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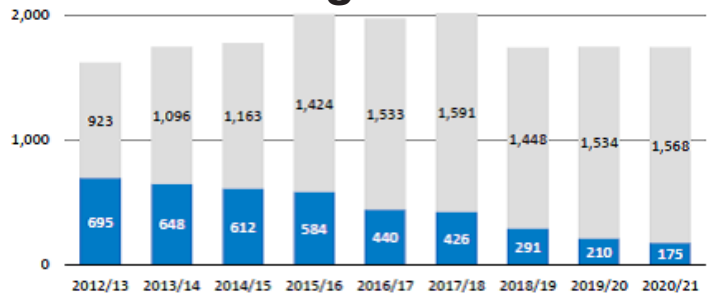


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## ***A Tough Ten Days for Health Service While New Health Staff Are in Quarantine***

Next week's Titan charter flight should have on board five general practitioners, one surgeon and one anaesthetist. The word 'should' is used because, too often, health professionals recruited to work in our health service change their minds at the last minute. Despite this understandable caution everyone can be encouraged that the exceptional challenges and tribulations experienced by our health service show signs of starting to ease.

This information was provided by Minister Martin Henry earlier this week when he gave an update on staffing, recruitment and other issues on Saint FM. There is a temporary downside to this welcome news. As the Titan charter brings us new healthcare professionals when it arrives, it will also take some away when it departs. This is not unusual but the new arrivals will not be able to show us the extent of their skills for ten days, while they are in quarantine.

During that ten day period frontline staff in our health service will be in very short supply. Pressure on staff employed in the health service and not in quarantine will probably be greater than it has been over the last few months.

Martin Henry had more news of the welcome sort. A physiotherapist, a locum radiographer and a locum biomedical scientist have all been recruited; when they arrive and finish their quarantine they will bring the three teams they join back to full strength. An orthopaedic surgeon is due to arrive on 23<sup>rd</sup> April and efforts are being made to recruit a second anaesthetist. A new Chief Medical Officer is due to arrive on 7<sup>th</sup> May. It is accepted an Ear, Nose and Throat specialist is needed and attempts to recruit one continue. It is proving very hard to raise interest among this kind of specialist to fill the post.

Looking to the longer term Martin Henry indicated the problems we are witnessing today in the health service have been in existence for several years. The COVID pandemic has helped to bring to the fore the less than synergetic characteristics of the health service administration. The Minister of Health was quick to say he did not want to dwell on the past. He wanted to see the health service stabilised and then improve it. The aim is to provide a reasonable service and to introduce better and more efficient



***Martin Henry, promoting a health message at the Mule Yard***

practices. Putting more emphasis on preventative techniques for improving standards of health and wellbeing is one such initiative in the pipeline. He did add that some aspects of the plan which is now taking shape will take years to develop.

## ***#campaignforcapetown - Part two***

The online petition dubbed #campaignforcapetown was launched on Monday this week. Within minutes people were signing up. Signatories appeared from the UK, Falklands, South Africa, USA, France, Canada, Australia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Ireland, Namibia, New Zealand & Oman. For those in our community without internet access we have re-published some of those comments here:

• I am signing this petition because I trust the accounts of my fellow St Helenians of their experiences with medical services and travel in Johannesburg. So, I hope those in control, will listen to this incredible call and use this opportunity now to effect essential change and make Cape Town our travel hub and base for medical referrals. Whilst this may have a short term financial cost, it will inevitably benefit all in the long run."

• "I am a family member who have experience a lot from both sides and would sign this petition umpteen times to make that change for many other family members and friends not that it'll bring back our loved ones sadly. Please make that change and sign this petition. Thank you to Mr Cranfield for doing this petition & helping every way possible to make a



better choice to make changes back to what we had and not for what we've lost and losing over time. Time is of the essence. Lives are being held against this. Never let them use money over our loved ones lives that is happening at times, sadly! Sign away PLEASE!

• "I am signing this petition because I care about the safety and well-being of my fellow St Helenians and I always said that they should have kept Cape Town as the place for their medical care and not Johannesburg as I have heard so many disturbing stories so please go back to Cape Town"

## #campaignforcapetown - Part two

- "We are signing this petition because we care and support our community. We never know at some point it could be us."
- "I feel that this is best for people travelling to and from St Helena, a safer environment that we are all more familiar with than Jo burg. Also for medical care this is a safer and better place, tourists also can enjoy the experience of Cape Town while in transit to and from St Helena"
- "I am signing because far too many Saints have lost their lives from simply not getting the medical care they need!"
- "I'm signing this petition because I care about the well-being and safety of the Saints. I do believe patients heal faster if they get support from the family and friends in Cape Town which will speed up their recovery"
- "I believe they will be best served from Cape Town."
- "I agree wholeheartedly with it"
- "I love St Helena. The Saints deserve better"
- I do not feel that Johannesburg is as safe as Cape

Town and Cape Town seems more easily accessible for both medical evacuations and visitor flights. I have done the journey via Cape Town.

