does Hits 98% of Target Population***

Figures released this week show 3,627 first vaccines were administered to St Helena residents. This represents 97.78% of the eligible population. So far, 3,528 people have returned to have their second vaccination – 95.11% of the resident population. The figures indicate 99 people who had their first vaccine need to return for the second one. Thirteen vaccinations were given to air crew. According to official figures there should be 19 doses of vaccine left unused from a total delivery of 7,260 vaccines. More than 300 additional vaccines have been offered to St Helena but not yet delivered.

The total adult population, upon which all other figures are based, is given 3,709. This will be number of people aged 18 and above. The Census 2021 Initial Results, published in this edition of the *Independent* shows there are 2,480 St Helena residents aged between 15 and 64 and a further 1,087 aged 65 and older, making a total of 3,567 aged between 15 and above. This figure is lower than the 3,709 residents aged 18 and above which is used in the vaccination official figures. Obviously, the total population aged 15 and above should be higher than the total for 18 and above – but it's not. Is there some obscure reason for this – or is it back to the drawing board?

## ***A Dependable Economic Indicator Still Gives Bad News***

We are often told and we all know anyway, St Helena's population is getting older. It will continue to get older until this Island can attract people of working age to come here, and work. People of working age are often below the age of 65; many have young families whose children would be welcome additions to our schools. The bad news is the 2021 census tells us the number of children of school age is down a bit compared to five years ago. The number of people of working age is also down, by 158 or 6%. The biggest change is in the number of people who are, or could be, retired. There is 163 more people in that category compared to five years ago; and unwelcome 17% increase.

This constant aging trend dates back much longer than the pandemic; the airport has not yet changed anything and the now defunct Enterprise St Helena did not manage to change this long established course. Will the Equiano cable provide the big push for jobs and growth in the economy, bringing younger people to St Helena – a budding First Minister among them? Will PASH Global ever get here and ease the financial burden through stabilised electricity charges. Will PQ Trading fill our bellies and bring money to this Island from fish exports? At the moment these are the only big chances we have.

## ***Public Access to Government Information***

After many years of gestation a Public Access to Government Information Bill is now ready and available for public comment. The existence of this Bill was announced yesterday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, and any comments on the Bill need to be inside the Castle walls by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May. This Bill is said to be

available shortly on the SHG website or from the Clerk of Councils, Connie Johnson (22470). There will be less than two weeks to check out what this Bill says and send in your comments – if you want to do that.

## ***Fish Processing Under New Management***

On 1<sup>st</sup> June PQ Trading/Saints Tuna Corporation will take over the fish processing at Rupert's. The contract is for 10 years. Work on improving the factory is expected to start almost straightaway as nothing much else can be improved until the fish processing factory is transformed into a viable and even profitable operation. There are assurances from SHG that supplies for the local market will continue through all the changes at the factory.

## ***Flying Through the Travel Corridor***

The flight planned for Tuesday, 11 May 2021, will be the first one operating under the travel corridor between St Helena and Ascension Island. Persons who have been resident on St Helena and Ascension for 14 days or more prior to the flight will be able to travel freely between the two islands, without the requirement for quarantine. The travel corridor will remain in place for as long as both islands remain free from community spread of COVID-19.

## ***COVID unlikely to be eliminated***

A physician and senior lecturer teamed up with a professor of global health, both at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine to write a less than encouraging report telling us that the "Zero COVID" strategy is just a beautiful dream. Without rigorous travel and quarantine restrictions supported by efficient and comprehensive contact tracing our lifetimes will be spent living with COVID prevention, mitigation and compassionate care as COVID retreats and becomes a seasonal virus, like 'flu.

After first accepting this new reality the next step is to start for it planning now. The authors of the report point to widely held hopes that vaccination is the best route to return to a world where lockdowns, travel restrictions, no pubs, clubs, shops and any other large gatherings become things of the past. But this route depends heavily on vaccinations for everybody everywhere and even then it is not enough. There are still the conspiracy theorists, resistance from sections of the community for a range of ill-defined reasons and, as with other vaccines, reduced effectiveness among sufferers of chronic illnesses such as cancer. In addition, vaccines may need to be adjusted to combat new variants and anyway, no vaccine is achieves 100% efficacy.

On the brighter side, on-going research is continually finding ways to improve both alleviation of symptoms and reduce COVID fatalities. However, a new study suggests almost half of people admitted to hospital with COVID-19 report not feeling fully recovered, on average, seven months later. Results also show up to one in ten of all people infected with COVID-19 will have on-going related symptoms for months afterwards.



# Commemoration of Bicentenary of Napoléon's Death

Vince Thompson

A ceremony was held at Longwood House on Wednesday evening to mark the exact time Napoléon died. The ceremony started at 5:30pm with the funeral march from Beethoven's 7<sup>th</sup> symphony. This was followed by a reading from General Bertrand's diary. The General gave an account of Napoléon's failing health on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1821 and the palliative treatment the Emperor received as the day wore on. Finally, the diary records, "at forty-nine minutes past five, the Emperor breathed his last. In the last three minutes he breathed three sighs."

At 5:48pm the sixty or so people attending the commemoration observed a two minutes silence which was broken by Graeme Becket sounding the Reveille on this bugle. The French flag flown outside Longwood House was lowered to half-mast at the same time.



**More than sixty people gathered to mark the bicentenary of Napoléon's death**



**One of those attending was Eric George who is not seen around so much these days**

After the French flag was lowered a reading of General Charles Tristan, Marquis de Montholon's letter to Governor Hudson Lowe followed. The letter informed Hudson Lowe of Napoléon's death



The final act of commemoration was to signal the death of Napoléon using flags. The code used was the same used at the time of Napoléon's death. From right to left the message flown from the masts reads N(apoléon) est mort – Napoléon is dead.

As the funeral march from Beethoven's 3<sup>rd</sup> symphony provided the background for respectful meditation from those gathered on the Longwood House lawn the heavy black clouds approaching ever nearer from the east threatened to burst upon Longwood and probably the rest of St Helena as well. Just as the commemoration finished, the threat became reality.



**Longwood House adorned with wreaths banners bearing Napoleon's emblem**



# Commemoration of Bicentenary of Napoléon's Death

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*Longwood House illuminated for the commemoration seen through the rain as the first people depart*

## ***Napoléon's Tomb is Dressed for the Bicentenary***



The entrance to Napoléon's Tomb has banners hanging from the gate jambs with one of Napoléon's emblems on every banner. Smaller but similar banners are hung from posts at regular intervals along the path from the gated entrance to the Tomb itself.



The Tomb has a carpet of everlasting flowers covering its surface with a banner emblazoned with one of Napoléon's emblems lying at the. The railings are hung with black drapes as a sign of mourning. The French flag hangs above.

## ***Geoff Parker – in memoriam***



It is with deep sorrow that the family of Geoff Parker, announce his passing in Portsmouth, UK on April 22nd 2021. He will be sadly missed by those who knew him on St Helena, after visiting on the Royal Yacht Britannia in 1966 and 1972 and five times from 2006 – 2014 with wife Lynne (nee Evans).

## ***Commemorate our Community***

In 1659 on 5 May Captain John Dutton arrived on St Helena with the first Colonist which is the birth of our Community as a people.

The Community of St Helena also played a vital part in the eradication of the Slave Trade and Slavery during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

A service to commemorate the birth of our Community as a people and to give thanks to God for our participation in the eradication of the slave trade and slavery during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century will take place at **St Michael's Church, Ruperts on Sunday 9 May at 4.30pm**

***All members of the public are welcome.***



# SAINT HELENA NAPOLEONIC HERITAGE

## *Messe de Commémoration*

### *Commemorative Mass at Longwood House*

Two hundred years after Abbe Antonio Bounavita administered extreme unction (last rites) to Emperor Napoleon and later conducted his burial service on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1821, Father David Musgrave celebrated a commemorative mass at Longwood House before a congregation of 28 guests in a room adjacent to where Napoleon died. The mass was celebrated on Thursday, starting at 10am. The service followed the manner of service in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century when hymns were not sung; Latin was also used together with French and English.



*Invited guest waiting for the service to start*



***Soon after the mass started Father David Musgrave laid a wreath at the bed where Napoleon died.***

After Napoleon died, Saints who wished to view the body were guided to a side entrance leading direct to Napoleon's private rooms. Immediately upon entering, the body of Napoleon was seen lying on the bed as shown. Today, there is only the death mask to give an indication of what greeted visitors.



Bicentenary commemorations continue on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May. A ceremony, marking the bicentenary of the Emperor's burial will take place at The Tomb, starting at 2.50pm. The ceremony will include readings, various pieces of music and songs from Island musicians and singers, a two-minute silence followed by the playing of the Reveille, and laying of the wreaths



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# Mantis Money Saving Scheme Stamped On

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St Helena Hotel Development Ltd had plans to cover the upper terrace open space at the back of the hotel so it can be used more regularly for local events and for the added convenience of hotel guests. The opportunity this would give for increasing much needed revenue when the hotel re-opens was undoubtedly a major consideration. The roof of the covered area would have been used to install PV (photovoltaic) panels which had the benefit of significantly reducing the hotel electricity bills. The cost of covering the large open space was put at a fairly reasonable £25,000; an expense which could have paid back in a relatively short period given the advantages resulting from the expenditure.



***The Upper Terrace at the back of the Mantis Hotel***

The Chief Planning Officer (CPO) recommended refusal and the members of the Land Development Control Authority, the majority of whom originally supported the development application, eventually came down on the side of refusal. The CPO argued the open space was important and should not be changed; it allowed an almost unrestricted view of the back of the hotel which is a listed building. He added there were other places where photovoltaic panels could be installed; either on the roof of the 1, 2 and 3 Main Street and by erecting a cover over the metal structures on the roof of the building at the rear of the upper terrace. The CPO advised the LDCA members to disregard any advantages a cover over the upper terrace may have for the hotel's business as it was not relevant.

The majority of LDCA members opened the discussion by saying the development application had some good things about it. There were reservations about the design of the cover for the upper terrace and one member was willing to refuse the application because the design required improvement. As the discussion seemed to move towards giving permission for this development application the CPO reminded LDCA members their decision needed to be supported by the policies in the Land Development Control Plan. The first Built Heritage policy reads, "The layout, design, materials, scale, siting and use of any development shall be appropriate to the character and appearance of the historic asset and its setting." Another policy requires, "Development and demolition within a Historic Conservation Area or affecting its setting shall preserve or enhance its character and be consistent

with any relevant management plan for the area.

One member argued that a structure covering the upper terrace would be an enhancement and that a roof supported by timber columns would not spoil the view of the back of the hotel from the upper terrace. The discussion got a little tense as the CPO insisted the area should remain as open space. At one point he needed to be reminded by the chairman he was there to give professional guidance, not his personal view. In the battle of wills that followed the LDCA members decided to go along with the views of the CPO and refuse the development application.

***Mantis Hotel expected to have more well-attended events if the upper terrace was under cover***



***The building at the back of the upper terrace is an unattractive square box with even more ugly steel structures and equipment on the roof. If the upper terrace was covered all of this would be hidden, arguably the result being the area is enhanced.***

It will be interesting to find out whether this decision is appealed. On several occasions the CPO told the LDCA members to disregard the business advantages the erection of a covered area may bring for the Mantis Hotel and St Helena Hotel Development Ltd. The Land Planning and Development Control Ordinance sets out what can and cannot be considered in the public interest when deciding development applications. In addition to environmental and social considerations, economic considerations are also classed as a 'material planning consideration'. The additional revenue and reduced electricity bills the Mantis Hotel would have enjoyed if the application was permitted could be seen as an economic consideration. However the CPO told the LDCA members not to give any consideration to this. It could also be argued that hiding the 'square box' at the back of the upper terrace as well as the exposed equipment on its roof by erecting the covered area would enhance the visual amenity at the rear of the hotel.



# Dodge Ball Presentation for Ocean Village at Horse Pasture

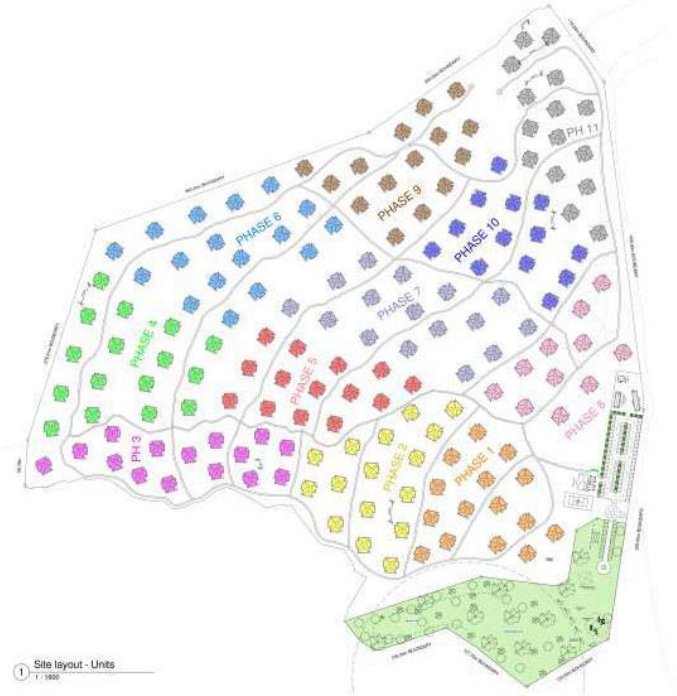
Vince Thompson

The Land Control Development Authority (LDCA) met for a special meeting on Monday to discuss the development application for the Trade Winds Ocean Village at Horse Pasture. The development includes 150 luxury holiday homes, communal facilities including a pool, club house, tennis court, parking area and electric golf carts for use within the development. Also on site is proposed a manager's house, reception and laundry together with stores and maintenance facilities. The first phase of the development, if permitted, will include a public area providing camping and picnic sites, BBQ areas, children's play area, nature trails, washing and toilet facilities. The development is planned to be completed in about twelve phases.

The development application claims Ocean Village to be a 'stand alone' development which will generate its own renewable energy for the holiday homes and facilities, manage the sewage waste, waste water and supply potable water for washing, cooking and cleaning. Whether or not waste collections for Horse Point tip will be required was not made clear.

The development application was for 'FULL' permission – meaning the developer can go ahead with the development subject to any restrictions or limitations placed on the development permission as conditions. LDCA members were concerned about the lack of detail to support the application for full permission. Further detail was sought on how the sewage treatment system would work and what action could be taken if the system went wrong. It was unclear how sufficient water could be collected and stored at Horse Pasture in sufficient quantities to adequately supply this large development. It was also mentioned that a walking route exists though the development for fishermen who need access to that part of the coastline. Again, there was insufficient information to satisfactorily confirm this access route would be safeguarded. The Environmental Impact Assessment was found to be fundamentally flawed and attempts to get the developer to provide a satisfactory assessment have proved unsuccessful. Required surveys and management plans have not been provided.

After the Chief Planning Officer spent one hour and 15 minutes presenting the development application LDCA members



discussed some of a long list of shortcomings that had been identified in terms of lack of the required detail to support full development permission.

LDCA members appeared generally supportive of the development at Horse Pasture but were not prepared to consider full development permission because so much required information is not available. Executive Council will make the final decision at their next meeting. The LDCA has recommended to Exco that only outline development permission is granted and that a full development application should be made for each development phase as the development progresses.

The claim that the 150 holiday home development will provide its own water, electricity and waste services has not been substantiated by the applicant with sufficient supporting detail to prove the claim that the development is capable of 'standing alone'. The water supply is particularly concerning. Acknowledging that insufficient water can be collected within the development site to supply the needs of development, the developer has indicated an intention to build a dam at an undefined location on the nearby Broad Bottom site and pump water from it to Horse Pasture for the Ocean Village development. Water sources used by Connect St Helena are at Iron Pot and French's Gut. With the lack of information currently available it is not known whether the water collected behind the propose dam would adversely affect Connect's water sources or whether Connect's water extraction in the area would leave insufficient water supplies for the Ocean Village and the Golf Resort and Hotel development already permitted at Broad Bottom. As water collection now links both sites, calculations for the Broad Bottom development need to be considered together with the Horse Pasture development to guarantee water pumped from Broad Bottom to Horse Pasture does not leave the Golf Resort and Hotel development short of water.





# **Dodge Ball Presentation for Ocean Village at Horse Pasture**

**Vince Thompson**

## **No decision can be made without all required information provided**

It is clear the proposals relevant to the water supply for both developments need to be covered by technical calculations of available volume, supported by best and worst recent records, set against predicted demand and consequent volume to be stored and then the means of storing it. The developer has also mentioned using a desalinisation plant to extract water from the sea and convert it to potable water. Evidence needs to be provided that this method is technically feasible, a practical proposition and financially viable. The same goes for storm water and sewage treatment.

Similar calculations are required for the renewable energy generated from proposed installations and if inadequate how would additional renewable energy be generated. If additional energy involves a small solar farm and maybe a wind turbine or two the locations for the solar farm or turbines need to be identified and permitted (or not) by the LDCA.

Another major concern is the poor quality Environmental Impact Assessment. An improved version was asked for by the Chief Environmental Officer and this was eventually provided. While a little better than the first version there is again a long list of omissions, clarifications and requirements for additional details. It is planned that further information will be provided as a separate report/assessment. Without knowledge of what the further information contains it must be impossible to grant full development permission before knowing this information.

The repeated response from the Chief Planning Officer at



Monday's meeting was that the all these loose ends can be tied up by making a list of conditions attached to a full development permission that all required information will be provided. This approach is exceedingly dangerous. Until the outcomes or conclusions from the outstanding information are known all the consequences of that information cannot be anticipated. The Chief Planning Officer could be asking the LDCA to permit something which eventually is found to be impossible, impractical and/or exceedingly detrimental to the best interests of the Island.