- This will directly affect me, and my family.

- The sick and the vulnerable of St Helena deserve safe health care in hospitals were they are treated like human beings not cash machines.

The organiser of the petition John Cranfield said *"Thank you for signing the petition. St Helenians deserve a safer means of a travel hub and better medical care"*

Wherever you are in the world, you can bring change too, simply go to [www.saint.fm](http://www.saint.fm)

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## Increase the Income Tax Threshold – It's Long Overdue

Vince Thompson

The minimum wage is based on an hourly rate which is reviewed every year. The usual result of the annual review is to increase the hourly rate to take account of price increases in the cost of living, mainly price inflation reflected in the Retail Price Index.

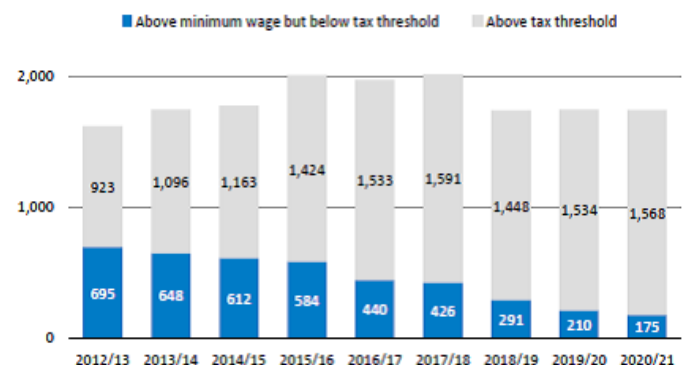
Last year, 2020-21, the minimum adult hourly rate was set at £3.18 on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 it rose to £3.25. In July this year the minimum adult hourly rate is on course to be £3.37. These can easily be discounted as just pennies; but they are not. If the income tax structure is not changed, the government's own figures show that wage earners on the minimum wage will be paying income tax by 2024. Government figures are based on wage-earners working a 35 hour week. Adults on the minimum wage working a 40 hour week will be in line to start paying income tax when the hourly rate is increased this year.

It is certain that wage-earners on the minimum adult hourly rate will pay income tax on what they earn within a few years if the government does not change the income tax structure. Every year the duty on alcohol and cigarettes is increased in line with price inflation. It happens like clockwork, no problem, no complaints about it being too difficult or not worth the work involved. Why is the income tax threshold not changed in a similar way?

The tax threshold is the limit on the amount of money that can be earned before having to start paying income tax. Ten years ago when the tax structure was last given a root and branch review the threshold was set at £7,000. Ten years ago a good proportion of the wage earning population did not pay income tax. As wages and salaries increase, more people year by year have fallen into the income tax net. The chart below was published this week by the Government Statistics Office. It shows that in 2020-21 there were only 175 people who earned more than the minimum wage but not enough

to pay income tax. Likewise, the number of people paying income tax has risen year on year.

Chart 4. Employees above the minimum wage and the tax threshold, 2012/13 to 2020/21



The tax threshold has not been regularly changed to take account of rising prices. It has stayed the same for ten years. This has caused an increasing number of people on low pay to be caught in the tax net as the £7,000 tax threshold loses value every year. In the UK the tax threshold four years ago was £11,850. For the financial year about to end it is £12,570. Tax free income will remain the same for 2022-23.

It is not equitable, reasonable or fair for our government to consistently and consciously pull more low paid workers into paying income tax by just sitting on their hands and watching it happen. We have to wonder what moral code our government works to. The government cannot continue to sit on their hands where the income tax threshold is concerned. By not adjusting the income tax threshold to take account of inflation but springing into action every year to increase alcohol and tobacco levies so that inflation is taken into account gives the impression we have a government which does not flinch from using double standards.



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# Editorial

Caligula was born in the year AD12. He lived for 29 years. For four of those years he was a Roman Emperor. At the end of those four years he was widely known as an insane and cruel tyrant. He is also described as unpredictable, politically useless, worthless as a military leader, sexually ambiguous and perversely incestuous. These days Caligula would not get a job as a toilet cleaner if the vetting procedure is applied to him. He was completely insane in so many ways; it did not take long for his own bodyguards to decide to kill him.

Caligula was followed by some other Roman Emperors who were very eccentric at best but more often self-loving, debauched and mercilessly cruel. If we move through history by about 100 years there was Constantine the Great. It was not so great to know him. He is described as a bull-necked flamboyant soldier who murdered his friends and allies and even his closest family when it suited his purpose.