In view of the care that went into the submission and handling of the SHELCO application, including compliance with the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) highest standards, the Chief Planning Officer has all the work already done for him for both the Horse Pasture and Broad Bottom developments, if he just cares to study it.



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**The Arts & Craft Association  
would like to invite you to attend  
their Annual General Meeting  
which will be held on  
Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 6:30pm  
at the Museum St Helena.**

**All our warmly welcome.**

# ***P V Panels on the Roof of the Victoria Finally Given the Go-Ahead***

***Vince Thompson***

The development application for a new roof on the Victoria in Market Street together with 60 PV (photovoltaic) panels was postponed from last month when a tremendous row broke out because it was announced no further PV panel installations should be considered by the Land Planning and Development Control Authority (LDCA). This announcement was the centre of a big muddle involving legal and procedural issues which was settled in a matter of days; even if only on a temporary basis.

The PV panels help reduce the high electricity costs that deny St Helena businesses opportunities to improve the service they offer through additional investments; it is likely more development applications of this type will be considered by the LDCA.

Unlike the Mantis Hotel development application which included PV panels, the Victoria application was not controversial and was voted through by LDCA members without a long debate. The roof is not visible from street level and the angle of the existing roof will remain the same when new IBR sheeting replaces the corrugated sheets which are now at the end of their useful life.

The PV panels will be visible from vantage points above James-town, such as Jacob's ladder or Shy Road but people at street level will not see any changes. The new roof will be painted grey so the colour merges with the colour of the PV panels.

## ***Jersey Becomes Brexit Battle Ground and want PV Panels Pronto***

Late on Wednesday it was announced the UK Government will be sending 'gunboats' to Jersey as a precautionary measure as more than 100 French fishing boats prepared to sail to Jersey on Thursday. HMS Tamar and HMS Severn are River Class patrol boats. They have two large guns, including a short-range anti-aircraft weapon, and are crewed by 45 sailors and up to 50 Royal Marines. Their presence in Jersey waters is to prevent any action from French sailors which might prejudice the interests of Jersey Islanders.



***Dimitri Rogoff is head of fisheries for Normandy and denies French fishing boats will blockade Jersey***

The row erupted because the French do not like the way the Jersey Government is administering the issue of licences to French fishing boats since Brexit became reality on 31<sup>st</sup> January this year. The French Minister for Maritime Affairs has threatened to cut off the power supplied by France through three submarine cables to Jersey in retaliation to restrictions on French fishing around Jersey. France supplies 95% of the electricity used in Jersey; the island would be in severe difficulty if the threat becomes reality. One senior Jersey official did suggest when this row first started there should be a big push to install PV panels on the roofs in the Island but was told this was not necessary, it was claimed French power is reliable. Now there is a "real and current danger" power supplies will be cut by the French.

## ***About the Picture on Opposite Page***

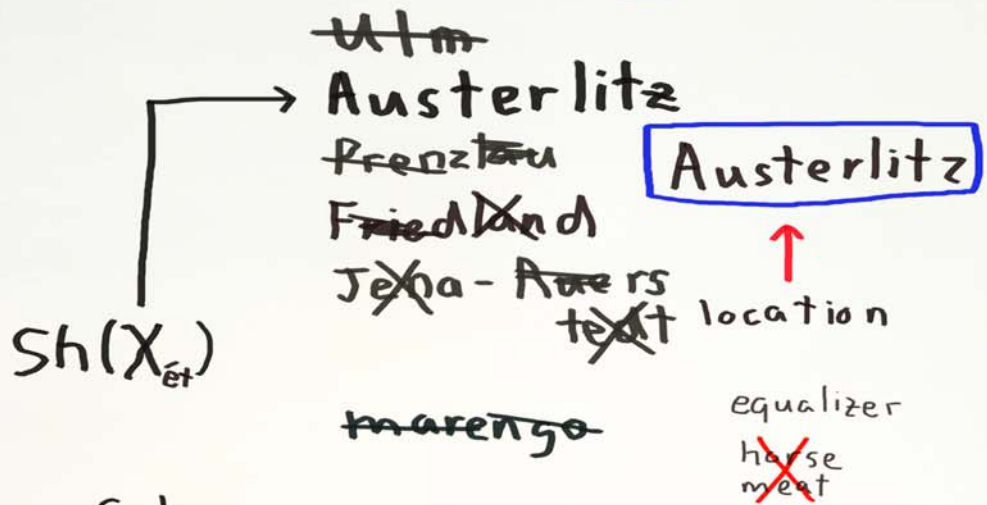


Nelson Saiers was born in Denver, Colorado but raised in Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Swaziland, and Ghana while his father worked for the USAID. He studied math in college and previously worked on Wall Street before becoming an artist. During his childhood, once his family came back to the states and established a home in Virginia, his mother would often take him to the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. It was there that he learned about art and began to admire the great masters. His favorite artists include MichaelAngelo, Cezanne, and Kandinsky.

Living overseas, Saiers lived through several military conflicts. These experiences forced him to think significantly about war, and Napoleon was undeniably one of the greatest military leaders of all time. Napoleon once told an artist to focus on his genius and the work displayed is Saiers' response to this command. Then blue shapes represent the beginning of an abstract portrait of the French tricolor flag. The red is missing as Napoleon was defeated by Tzar Alexander's Russian Army as he moved east in 1812.



# War and Peace



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# Chartered Banker

## LEEANNE HENRY GAINS ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP WITH THE CHARTERED BANKER INSTITUTE

Bank of St Helena Ltd is pleased to announce Leeanne Henry, Assistant Managing Director, has successfully achieved the Associate Chartered Banker Diploma with the Chartered Banker Institute. With this qualification, Leeanne has gained Associate Membership with the Institute and is now entitled to use the professional designation 'Associate Chartered Banker' (ACBI).

The Diploma is internationally recognised and demonstrates commitment to professionalism in banking. It enhances existing skills and knowledge to develop and demonstrate the core technical knowledge and practical skills that a professional and ethical banker requires.

Leeanne said:

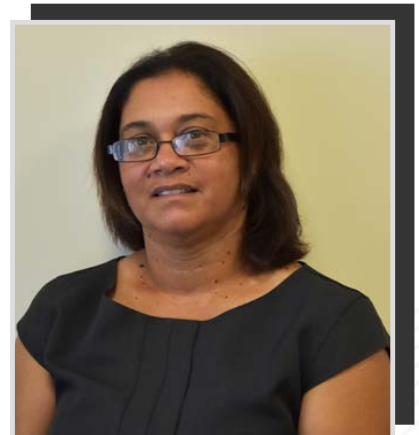
*"I am very pleased with this achievement as validation for Bank of St Helena's creditability and of course myself. This course has enhanced my knowledge and skills and has provided a more comprehensive understanding of not only the banking environment, but also the evolving digital banking world. I will now continue my studies and have enrolled in the Advanced Chartered Banking Diploma which I hope to complete in September 2021."*

*"I would like to thank my family, our Managing Director, my fellow work colleagues and the Board of Directors for all their support, and also to former Enterprise St Helena who part-funded the course through their Skills Development Grant."*

Joey George, Managing Director, said:

*"This is really exciting news, we here at Bank of St Helena are very proud of Leeanne and her achievement and wish her well as she continues to strive for excellence in professional and personal development. This qualification, along with the professional designation, serves as endorsement we are working to an internationally recognised standard. Undertaking continuous training and development will equip Leeanne with the additional skills and knowledge to assist the Bank in moving forward."*

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



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# FIRST FLIGHT OPERATION UNDER THE TRAVEL CORRIDOR

The flight planned for Tuesday, 11 May 2021, will be the first one operating under the travel corridor between St Helena and Ascension Island. Persons who have been resident on St Helena and Ascension for 14 days or more prior to the flight will be able to travel freely between the two islands, without the requirement for quarantine. The travel corridor will remain in place for as long as both islands remain free from community spread of COVID-19.

## St Helena to Ascension

All persons who have been resident on St Helena for the 14 days prior to flight departure will be able to forego Compulsory Isolation upon arrival at Ascension Island. Further detail can be found at: <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/ascension-agrees-travel-corridor-to-st-helena>

## UK/Accra to St Helena to Ascension

Transit passengers from the UK and Accra will be required to quarantine overnight at Bradley's Camp on St Helena on Monday, 10 May. They will then join the flight to Ascension Island on Tuesday, 11 May.

Having originated from countries where COVID-19 is present, transit passengers will be tested on arrival at Ascension Island and will be required to undergo Compulsory Isolation.

## Ascension to St Helena

All passengers who have been resident on Ascension Island for the 14 days prior to their departure for St Helena will be exempted from quarantine and testing requirements at St Helena. Once the arrivals processes are complete at St Helena Airport, these persons are able to move freely around the Island.