Moving swiftly on – to China, there was Zhao Wu in the 7<sup>th</sup> century who became the only female Chinese Empress in the entire history of China. It is not necessary to be born to a privileged position to become an emperor or empress. Zhao Wu was thirteen when she entered the imperial palace as a concubine of the Chinese Emperor at the time. She was described as depraved, power crazy, manipulative and intelligent. She used her skills to dominate the Chinese Imperial Court, eventually achieving absolute power. Along the way blood was regularly spilt.

I must tell you about Vlad the Impaler. He was a prince in Wallachia, now Romania. He was a degenerate, murderous sadist who was so savagely cruel he inspired the legend of Dracula. In a single day he ordered the execution of 30,000 merchants, all of them living in one city. The following year 10,000 more were put to death in another city.

Vlad the Impaler's favourite method of execution was to impale his victims on stakes; very often thousands of them. Death was very slow and extremely painful as the weight of the body gradually eased the point of the stake through the guts and into the mouth. He would kill thousands in this way at one time. Ever larger circles of stakes surrounded his castle. He would eat his meals outside among the rotting flesh.

Ivan the Terrible entered history 100 years later than Vlad the Impaler. He was Ivan IV of Russia. Ivan's parents died when he was very young. At the age of eight he became the Grand Prince of Muscovy – or Moscow. The young Ivan was cared for by another aristocratic Russian family who terrorised him and left him damaged for the rest of his life. Eventually he was old enough to be crowned and set about extending his territory. He succeeded in extending his rule to parts of Sibe-

ria over 2,000 miles away. As he made his way eastwards, defenders of cities he attacked were put to death in their hundreds of thousands. As time went on Ivan the Terrible became ever more horrible. He suspected almost everyone of being against him and killed people by the many hundreds of thousands as his insane paranoia grew worse. Josef Stalin said Ivan the Terrible was his teacher and his secret police were modelled on Ivan the Terrible's own murderous agents. Vladimir Putin clearly follows this infamous Russian tradition. He is without doubt a profound liar of mega-proportions. He is also unpredictable and often makes statements which are devoid of logic or reason. Many say he is deranged and they are probably right.

Gleb Pavlovsky, a former advisor to Putin said, "He's even more isolated than Stalin. In the last years of his life, Stalin didn't come to the Kremlin and lived in his dacha, but the politburo came to see him and they talked and drank. Putin doesn't have that. He's as isolated as he can be. And in that situation rational issues become irrational."



*Why are so many leaders completely crazy?*

**Have a sane weekend**

**Vince**

## Thank You

The committee of the St Helena Diabetic Association would like to thank the following:

Bank of St Helena, Prince Andrew School, Harford Primary School, St Pauls' Primary School and Solomon & Co.

who participated in the International Diabetics Mufti Day in November 2021. The amount raised was £320.31.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated.



# Health Service News

## Pharmacy Closing Early

On Wednesday the government announced the hospital pharmacy will be closing at 3:30pm on weekdays from the day of the announcement, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, until further notice. The early closure will allow time for the pharmacy staff to process prescriptions which would normally be completed on the Dispensary Bus when it visits Half Tree Hollow Clinic.

In another announcement on Thursday last week the government made it known the Half Tree Hollow Clinic is due to close, also on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and that the "weekly visit of the dispensary bus to the HTH Clinic will not take place during this closure". People requiring medical attention who would normally attend HTH Clinic now have to travel to Jamestown after making an appointment.

As there are more people than usual calling at the hospital pharmacy while the HTH Clinic has "essential electrical works" completed everyone who has repeat prescriptions is asked to observe the requirement that all requests for repeat prescriptions should be made 48 hours in advance of collection from the pharmacy.

## Parental Consent for 5–11 Year Olds COVID Vaccinations

The Health Service Directorate has extended the deadline for parents/guardians to submit consent forms for 5-11 years olds to receive COVID vaccinations to next Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. The vaccinations will be administered "in the coming weeks".

## COVID Vaccinations for 12-17 Year Olds

Vaccinations will start on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March for 12-17 year olds who have consent from their parents/guardians for the

second COVID vaccination. The vaccinations will be administered at Prince Andrew School. All children to be jabbed will need to show their consent form and their yellow vaccination card from the first jab before their second dose can be administered.

## New Senior Paramedic is Here to Improve First Response

Senior Paramedic Thomas Attewell arrived here in January. He is here to develop the ambulance service to meet tougher response time targets. He is also working with ambulance crews so they are able to provide hospital grade emergency resuscitation and other medical emergency skills. The aim is to bring emergency response by the ambulance service to the standard expected in the UK. Mr Attewell will be working in other sections of the Health Service to ensure that all personnel are able to provide an improved level of pre-hospital care.



Thomas Attewell – Here to Help

## If There is a Will - There is a Way

The Public Solicitor Office held Wills Aid week on Ascension Island in March 2021 and on St Helena in November 2021.

Will Aid has been running since 1988. Will Aid is a special partnership between the legal profession and charity. The idea is that instead of paying the solicitors fees, clients are invited to pay the cost of the will as a donation to charity.