Passengers in this category will need to make their own transport and accommodation arrangements. For help booking with local accommodation providers, advice can be sought from the Ascension Island bookings team via: [flight.bookings@ascension.gov.ac](mailto:flight.bookings@ascension.gov.ac).

If a passenger from Ascension Island has not been resident there for the 14 days prior to the flight, they will still be required to quarantine upon arrival at St Helena. However, the standard 14-day quarantine period will be reduced by the number of days the passenger was resident on Ascension immediately prior to the flight. Home quarantine or quarantine at an approved property is preferred: Bradley's Quarantine Facility will be available only in exceptional circumstances.

## Ascension to St Helena to Accra/UK

Transit passengers from Ascension will reside on St Helena for one night (Tuesday, 11 May) prior to joining the flight to Accra and the UK on Wednesday, 12 May.

If the passenger was resident on Ascension Island for the 14 days prior to their departure for St Helena, once they have completed the arrivals processes at St Helena Airport, they will be able to move around the Island freely. Passengers will need to make their own transport and accommodation arrangements. For help booking with local accommodation providers, advice can be sought from the Ascension Island flight bookings team via: [flight.bookings@ascension.gov.ac](mailto:flight.bookings@ascension.gov.ac)

If the passenger was not resident on Ascension Island for the 14 days prior to their departure for St Helena, they will be required to quarantine at Bradley's Camp.

## What to expect at the Airport and on board the flight

All passengers will be required to wear a face mask and adhere to best practice hand and respiratory hygiene. Passengers can view their flight pack for further details.

Passengers will be segregated by category on board the flight. Firstly, those that are travelling between St Helena and Ascension or vice versa will be separated from passengers who are in transit. Separate categories will be created for those instances where a passenger originates at St Helena or Ascension but does not meet the 14-day stay on-Island prior to the flight.

Passengers are advised to follow the directions from staff at the Airport and from the flight crew.

Any queries or further questions on the travel corridor can be directed to: [communitycovid-19@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:communitycovid-19@sainthelena.gov.sh)

## #StHelena #Ascension #TravelCorridor

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## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BUSINESSES INVITED TO REGISTER THEIR CONTACT DETAILS**

St Helena Government is inviting Expressions of Interest for businesses to register their contact details with the Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development Portfolio.

If you offer any of the below services, we are keen to hear from you:

- Business Plans/Planning
- HR Consultancy
- Company Secretarial
- Financial Services
- Legal Services
- ICT-Website Design, Computer Hardware & Software Support
- Project Management
- Branding and Design
- Admin and Finance Support
- Building and Design Services
- Auditing and Accounting Services



The purpose of registering with the team is so that your details can be provided to international clients whom may require on-Island assistance.

For more information on the above please contact Investment Co-ordinator, Melissa Fowler, on tel: 22470 ext 209 or via email: [Melissa.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Melissa.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh).

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**30 April 2021**



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc  
has a vacancy for a

### *Senior Accounts Clerk*

Within the Finance Department

#### Job Outline

To ensure a reliable and efficient service is provided for the daily processing of Accounts Data

Interested Persons Should:-

- Possess grades C or above in GCSE Maths, English & Accounts
- Be experienced in the use of Microsoft Office applications & Access Dimensions
- Have the ability to prioritise and work to critical deadlines
- Possess a high level of accuracy and attention to detail

Salary will start at £9023.16 per annum, (£751.93 per month)

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Skye Baldwin, Accountant (General) on telephone number: 22380 or via email address: [accounts@solomons.co.sh](mailto:accounts@solomons.co.sh)

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: [hadmin@solomons.co.sh](mailto:hadmin@solomons.co.sh) and should be completed and returned to Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, by Thursday, 13 May 2021





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## VACANCY

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

*Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress career? Do you have the ability to provide quality care and protection for children of all ages? If so, Children's Services is seeking to recruit **Support Workers** to work as part of their team within their units at Piccolo Hill and Half Tree Hollow.*

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

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

Interested persons should note that this role requires shift work.

#### **We offer the following:**

**Salary:** £6,722 per annum, as per the Social Care cadre

**Leave:** 25 days per annum

**Pension:** 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme

**Paid Sickness Absence**

**Flexible Working Hours Scheme**

**Training Opportunities**

**Career Progression Scheme**

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

Shanade Bedwell, Acting Children's Residential Home Supervisor on telephone number 23312 or email: [crhsupervisor@helanta.co.sh](mailto:crhsupervisor@helanta.co.sh)

**Job Profile and Application forms** are available from:

Corporate Human Resources or the SHG website at: [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies). Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Sharina Williams, Human Resources Officer, The Castle, or e-mail [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than **4pm on Tuesday, 18 May 2021**.

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

## PROPERTY FOR SALE

### 3 Bedroom detached bungalow Colt Sheds, Longwood

This bungalow sits on approx. 0.20 acres (1,983 sq.m)

House is approx: 15m x 10m (150 sq.m) – including large bay.

The house is situated in a northwest-facing plot overlooking Millfield and Deadwood. Offering a pleasant sunny view, including the Flagstaff to the north. The plot is virtually flat.

The room layout is on two levels, with a step down into the Dining Room, lounge and Conservatory area.

#### **Main features:**

- Master bedroom with En-Suite
- Bathroom with Toilet
- Guest Toilet
- Solar Panel
- Large garden area
- Double Garage

5-minute walk to main grocery store in Longwood

10-minute drive to local Airport

Interested persons can contact

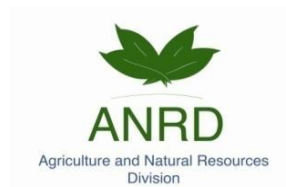
Marvin and Michelle via email, for more information  
[marvinandmichelle2909@gmail.com](mailto:marvinandmichelle2909@gmail.com)

POA – negotiable





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ANRD wishes to advise the public that the following assets are available for licensing from May 2021

- Arable land at Ex ADA Fields
- Arable land at Ropery Field
- Covered Production Units at Ostrich Field and Ex ADA Fields
- Tree Nursery- Ex ADA Fields

Application forms can be collected from the Reception at ANRD Office or by contacting the Farmers Support Officer, Mr. Fred Green or the Agricultural Development Officer, Miss Andy Timm on telephone 24724 or email [frederick.green@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:frederick.green@sainthelena.gov.sh) or [andy.timm@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:andy.timm@sainthelena.gov.sh) respectively.

Closing date for applications is 1600 hours on 14 May 2021

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## **INVITATION TO TENDER HILLSIDE EXCAVATION OF SIDE PATH ROAD**

**Reference: CS-0473-SHG**

St Helena Government is seeking Invitations to Tender for the Hillside Excavation of Side Path Road in connection with the approved plans for the R2 Project.

The successful entity will be responsible for the Hillside Excavation of Side Path Road.

A site visit will be held on Thursday, 13 May 2021, at 10am, meeting at The Brow, Jamestown. Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena> following registration on the system.

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

Any questions in the interim should be addressed to the Procurement Office for the attention of Deputy Head of Procurement, Nicola Young.

E-mail: [nicola.young@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:nicola.young@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**The deadline for submissions is 12.00 GMT on Friday, 28 May 2021.**

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# **INVITATION TO TENDER**

## **EXCAVATION AND CONCRETE WORKS FOR THE PORT CONTROL & BIOSECURITY BUILDING**

Reference: CS-0450-SHG

St Helena Government is seeking Invitations to Tender for the Excavation and Concrete Works of the Port Control & Biosecurity Building Yard.

The successful entity will be responsible for the Excavation, Concrete Works and fencing of the Port Control & Biosecurity Building Yard at Lower Rupert's.

A site visit will be held on Tuesday, 11 May 2021, at 10am, meeting at the No. 1 Building, Rupert's.

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

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# **INVITATION TO TENDER**

## **EXCAVATION AND CONCRETE WORKS FOR THE CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION BUILDING AT LOWER RUPERT'S**

Reference: CS-0452-SHG

St Helena Government is seeking Invitations to Tender for the Excavation and Concrete Works of the Container Freight Station Building Yard.

The successful entity will be responsible for the Excavation, Concrete Works and Fencing of the Container Freight Station Building Yard at Lower Rupert's.

A site visit will be held on Tuesday, 11 May 2021, at 10am, meeting at the No. 1 Building, Rupert's.

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**SHG,  
26 April 2021**



## EXCO APPROVES NATIONAL HONOURS AND AWARDS BILL

Executive Council has agreed for the *Freedom of the City of Jamestown* award and the Honour of the *Badge of St Helena* contained within the National Honours and Awards Bill 2021 to be presented at the next formal Legislative Council meeting in May.

The symbolic, *Freedom of the City of Jamestown* award shall be made by the Governor, in consultation with the Honours Committee and Executive Council, to individuals who are either St Helenian or non-St Helenian who are significantly admirable and worthy of distinction and have made a contribution to St Helena that merits special recognition. Such designation shall be in the best interests of St Helena and the betterment of its people.