Each year the Public Solicitor Office nominates a charity of the year and for the current financial year, has nominated the St Helena Beekeepers' Association.

This year Wills Aid on Ascension Island and St Helena raised £950 for the Beekeepers' Association.

'Making Ends Meet' has been nominated as The Public Solicitor Office charity of the year for the financial year 2022/23. The Public Solicitor Office will hold Wills Aid week again later in the year and shall advertise details closer to the time.



The public are advised that they can make a Will anytime during the year and do not need to wait for Wills Aid. If anyone would like further details about making a Will please call the office on 23008



# OUR VISION FOR ST HELENA

Ministers have released their vision for St Helena:

**A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT** that creates **OPPORTUNITY** and inspires **SOCIAL** and **ECONOMIC PROGRESS** ensuring a better quality of life for all.

- **SUSTAINABLE** – Provide a foundation for our community and businesses to first consolidate, then develop, and finally aspire to a prosperous future through a sustainable approach using our unique but limited resources

- **OPPORTUNITY** – Set a path for our island that focuses on niche opportunities, which will generate new streams of revenue that will have minimal impact on natural resources and which will overcome constraints of our geographic location, size and population

- **PROGRESS** – Take decisions that move us forward as an island to ultimately get us closer to achieving our desired outcomes.

Chief Minister Julie Thomas explains: “At the heart of our vision, there are three main dimensions: Our Environment, Our Economy and Our Social obligations. To enable us to achieve our vision our priority policies will focus on specific areas, which are instrumental if we are to address the current challenges impinging on our ability to create a more optimistic and viable future for our island. During our tenure we will strive to keep our strategy flexible to respond to changing needs and priorities.”

- Ensure a more robust health care service which acknowledges and focuses on holistic health, taking into account our aging population and the complexity of our health and social needs, whilst encouraging a more responsible approach to improving our individual lifestyles

- The development of our Renewable Energy and Water Security plans which ensure that we primarily protect our environment, whilst delivering both resources at affordable prices

- Achieving economic growth by enabling local private sector develop-



ment and making St Helena more accessible for visitors, investors and residents by modernising legislation and policies that make St Helena more attractive to live, work and do business

- Food Security – putting in place policies and legislation to enable the expansion of our agricultural and fishing sectors through modern techniques

- Provide and encourage niche opportunities to attract and facilitate new streams of revenue, in an attempt to reduce our reliance on UK aid and bolster our current shrinking tax base

- To be the Government that takes St Helena forward into a new digital era maximising opportunities that create the platform for existing businesses to grow and new businesses to commence

- Strengthening and improving our educational offering by continuing to recognise the importance of inclusivity, whilst acknowledging the prominence of education in our lives. Encouraging Life Long Learning by investing in and valuing our people in order to develop through upskilling, training and rewarding as we create a sustainable workforce

- Implementing schemes and policies that will create an environment whereby we can provide options for affordable housing, enabling our residents to own their homes

- Conducting a review of current legislation and policies to ensure a more accountable, responsible Government that operates effectively, efficiently and ethically. We will take pride in our infrastructure and critical assets, whilst utilising where possible, bespoke solutions to address local problems, honouring the expertise and skills of our people

- Improved internal and external communications and engagement to build a more informed community

- We will strive to maintain and improve our blue and green agenda aspiring to become a blue print for others to follow.

A detailed roadmap (the SHG Strategy) setting out priority actions and deliverables, together with performance indicators to monitor implementation is being developed and this will be published once finalised.

**SHG**  
**1 March 2022**



## ***Our Ministers' Vision for St Helena***

### ***Nailing Their Colours to the Mast***

It seems no-one is sure when businesses started to feel the need to have 'Visions'. It is more than possible it started in the United States. This is more than likely when the meaning of 'vision' as used by the management in businesses is described as "an inspirational statement of an idealistic emotional future of a company or group" by someone who appears to be getting carried away with the whole idea.

In an announcement on Tuesday of almost 600 words, our ministers published their Vision for St Helena as a statement using twenty words.

“A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT that creates OPPORTUNITY and inspires SOCIAL and ECONOMIC PROGRESS ensuring a better quality of life for all” The remaining 574 words in the announcement give additional information on how they intend to implement that vision.

Most vision statements are short and more often than not state the obvious; but they can be useful if they remind people what their basic aims are and are referred to when decision-making starts to stray from the basic aims. How often has there been criticism that SHG make decisions as they go along, spend months discussing policy before they announce it and then ignore it, or sometimes take decisions against their own policy? A short, sharp reminder about what it's all about can be useful.

It also lets the rest of us know the direction the government is attempting to go despite all the obstacles that get in the way. It is also a small step towards taking more control of our own future instead of reacting to what others think or say we should do.