The Honour of the *Badge of St Helena* shall be awarded by the Governor, in consultation with the Honours Committee and Executive Council, to individuals who make significant contribution to St Helena by supporting and/or enhancing social, cultural, economic, environmental improvement or the understanding of St Helena internationally.

The *Badge of St Helena* would be awarded to recognise the exceptional services by non-St Helenians; this new award will complement the existing Badge of Honour which is only available for St Helenians or others who have been resident on St Helena for 10 years or more.

A copy of the Bill will shortly be available on the SHG website: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislative-council/bills-for-an-ordinance/>

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## SHG SERVICE DELIVERY SURVEY

The 'live' Service Delivery Survey launched by St Helena Government (SHG) in February 2021, to gauge customer satisfaction in respect of services offered by SHG, has been available for the past 11 weeks. There has been a review of the results from 52 participants thus far. The Survey asks customers to rate their satisfaction with 24 services provided by SHG, ranging from the Public Transport Service to the Public Library and Waste Management Service.

The results of the overall rating of customer satisfaction is shown below. However, it should be noted that out of 52 participants in the Survey, 11 skipped this question.

	Percentage	Numbers of persons out of total persons participating
Very Dissatisfied	2.4%	1
Dissatisfied	14.6%	6
Neither Satisfied or Dissatisfied	34.2%	14
Satisfied	41.5%	17
Very satisfied	7.3%	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>41</b>

The Survey offers the opportunity for people to also provide comments on individual services. Comments received have been varied:

'Customs Services could offer an online service in order for people to pay their invoices before going to the Wharf to collect their packages'

'Waste Management Services need to do a few more collections weekly and more recycling bins offered for homes'

'Hospital - The doctors should be on a night shift as well, being available on a 24/7 shift basis like the nurses.'

A summary of the results along with the comments have been shared with the respective Portfolios providing the services in question. The Portfolios will consider what action can be taken to improve the services on offer.

The Survey will remain 'live' and anyone wishing to participate can do so by clicking the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SHG-Services>

Hardcopies of the Survey, available from the Public Library and Customer Services Centre in Jamestown, can be completed and returned to Linda Benjamin, Information and Research Support Officer at the Castle.

SHG will report on Survey results and actions taken on a quarterly basis.

**#StHelena #SHG #ServiceDeliverySurvey**

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# From the St Helena Golf Club

Contributed by: SHGC

## Golf Report for 2nd May 2021

It's always great to have a dry afternoon after night and early morning showers. The golf course gets to be watered by the rains and the golfers stay dry as they enjoy their afternoon round of golf. It's a win-win. The modified stableford competition attracted 17 players who teed off at 12:00. After 18 holes when the 3<sup>rd</sup> group's score cards were in the captain Bramwell Bushuru had the highest score of +13 with the nearest competitor at +8. He thought he was going to lay his hands on the first prize. He got a shock when the score cards for the last group came in with Mr Neil Joshua having scored a whopping +20 to win the top prize. The captain had to contend with the second prize. Paddo Johnson birdied the 5<sup>th</sup> and Jeffrey Stevens and Arthur Francis both birdied the 16<sup>th</sup> to share the balls in the two-ball pool. The prizes were presented by the Honorary Secretary Mrs Anne Colclough. Congratulations to the winners.

Mr Douglas Augustus took out Paddo to qualify for the final of the match play competition. He will now take on the winner between Ron De Reuck and Nicky Stevens.

Next Sunday's competition is a 4 ball better ball choose your partner competition. Normal tee off at 12:00. Registration closes on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm. Register early to avoid disappointment.

*Happy swinging.....!*



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## SHCA District T20 League Cup

### Week 2 Cricket Results

#### Saturday PM

St Pauls 194/5 (20 Ov)  
Brooklyn Fowler 92\*  
Clayton Leo 2/25

Levelwood 126/10 (19.5 Ov)  
Sanjay Clingham 32  
Gareth Johnson 4/7

#### Sunday AM

Jamestown 145/10 (17.3 Ov)  
Dane Wade 42  
David Young 3/39

HTH 150/0 (12.1 Ov)  
David Young 69\*  
Jordan Yon 0/15

#### Sunday PM

Longwood 192/3 (20.0 Ov)  
Weston Clingham 91  
Brett Isaac 1/23



Sandy Bay 96/10 (17.5 Ov)  
Ronan Legg 25  
Rhys Crowie 3/11

#### Fixtures

08/05/2021 - Saturday  
1.30pm – Sandy Bay Vs Jamestown  
Umpires – Longwood

09/05/2021 - Sunday  
10am – St Pauls Vs Longwood  
Umpires – Jamestown

1.30pm – HTH Vs Levelwood  
Umpires – Sandy Bay

Download the cricheroes app or follow live scores online via the link

- <https://cricheroes.in/tournament/254114/T20-District-2021>



Like me I guess a lot of you settle down in front of your TV expecting to watch one of the greatest club matches in the world; Manchester United v Liverpool; only to see the kick off was delayed after about 200 fans got into Old Trafford in protest against the Glazers the owners of Manchester United.

Thousands of fans had gathered outside Old Trafford and the Lowry Hotel where the team was staying. How these 200 fans manage to break into one of the most iconic stadiums in world football is quite unbelievable.

In the end the game was call off by the Premier League on advice provided by the local authorities, to the disappointment of millions of fans who had tune in around the world.

Personally I think the protest by the fans of the 6 clubs who was almost dragged into the European Super League is justified. However to put the safety of clubs' staff in jeopardy is unacceptable. To see the fans taking the corner flags; climbing on the goals and littering Old Trafford doesn't look good and the fact that two Police officers were injured during the protest can't be tolerated.

The Glazers is not wanted as the owners at Old Trafford and should consider selling the club; they are not, in my opinion Football people and are not in touch with the fans and the history of our club.

On the flip side whoever are the next owners will want to run the club as a business and like all businesses it is about making as much money and profit as possible. So transfer funds could not necessary be more, than what is made currently available by the Glazers.



**Fans protest in Old Trafford cause the Manchester United v Liverpool match to be postponed.**

On the pitch Manchester City are just one win away from clinching another Premier League title after beating Crystal Palace 2 nil with both goals coming in the space of 2 minutes in the second half.

Sergio Aguero who has miss most of the season through injury put City ahead with a brilliant finish with Torres scoring 2 minutes later.

A win for Manchester City against Chelsea on the weekend will see them pick up their 5<sup>th</sup> Premier League title, moving them level with Chelsea who also has 5 Premier league wins. Manchester United has 13 wins; Arsenal 3 and Liverpool; Blackburn and Leicester has one each.



**Sergio Aguero scored his first ever goal at Selhurst Park in his final match there.**

In other results Leicester could only draw 1-1 with Southampton despite the 'Saints being reduced to 10 men after just 10 minutes. This was a creditable result for Southampton as last season they was reduce to 10 men against Leicester and lost the match 9-0.

Chelsea moved to within 2 points of Leicester after defeating Fulham 2-0. Chelsea is now 3 points clear of West Ham who sits in 5<sup>th</sup> place. West Ham came from behind to beat Burnley 2-1.

Everton's chances of a Europa League place are in tatters as they lost 2-1 against Aston Villa. Arsenal beat Newcastle 2-0. Spurs beat relegated Sheffield United 4-0 with Gareth Bale scoring a hat trick.

The 2021 Champions League Finalist has now being decided. Credit to the Premier League as the two finalists are Manchester City who beat PSG 4-1 on aggregate and Chelsea defeated Real Madrid 3-1 on aggregate.

The Final will take place in Istanbul on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

**The Manchester United v Liverpool match will now take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 19:15 GMT. This will mean than Manchester United will have to play 4 matches in 8 days.**

## FRIDAY 7TH MAY

• **19:00 Leicester City v Newcastle United**

## SATURDAY 8TH MAY

• **11.30 Leeds United v Tottenham Hotspur**

• **14:00 Sheffield United v Crystal Palace**

• **16.30 Manchester City v Chelsea**

• **19:15 Liverpool v Southampton**

## SUNDAY 9TH MAY

• **11:00 Wolverhampton Wanderers v Brighton & Hove Albion**

• **13.05: Aston Villa v Manchester United**

• **15:30 West Ham United v Everton**

• **18:00 Arsenal v West Bromwich Albion**

## MONDAY 10TH MAY

• **19:00 Fulham v Burnley**



TUESDAY 11TH MAY

- **17:00 Manchester United v Leicester City**
- **19:15 Southampton v Crystal Palace**

WEDNESDAY 12TH MAY

- **19:15 Chelsea v Arsenal**

THURSDAY 13TH MAY

- **17:00 Aston Villa v Everton**
- **19:15 Manchester United v Liverpool**

## St Helena Football Association Annual General Meeting 2021



Despite extensive advertising, a disappointing number of people turn up for the St Helena Football Association AGM. We was expecting more people as this was election year and the chance for the public to elect a new committee. After the Chairman report, the minutes and accounts was presented and accepted.