"Nailing your colours to the mast" is a phrase which is better understood than 'vision' and it is known where it came from. These days, when the phrase is used it refers to people who have made their views plainly known and intend to hold on to them until the bitter end. No suggestion of idealistic, emotional inspiration. Who will be the first minister to say she/he has nailed the colours to the mast. Flagship is also a term that is now used in different ways but when people did really nail their colours to the mast 'flagship' had only one meaning. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century the flagship had the commander of the fleet aboard and also flew the flag of the fleet at the top of the main mast. In battle the flag would be lowered from the main mast as a sign of surrender. Opposing cannon would aim for the main mast because if the mast was hit and fell, taking the flag with it, that also meant surrender.

Jack Crawford, a young sailor from Sunderland is still a famous figure in local history for something he did 225 years ago as naval warfare raged around him. At the Battle of Camperdown the Dutch managed to get a cannonball on target, bringing down the mainmast and flag. If

the flag was not found and flown again it would mean the British fleet had surrendered. Jack Crawford picked up the flag, climbed what remained of the mast and nailed the flag to mast; all this amid cannon and musket fire. As the flag was nailed and not hoisted it meant there could be no surrender; there wasn't and the Dutch were defeated.



### **Jack Crawford, fulfilling his 'vision'**



The Agriculture & Natural Resources Division (ANRD) has a limited amount of cube suitable for cattle, sheep and goats which can be made available to help as a supplementary feed.

Interested farmers should complete an application form available from the Receptionist at the ANRD Office, Scotland.

Should you require any further information or advice please contact the Livestock Services Officer, Ken Henry, on telephone number: 24724.

**ANRD, 28 February 2022**



# ***The kids are not alright***

## ***Children in St Helena Affected***

An increasing amount of evidence is being gathered pointing to social media platforms having a very noticeable and dramatic effect on children. The number of children displaying 'tic-like' behaviours is increasing at an alarming rate. It's called Tourette syndrome. Tourette syndrome is a disorder that involves repetitive movements or unwanted sounds (tics) that can't be easily controlled. For instance, you might repeatedly blink your eyes, shrug your shoulders or blurt out unusual sounds or offensive words.

A report on the well respected news website *Atlantic* points out, "The global community of Tourette's researchers is tight-knit, and as they talked it became clear that a shift in patients and symptoms was happening all over the world, at the same time. Before the pandemic, 2 to 3 percent of paediatric patients at the Johns Hopkins University Tourette's Centre, in Baltimore, had acute-onset tic-like behaviours, but that rose last year to 10 to 20 percent. Texas Children's Hospital reported seeing approximately 60 teenagers with sudden tics between March 2020 and the autumn of 2021, compared with just one or two a year before that."

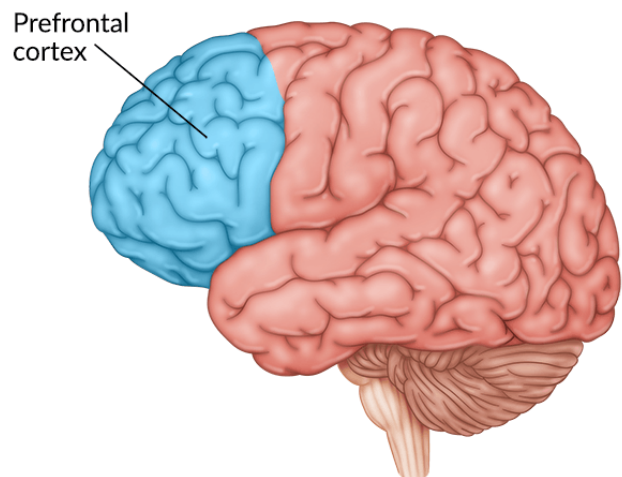
### ***Children in St Helena Affected***

At an online conference last October, doctors in Canada, France, the United Kingdom, and Hungary pooled their knowledge. They had all seen an increase in patients with this unusual form of tic disorder. Patients came from all parts of the world even the remotest locations. Andreas Hartmann, a consultant neurologist at the Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital in Paris said one teenager came from St Helena in the South Atlantic and another from New Caledonia in the Pacific. "Very remote locations," Hartmann said, "Yet accessible to TikTok, YouTube, and Instagram."

A 20 year old 'tic' sufferer in Germany has put himself on YouTube with a channel called "Thunderstorm in the Head." That's how he describes living with his socially inappropriate, visually arresting symptoms: blurting out obscene words, throwing food, trying to nibble his friend Tim. In the past, he has set off fire alarms, pulled the emergency brake on the train, and once asked a cross-eyed HR manager "Is the wall more interesting than me?" Zimmermann now has two million YouTube followers and a bespoke app that allows users to download his "best tics" as sound files. On his merchandise page, you can buy hoodies, mugs, and a €5 doormat emblazoned with one of his most common sayings: Du bist heute besonders hässlich, or "You are particularly ugly today"

The Facebook/Meta virtual reality headsets are expected to cause more problems for teenagers. It has been found that adults can experience virtual reality and are able to use the prefrontal cortex in the brain to separate fact from fiction. Children, however, were not; and therefore couldn't always tell the difference between what was happening in a virtual world and what would happen in real life.

"Their prefrontal cortex is far from being fully developed at this



***The prefrontal cortex plays a central role in cognitive control functions, thereby influencing attention, concentration, impulse inhibition, memory and ability to adapt to new, changing, or unplanned events. Children do not have a developed prefrontal cortex and cannot adequately control these functions of the brain***

age," says Thomas Baumgartner, a neuroscientist at the University of Zurich and author of a study on how virtual reality affects children. As the worlds become even more immersive and realistic, the line between virtual and reality will be even harder for children to grasp. Another researcher worries that kids spending too much time in a virtual environment could even form memories based on virtual experiences. Children could form unrealistic expectations of what reality — say, their bodies or their houses—should look like, and also lose real-world social skills.

## ***ST HELENA POLICE COMMUNITY SURGERY***

The St Helena Police Service would like to invite residents of Jamestown, Alarm Forest, Ruperts and the Briars to attend a Community Surgery at the Jamestown Community Centre on Tuesday, 8 March 2022, between 7pm and 9pm. The Police team will be present to discuss any issues or concerns raised, answer any questions from residents and, if required, provide statistics and emerging trends on incidents reported in your areas.

The Police team looks forward to seeing you there.

**SHG**

**1 March 2022**

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





# Your Opinion Counts

**Dear Editor,**

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Throughout the World cultures seem to treat some diseases and conditions as acceptable whilst others are unacceptable for no apparent reason. This does have an influence how certain patients are treated and has a significant impact on the resources that are allocated for treatment. For illustration, in Western cultures, infants take priority over most other groups.

St Helena has major health problems due to obesity which appears to be socially acceptable and have been getting worse for fifty years to my knowledge and there is no indication that present policies and approaches to the problem are working.

When I was last on St Helena I saw cases of morbid obesity. One case was a woman, in uniform, who was having difficulty getting out of a Government vehicle due to her condition. Wendy and I walked up from Maldivia to Francis Plain and saw a pupil from the school who was morbidly obese and rolling along with his friends whilst eating a snack. Neither of these cases raised an eyebrow and were not seen as unusual whilst more and more elaborate and expensive treatments are introduced to control complications without a really effective strategy to prevent the primary problem.

I did not see any undernutrition children but suggest that if such a child existed, and especially if dishevelled and dirty, the full resources of St Helena Government would be applied to the case. The Health Directorate would be involved and there would be Safeguarding Focus groups set up with fully minuted meetings and resources freed up to care for the child.

From a health point of view the solution to the neglected child is considerably easier than the treatment of a morbidly obese child yet such a child is not per-

ceived to be neglected or abused but may have long term problems, possibly leading to diabetes, hypertension and orthopaedic issues like arthritis.

If obesity is perceived as a problem is it not time to, for example, consider childhood obesity as a form of abuse and try to change the community's cultural perception of this condition and take a proactive positive approach to ultimately improve the health and wellbeing of this group of patients?

Tonga has recently suffered a tragedy due to a volcanic explosion but for many years has been known to have a problem of obesity. There is an interesting parallel between St Helena and Tonga which has an equally serious problem of obesity which is culturally acceptable. Tongans underestimated their body weight and size and their beliefs about obese people and the health consequences of obesity are distorted. They are now tackling obesity as a serious health problem and have suggested future research should aim to explore Tongans views of the health consequences of obesity as well as their perceptions of how serious these consequences are with an attempt to change their deep seated cultural view of obesity. Maybe St Helena could learn from Tongan experience and develop a culture that cares for the obese with the aim of improving their health which would result from a cultural shift in the perception of obesity?

**Yours sincerely,  
Richard Grainger**

**Dear Editor,**

Knowing how much Saints love to read the advice & wisdom of short term, overseas visitors, I decided to sacrifice a little of my valuable time preparing a review of St Helena's cyber links with the outside world.

I was prompted to do so by an article listing the countries with the best & worst internet services in the world. South Korea, Singapore, Norway, Iceland & Hungary were shown as having the best, while Algeria, Iraq, Venezuela & Afghanistan fared worst. Interestingly, all four of these countries had internet at speeds 2-3 times that provided by Sure to the people of St Helena. I have no doubt, based on my own experience, that Sure.co.sh also leads the world in the

field of excessive charges & dubious charging practices. As an example, a notice appeared on the sure.co.sh web site on the afternoon of Monday 28th February announcing that Sure required two full working days notice before the end of the month in order to process any request to reduce or stop a broadband package at the END of the following month.