The election of the new committee then took place; the Chairman and Treasurer was re-elected unopposed. The secretary Mike E Williams stepped down after 7 years and Wayne Crowie was elected as the new secretary.

The new committee stands as:

Chairman: Nick Stevens

Secretary: Wayne Crowie

Treasurer: Anesu Makemure

Executive members: Keith Yon; Alex Osborne, Johnny Isaac & Kyle Yon

Members: Rico Benjamin; Mike E Williams, Ethan Harris, Ethan Johnson & Rhys Hobbs

The SHFA would like to thank outgoing secretary Mike E Williams for his diligent work over the past 7 years. Thanks are also extended to Wayne Crowie who reluctantly agrees to take on the role as secretary in order for the 2021 season to go ahead.

So far 7 teams have entered. Teams entries will be finalised and fixtures drawn up at the next meeting, which will be held at the New Horizons centre on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 6:30pm.

We are hoping to start the football season on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June.



## What's happening at New Horizons?

Our holiday programme was successful which saw an average of 25 people attending each day.

There won't be any Football or athletics training this Monday afternoon we will open instead at New Horizons from 9am-3pm.

It is all go in preparing for this year's St Helena's day. We are having a final planning meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May at New Horizons starting at 5.15pm. All persons who are involved on the day are invited to attend.

**On Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> May the New Horizons Centre will be closed for normal activities; however members who wish to help with St Helena Day prep are welcome to come to the centre from 5pm- 8.30pm.**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May all normal New Horizons activities will cease as staff and members prep for St Helena's day.**

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## TIP OF THE WEEK

Check for hidden leaks  
using your water meter.

Check the reading and  
then check it again after 2  
hours when no water is  
being used.

If the meter reading is not  
the same, you may have a  
leak.



# St Helena's Day 2021



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May

## Celebrating Cultural Diversity



Celebrate St Helena's National Day  
on The Grand Parade

The day will begin with the traditional parade from the Canister at 10:50am, followed by a Service on the Grand Parade

Stalls and Activities will commence after the Service

There will be lots for everyone to do; Side Shows including Crazy Golf, Toss the Hoop, Spin the Wheel, Bouncy Castle, Pillow Fight, Shoot the ball, duck fishing and more. Food, drinks (bar) cakes, sweets, treats, books, jewellery, craft, souvenirs and more on sale.

Float Parade at 2pm

Fireworks at 7pm

Music until 10:30pm

Entrance fee: 50p for 15 years and under

£1 for 16 years and over

*Showcasing culture of our ancestors through  
Art & Craft, Float Parade, Music, Dance and Food. Dress for the occasion!*

**Come join New Horizons and celebrate St Helena's 519 years of existence**

**The day will be streamed live via social media**



# Other News from the Week

## Stories about rocks

Primitive single cell organisms are accepted as being the first life on Earth. Recently a billion-year-old fossil was found in the Scottish Highlands which could be the earliest multi-cellular animal recorded so far. Found at a Scottish Loch, scientists from Sheffield University and Boston College in Massachusetts think it could prove to be a new link in the evolution of animals. It could be evolutionary route for animals evolved was lakes rather than oceans.

A Sheffield University professor explained, "We have found a primitive spherical organism made up of an arrangement of two distinct cell types, the first step towards a complex multi-cellular structure, something which has never been described before in the fossil record." Further finds from the same area remain to be examined and could provide more insights into the earliest evolutionary changes.

Meanwhile, over to the Antarctic; a little green piece of sandstone rock was recovered in the deep ocean 1,300km from where it should have been. The movement of glaciers or icebergs would have crunched the sandstone to a small pile of sand in no time at all. How did it get there? Carbon dating found the rock to be about 3 million years old and that is how long it is since the earth's atmosphere had the same concentration of greenhouse gases that we have now, at over 400 parts per million. Three million years ago sea levels were higher and Polar Ice Caps were smaller because average temperatures were a few degrees higher. The little green rock did not miraculously survive being crunched out of existence by glaciers; it flowed with the ocean current 1,300km to a new resting place.

Back again in the Scottish Highlands, a business called Scotgold Resources has told its shareholders its expansion plans will be a little slower than first thought. The gold miners own the Cononish mine near Tyndrum but recently gold won from the mine has been less than expected. An investment of £1.5 million in new equipment has brought with it the usual technical difficulties. This has resulted in further investment funding being sought. The company still claim the long term prospects are good but at the same time state a production update will be provided after a review. Those gold rocks can be so tricky to find.

## Crackdown on Animal Abusers

Maximum prison terms for animal abusers in England and Wales have been increased from six months to five years. The longer gaol terms are in the Animal Welfare Sentencing Bill which received the Royal Assent on 29<sup>th</sup> April. The Chief Executive of the RSPCA, one of the many animal welfare charities and lobbyists who have campaigned for years for tougher sentences, said, "This reform is long overdue - for many years, the most violent and horrific abuse and cruelty received a maximum penalty of just a few months. We're proud to have some of the best standards of animal welfare in the world but custodial sentences have long been letting us down." Scotland and Northern Ireland have the five year maximum sentence in place already.

## "Strategic Lying" is a Political Tactic

A new report states a politician will tell a deliberate lie with the purpose of shifting the news agenda onto his or her preferred territory. "It doesn't matter if the lie is easily rebutted. Indeed in one sense rebuttals are part of the plan because they result in the subject of the lie being amplified and kept on, or near, the top of the news agenda. The ultimate goal of strategic lying is to have an impact" says a professor of journalism in the UK. A similar study in the US agrees, "This is a central objective for all political public relations messaging, particularly during an election."

The professor continues, "Striking quick and hard is one of the key components of the strategic lie playbook, as the Brexit referendum demonstrated and could also be seen during the 2019 general election. In the first week of the campaign Keir Starmer, apparently stumbling over a question about the party's Brexit stance; but in the original video Starmer had not stumbled at all."

## NEW PUBLIC TRANSPORT ROUTE TO BE TRIALLED BLUE HILL TO JAMESTOWN

A new monthly Public Transport route from Blue Hill to Jamestown and return is being introduced with effect from Thursday, 27 May 2021.

This route will be in place for a trial period of three months and will operate on the last Thursday of each month, departing Blue Hill Community Centre at 9am and the return journey leaving Jamestown at 1pm. The service will be operated by Colin's Garage.

The introduction of this route is a result of feedback received from the Public Transport Service Questionnaire which was undertaken at the end of last year.

**SHG**

**3 May 2021**



**THE ROCK**

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON  
SUNDAY 9th May @ 11 am  
FOR  
PRAISE AND WORSHIP  
At No 3 Unit Longwood Enterprise Park

Transport is available from  
Jamestown, HTH  
Contact 23249 or 62552

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

## DRAFT PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION BILL, 2021

The Public Access to Government Information Bill would put access to Government Information on a statutory basis. At present access to such information is only considered through an SHG Code.

A draft Bill was considered by the Social Community and Development Committee and then Executive Council last year. Executive Council advised that the draft Bill should be further amended to include an independent appeal mechanism and then be made available for public comment before returning to them. The draft Bill has been amended to include such and is now made available for the public to comment.

The draft Bill includes provisions for:

1. The procedure for information requests to be made, processed and considered
2. Information exempt from public access
3. The internal review mechanism
4. The independent appeal mechanism

A copy of the draft Bill will shortly be available on the SHG Website via: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-consultation/>. Alternatively, a hard copy can be obtained from the Clerk of Councils, Connie Johnson, by contacting the receptionist at the Castle on tel: 22470.

Comments on the draft Bill should be sent to the Clerk of Councils either by email via:

[Connie.Johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Connie.Johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh) or by post to Clerk of Councils, the Castle, Jamestown, by no later than Friday, 21 May 2021.

**SHG, 6 May 2021**

## Saina's Gift Shop

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**Engraved Whiskey &  
Shot Glasses**

# Napoleon Quincentenary



**Engraved Fridge Magnets  
& Key Rings £3.95**





# GOVERNANCE REFORM

**Update 1 May 21**

On 26 March 2021, Legislative Council passed a resolution endorsing the result of the Consultative Poll conducted on St Helena on 17 March 2021. The resolution further recommended that the Constitution be amended to change the governance system of St Helena to a ministerial system of government.

A Governance Reform Implementation Group has representation from the Governor's Office, Attorney General's (AG) Chambers, the Speaker's Office, the Chair of the Social & Community Development Committee (SCDC), the St Helena Government's (SHG) administration's Central Support Service and Press Office. The Group is now taking forward with the UK the negotiation on the constitutional changes needed for a new governance system. The Group is progressing six strands of work, and through a monthly update, the public will be made aware of progress against each strand.

## **STRAND 1 - PROGRESSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

Proposed amendments to the Constitution have been drafted by the AG's Chambers following instructions from the Progress Committee. Details of the most substantial amendments were given to the public in the build up to the Consultative Poll.