As far as I can tell [& I do have some screen prints to show], that notice & that requirement did not exist on the morning of that day. One can't help wondering why, if they need two days to process the instruction, they keep charging the higher rate for a whole month more. I live in Guernsey, which shares St Helena's misfortune in having Sure as it's main telecoms provider but at least we have competition & a regulator to ensure that the market is fair. Our service used to be publicly owned but was privatised in order to give it access to more capital investment, we were told. Before privatisation Guernsey had a telecoms service as good as the best. So far has it now fallen behind that Sure has been forced to carry out a major upgrade, financed by The States of Guernsey.

If St Helena can make use of the Equiano fibre-optic cable that has already come to the island, St Helena will jump from last to first in world internet speeds but there is little or no chance of this happening if Sure is in control.

Islanders who have travelled overseas will know but those who haven't cannot imagine how much difference fast internet makes to your life. It makes even more difference to the economy of a nation or island.

The message is simple. Get rid of Sure or St Helena itself will soon be as extinct as the St Helena Olive.

Many thanks in advance for your admiration & praise but I really don't deserve it.

**Barrie Paige  
GY6 8BP**

You can contact me on +44 7449 737 255 or at this email address - barrie.paige@icloud.com

## ***Fishing Vessel Maral Segundo Evacuated Sick Crew Member***

St Helena Authorities received a request from fishing vessel *Maral Segundo* for medical assistance for a sick crew member. This was not COVID-19 related and there was no indication of COVID-19 or any symptoms amongst crew members on board the vessel.

The vessel did not have appropriate medical facilities on-board and, as per the Island's SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) obligations, St Helena was assisting as the nearest port of call. The vessel berthed alongside Ruperts Jetty.

The public was therefore advised that the whole of Lower Ruperts, including the Jetty and beach area, would be closed to the public until the vessel has departed.

All COVID-19 protocols and procedures, as per the Island's Standard Operating Procedures for arriving vessels, were strictly adhered to.

The patient's condition will be assessed by medical staff and a decision taken on whether they can receive medical treatment on board the vessel or whether they will need to come ashore for further medical assistance and evacuation. If the patient needs to come ashore they will only be treated at the General Hospital if test results from all crew members are negative. If there is a positive test result from any crew mem-



***MARAL SEGUNDO (IMO: 8962515) is a Fishing Vessel that was built in 1987 and is sailing under the flag of Spain. Her length overall is 27.31 meters and her width is 6.5 meters.***

ber, the patient will be treated at Bradley's Hospital under quarantine conditions.

The *Maral Segundo* continued on its journey on Wednesday night following the medical assessment and advice from Health officials.

## ***SHG Assists Saint Tuna Corporation so Fish Processing for Local market can Continue***

***Vince Thompson***

Last December SHG issued a statement saying the blast freezer which it is claimed will transform fish processing operations for the Saint Tuna Corporation is delayed being delivered here from the United States, Last Friday SHG announced it is still delayed.

Refurbishment of the old Argos fish factory was supposed to be completed by the end of last month. The delayed containerised blast freezer and other "external factors" means moving the local fishing industry on to fish exports as well as the local market is delayed for what seems to be an unknown length of time.

SHG said, "The blast freezer and its supporting logistical systems is a change to utilise modern cold storage concepts which is much more versatile, carrying less risks of down time and much less expensive to operate than the old conventional cold storage systems. Unfortunately, global supply chain problems have caused more delays to the production and delivery of the freezer, meaning that the Factory will not be fully capable of exporting fish until the freezer arrives."

The statement continued, "To alleviate this prolonged unforeseen delaying circumstances, SHG will assist STC to continue to implement interim measures within the refurbishment period, to ensure that the limited domestic fish processing can continue at the factory."

After stating, "The refurbishment period would have lasted until

end February 2022" the statement then says, "SHG will assist STC to continue to implement interim measures within the refurbishment period". As the end of February was just three days after the statement was issued it is assumed the second reference to "the refurbishment period" means the unknown length of time the Saint Tuna Corporation wait for the blast freezer to arrive and for other "external factors" to be resolved.

With crucial detail missing from the statement it seems likely the Fish Processing Factory Refurbishment Project has run out of money and gone over time. The project is based on the arrangement where SHG put up £500,000 for Saint Tuna Corporation to make improvements and efficiencies to the old Argos building. The seemingly soft and tender words, "SHG will assist STC" mean SHG has put up more cash to keep the Saint Tuna Corporation afloat. It may also mean SHG might 'assist' the Saint Tuna Corporation on further occasions, depending how long it takes the US manufacturer of the blast freezer to get the job finished. The bad old days of a constantly open government cheque book and a persistently failing fishing industry may well be just around the corner. Exactly how much public money SHG have given the Saint Tuna Corporation is a significant piece of information which has been withheld.