The proposed amendments have been sent to the Foreign & Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO). A response is now awaited. In parallel to this a letter drafted by the Chairman of SCDC, Councillor Green, was sent to the Minister of State for the Overseas Territories in the FCDO, Lord Ahmad, advising the Minister of the resolution of LegCo to progress the Ministerial system. Confirmation has this week been received from Lord Ahmad giving approval for UK officials to commence detailed discussions with SHG on finalising the constitutional amendments.

## **STRAND 2 - REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

The Governor has identified four suitable candidates to sit on an 'Independent Body', to recommend the future remuneration levels for a Chief Minister, Ministers, other Councillors, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker. The requirement for an Independent Body to make such a recommendation is detailed in section 72 of the Constitution. The membership of this Committee will shortly be published via the Government Gazette. The first meeting of the Committee is being planned for early May.

## **STRAND 3 - REDRAFTING OF LEGCO STANDING ORDERS ETC**

The St Helena branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) is working with the CPA in the UK to advise on revising LegCo Standing Orders and the associated Code of Conduct required for a Ministerial system. Any new Standing Orders need to be made by Legislative Council and a new Code of Conduct will need to be approved by them pursuant to the Constitution. Discussions with the CPA are also underway for post-election training support to Councillors and Ministers.

## **STRAND 4 - ELECTIONS MONITORING AND TRAINING**

The UK CPA are willing to assist with Election Monitoring at the time elections are due to take place. This possibility will be pursued further at a later time.

## **STRAND 5 - ROOM FOR ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation for Ministers within Directorates is being looked at as part of a wider piece of work regarding accommodation of St Helena Government Offices. Also, the space and accommodation for Councillors and Clerks at The Castle is being reviewed.

## **STRAND 6 - OATH OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

It has been proposed that an amendment is made to the Constitution removing the current Oath of Confidentiality. It is likely that such an amendment will only be acceptable to the FCDO if alternative safeguards for protecting sensitive information and documents are established. The Implementation Group will be considering alternatives in the coming weeks.



# CENSUS 2021 Initial Results

Census 2021



St Helena Island

## Resident population

4,439 ↓

down 95 since February 2016 (2.1%)



## St Helenian residents

4,114 ↓

down 8 since February 2016 (0.2%)



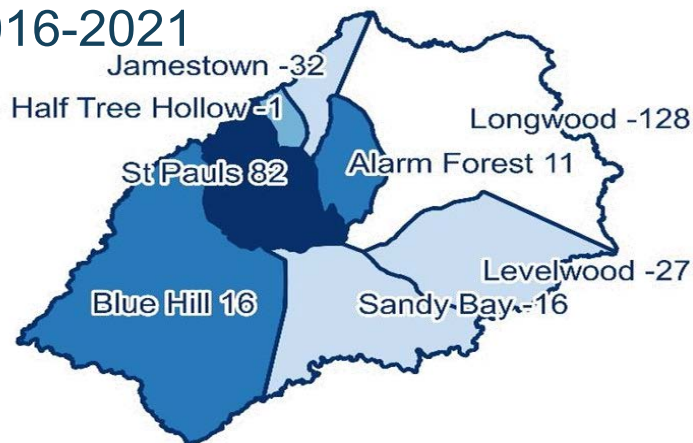
## Other residents

325 ↓

down 87 since February 2016 (21.1%)



## Population change by district 2016-2021



## Number of households

1,937 ↑

up 5.2% since February 2016



## Average household size

2.3 ↓

down from 2.4 persons in February 2016



## Biggest districts

Half Tree Hollow	1,034
St Pauls	928
Longwood	765
Jamestown	625

## Smallest districts

Alarm Forest	394
Levelwood	342
Sandy Bay	177
Blue Hill	174

## St Helenian residents

### Females

2,037 ↑

up 29 since February 2016 (+1.4%)



### Males

2,077 ↓

down 37 since February 2016 (-1.8%)



### Average age

46.9 ↑

up from 44.2 in February 2016



### Under 15

547 ↓

down 13 since February 2016 (-2.3%)



### Between 15 and 64

2,480 ↓

down 158 since February 2016 (-6.0%)



### 65 and older

1,087 ↑

up 163 since February 2016 (+17.6%)



Published by the St Helena Statistics Office, May 2021.

These data are provisional and may be revised in subsequent data releases.  
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## Initial Results of the St Helena Population and Housing Census

Initial results from the 2021 Population and Housing Census, which took place on 7 February (Census night), have been released by the St Helena Statistics Office.

On Census night there were 4,439 people living on St Helena – this includes people who were temporarily abroad but does not include those visiting the Island for a short time. This is slightly lower than in 2016 when 4,534 residents had been recorded. Out of the 4,439 people recorded in 2021, 4,114 were St Helenian.

Adding in the short-term visitors, the total number of people counted in this year's Census was 4,477. When compared to the 2016 Census this number is quite small but is due to the travel restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The numbers in 2016 had included persons on board the RMS St Helena, which was in the harbour.

Out of St Helena's eight electoral districts, the largest number of people on St Helena live in Half Tree Hollow – a total of 1,034 which is almost exactly the same as in 2016. The second largest district is St Pauls, with 928 residents (82 more than in 2016) and Longwood is third, with 765 (128 lower than in 2016, due to the departure of foreign construction workers

from the Bradley's work camp when the Airport was completed).

Blue Hill and Sandy Bay remain the smallest districts in terms of people, holding about the same number each.

St Helena is getting older, with the number of St Helenians aged 65 and over continuing to rise. The 2021 Census counted 1,087 resident St Helenians aged 65 or older - a quarter of the total number of people living on the Island and 18% more than in 2016.

This ageing trend is mainly due to increasing life expectancies, and the return of St Helenians who left to work abroad when they were younger, typically from the United Kingdom, Ascension, or The Falklands.

Full details of the 2021 Housing and Population Census Initial Results are available in the latest Statistical Bulletin, found on the St Helena Government website.

All figures and statistics from the 2021 Census in the Bulletin and Infographic are provisional, and may be revised as part of the data quality checking, editing and coding process currently being undertaken by the Statistics Office.

**Also see the infographic on the left**

## New Custody Suite Officially Opened

HE Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook officially opened the new Custody Suite at Police Headquarters, Coleman House, on Monday, 3 May 2021, with a special 'ribbon cutting' ceremony.

Governor Rushbrook at the beginning of his speech said:

*"I am extremely pleased to be here with you today. A particularly special day. It is a day that we have all been waiting to arrive for a long, long time. It is the day we can finally say goodbye to the antiquated arrangements for placing someone in police custody and welcome in a modern era of holding people in more appropriate and civilised facilities, designed and built for the purpose."*

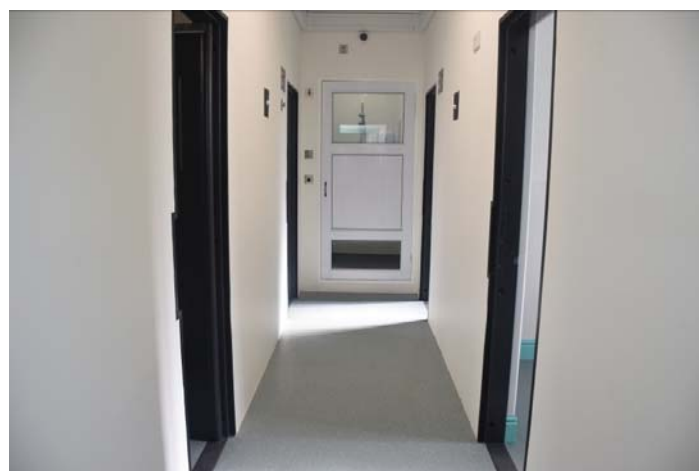
The new custody suite is designed to be Human Rights compliant and was funded by the UK Government's Conflict Stability, and Security Fund (CSSF).

Works for the Project commenced in September 2020 and was completed by St Helena contractors in only seven months in April 2021.

The new four-cell Custody Suite also contains a Consultation Room, Medical Room, Interview Room, storage areas, shower and office space – all of which will have disabled access.

Prison Manager, Heidi Murray, commented:

*"The New Custody Suite building is a beacon to the ingenuity of Saint Helenians. It was a project that was brought in on time, in a shorter timeframe than originally anticipated and on budget. All of this was completed in what has turned out to be a difficult year for the whole World. It was a whole team effort that made this Project such a success, and St Helena now has a Custody Suite to be proud of and one that would*



*be envied by many. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who had input into this Project. We must also take the time to thank the UK for their support when they were facing such adversity due to COVID-19, we should never underestimate their commitment to us."*

## ***From the St Helena Magistrates' Court***

***6th May 2021***

### ***Dr Sergio Gets a £2,100 Fine for Deception***

"Dr Villatoro you have pleaded guilty, late in proceedings, to an offence of deception. In summary while suspended from practice you entered the hospital and went to the pharmacy. There you sought out a junior member of staff and had her dispense a vial of botox. You claimed it was for a patient but was for your use.

The botox was for therapeutic use as opposed to cosmetic and had you arranged for a colleague to administer it the cost to you would have been £5

We will apply the fraud guidelines. This is a 5A offence as there was there is an abuse of trust with your employers, you still being employed at that stage. However it falls at the bottom end of that categorisation as the value is relatively low.

We take into account your lack of previous convictions, positive good character evidenced by the character references and that you have been a long standing member of the medical staff at the hospital. It is a shame that your time on St Helena has to come to an end like this. The proceedings have led to a delay in you returning home and has caused upset to your family. In your police interview you co-operated with the authorities and expressed remorse, it is surprising therefore that you entered a not guilty plea. You still get the credit for the co-operation and remorse but the credit for the guilty plea can only be at 15% as your trial was due to take place tomorrow.

This case does not pass the custody threshold. The guidelines provide a range that starts at a high level community order. However given your mitigation, and that you are due to leave the island shortly, we can see no purpose in a community penalty although the offence passes, by a small margin, the community penalty threshold. There will therefore be a financial penalty.

The credit for plea is reflected in not imposing a community penalty.

You will be fined £2100. There is also compensation of £142.94 to the Health Directorate and costs of £15. This money will have to be paid before 4pm tomorrow 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021"

***Duncan Cooke***  
***Chief Magistrate***

### ***Thank You***

Thanks and appreciation are extended to all who helped in any way, donated, and attended the Afternoon Tea at Blue Hill Community Centre on 17th April 2021 in aid of Church/Parish Funds.

**The total amount raised was £300**

**Julian Knipe** pleaded guilty at the earliest opportunity to an offence of inciting a girl of 15 to engage in sexual activity, namely to send you a photograph of a sexual nature. He also fall to be sentenced for possession of an indecent photograph of a girl of 17 where he likewise entered an early guilty plea.

For the incitement offence Julian Knipe was sentenced to 4 months imprisonment and there was be no separate penalty for the photographs.

The Chief Magistrate said "Normally sentences for offences committed on bail would run consecutively but we have regard to the fact that you have just received a prison sentence of some length and that you have never received a custodial sentence before. Taking these matters into account we decide to run this sentence concurrently."

**Miss Kelly Yon** pleaded guilty to an offence of breach of quarantine regulations. The circumstances surrounding the case were considered to be serious as it is important that there is strict adherence to quarantine regulations if the island is to remain Covid-free, and those in quarantine cannot be allowed to bend the rules to suit their purpose. This case allowed judgement to step back from a custodial sentence simply because Miss Yon crossed the boundary tape in a rural area. She was fined £500 plus £15 costs, with an alternative prison term of 21 days, which will be activated should the fine not be paid.

**Raymond Maggott** was committed to the Supreme Court for a series of serious offences of a sexual nature. Mr Maggott is still remanded in custody.

Proprietors of

### ***SCIPIONE RACING***

would like to advise the public that the facility will be open for business tomorrow Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th, and Friday 7th from 10am - 6pm, and we will be offering a School holiday half price special for kids between 12 and 16yrs old - £5 for an 8 lap race and will also be offering something for the older ones - Buy 2 races and get an extra 10 lap race free!!

Saturday 8th will be opened as normal from 1 - 6pm, Sunday 9th will be closed.



# Another Strange Tax Exemption for Expatriate Officers

Mike Olsson

Recently, it was decided that expatriate employees working for St Helena Government will have their so called International Supplement, also known as living allowance, taxable in St Helena as part of their annual income. For most expatriate officers this will mean that their allowance will be taxed at a rate of 31%. This was a step towards making a level playing field between the private sector and SHG and also some equality between local workforce and foreigners working for Government. This move has led to an uproar among some expatriate officers who want to legally challenge the decision and a few have decided to leave as they have to pay the same tax as Saints do.

Apart from the huge pay gap between local work force and expatriate officers it has been disclosed by informal sources that there is another discrepancy in taxation between the two workforces. Among the perks offered to expatriate officers is a so called 'Annual Pension Contribution of 7.5% of salary' which is tax free. The St Helena legislation says that tax-free contributions are only allowed to be made to an approved pension scheme, of which we have not many in St Helena. It appears that the 7.5% so called pension contribution is used as a form of tax-free bonus which, at large can be used for any saving, or otherwise by the employee. In some cases, after a 3 year contract this tax free bonus can amount to over £15,000, which rightly should be taxed in St Helena. But now is tax free.

The Financial Secretary and Income Tax Commissioner, Dax Richards said: "Firstly your news item refers to taxing of expatriate officers working for SHG, I want to make it clear that whilst the Income Tax Bill 2021 will affect expatriate officers the proposed changes affects all employees and employers.

SHG does make a contribution of 7.5% of salary available for a pension contribution at the end of each completed contract year for officers employed under the TC programme, SHG also contributes 15% of salary for all other employees into an approved superannuation and pension fund. If the pension contribution is not paid into an approved scheme then it becomes taxable here in St Helena. I just want to clarify though that it does not necessarily mean that it has to go into the Mi-saint scheme it can be paid into any scheme approved by the Commissioner of Income Tax."

## For Reference:

### INCOME TAX ORDINANCE, 2012

#### Interpretation

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—"approved superannuation and pension fund" means a fund approved by the Commissioner, which has been established and is administered under a deed of trust and where the Commissioner is satisfied that—

- (a) the rights of the beneficiaries to receive the benefits, pensions or retiring allowances have been fully secured;
- (b) the contributions to the fund by the employer, self employed person and employees are reasonable;

- (c) the eligibility and withdrawal provisions and the retirement ages specified are reasonable;
- (d) the benefits, pensions or retiring allowances payable from the fund to employees are reasonable;
- (e) the powers of investment of the money in the fund are reasonable;
- (f) the provisions for variation of the terms of the trust are reasonable and any such variation is subject to the prior approval of the Commissioner;

#### Annual allowances

10. (1) A personal allowance in the amount of £7,000 (or such other amount as is approved from time to time by resolution of the Legislative Council) must be granted in each tax year to every individual; and any such other amount approved by Legislative Council must be incorporated in this section as soon as possible after such resolution is made.

(2) A superannuation and pension allowance must be granted in a tax year to an individual who pays contributions to an approved superannuation and pension fund during that year, which must be an amount equal to so much of the total of all sums paid by the individual (by deduction or otherwise) in respect of those contributions as does not during that year exceed the lesser of £20,000 and an amount determined in accordance with the formula:

$$A = B - C$$

where—

A represents the amount to be determined;

B represents an amount equal to 30% of the individual's income derived from employment (including any allowance referred to in section 14(e)) in that tax year; and

C represents the amount of any contribution made by the employer on behalf of the employee as referred to in section 22(g).

(3) The amount of the allowances referred to in subsections (1) and (2) which a person is entitled to deduct under section 7(1)(c) is—

(a) 1/12 of such allowance for every month in which the person was resident in St Helena; or

(b) in the case of a non-resident person in receipt of income from employment derived in St Helena - 1/12 of such allowance for every month in which the person was in receipt of the income from such employment.

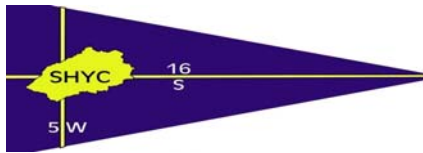
### INCOME TAX ORDINANCE, 2012

(Section 81)

#### EXTRA-STATUTORY CONCESSION (APPROVED PENSION SCHEMES), 2012

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 81(2)(a) of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2012, and having been authorised to do so by the Governor in Council, I hereby make and publish the following Extra-Statutory Concession:

1. With effect from 1st April 2012, interest paid by the Bank of St Helena in respect of monies deposited with it in an account of an approved pension scheme are not to be subject to a deduction of withholding tax.
2. In paragraph 1, "approved pension scheme" relates to Misaint Pension Scheme and the SHG Defined Contribution Scheme.



## St Helena Yacht Club is having a **LEAVING ON A JET PLANE PARTY !**

Sunday the 9th

We Have a Band playing the 3 S's will be starting at 2pm

Rosie's menu available to order a delivery. Also if you like to bring n' share.

There is an open Grill if you like to grill your own meat etc. etc.

All is welcome! Bar Available 11am - 9pm  
We look forward to seeing you.

**STHYC Committee**



Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for Sunday  
Afternoon Live Tunes by Alex Vanguard from  
4.00 pm till late - All are welcome

## Baptist Church **Gospel Outreach**



*sing!*

**When:** 16th May 2021

**Where:** BLUE HILL COMMUNITY CENTER

**Time:** 15:00



*sing!*

**Jamestown Girlguiding Rangers Presents**



Entrance fee 50p

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May

# THE CROODS

**Games**

**Croods Movie**

**Themed fun Day**

**Mask Crafts**

**Treasure hunt**

**Disco**

For age 5-12  
years

10am til 2pm @  
Jamestown  
Community Centre

Bring a packed  
lunch ☺