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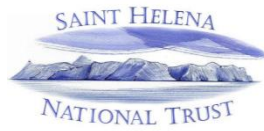


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## Wirebird Census Report 2022

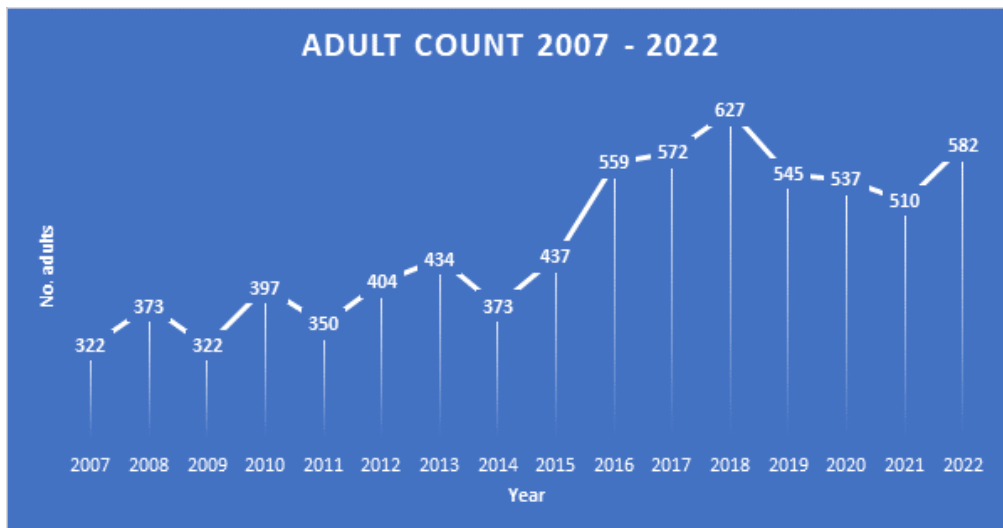
The St Helena National Trust's, Darwin Plus funded Invasive Vertebrate Project (DPLUS107) has once again taken the lead on the annual Wirebird Census counts in January 2022, with the help of Trust staff, and volunteers: Rick and Ann Ball, Diana Bak, Wyatt Leo and Myles Henry.

January is the peak nesting season therefore most birds are present within their territories making them easier to count - no Wirebirds are counted while flying - this produces more representative results. This census was conducted on a total of thirty-one sites across the island from pasture lands i.e. Broad bottom to semi-desert areas i.e. Prosperous Bay basin.

A total of 582 adult Wirebirds were counted, an increase from 510 adults in last year's census count. This year 7 juveniles, 13 chicks and 24 nests were also found. This gives an overall combined total of 626 for 2022.

The Eastern areas again presents itself as the prominent area for the Wirebird with 493 adult birds (i.e. Upper Prosperous bay Plain – 80) and 89 adult birds were counted in the Western areas (i.e. Man and Horse – 28) where numbers continue to decrease. This can in part be attributed to invasive vegetation i.e. Bull grass, lantana, and wild tobacco creating unsuitable habitats thereby forcing Wirebirds into other areas. Both the Trust and RSPB are extremely interested in exploring this further to understand these changes and are working collectively to gather data and create a strategy.

This increase in population also coincides with the Darwin Plus Invasive Vertebrate Project activities, where a combined total of 40 feral cats have been caught at Millennium Forest and Deadwood Plain; and rodent baiting is also carried out in these areas, vertebrates that are a threat to the Wirebirds. As this project continues to tackle the challenges of invasive vertebrate species and in particular introduces control of Mynahs on the island, it is expected that, in response to the control measures, the Wirebird population will continue to increase.



Graph 1: Wirebird population 2007-2022, as per Steffans'





## ROAD CLOSURE

The Highways Authority has given approval for the road from The Guide Hall, Jamestown, through to Parish Block, near The Brow, to be closed with immediate effect until Wednesday, 30 March 2022.

This road closure is to allow the Contractor to repair the portion of the historic wall on Side Path Road which collapsed on 1 March 2022.

During this closure, only emergency services will be granted access. Pedestrians will be allowed access, but are asked to be vigilant in this area. Appropriate signage will be in place.

Other road users are asked to use the access from Market Street entrance through Seales Corner.

The public is thanked in advance for their understanding and cooperation.

**SHG**

**2 March 2022**



## CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS

The public is advised that Elected Members will hold a round of constituency meetings during March.

These meetings are an opportunity for you to meet with your District Representative and raise any issues you might have.

Constituency meetings will take place at 7.30pm as follows:

### Date

Monday, 7 March

Tuesday, 8 March

Wednesday, 9 March

Wednesday, 9 March

### Venue

Harford Community Centre

St Mary's Church, The Briars

Jamestown Community Centre

Half Tree Hollow CC

Councillors look forward to meeting with you and hearing your views.

**SHG**

**1 March 2022**



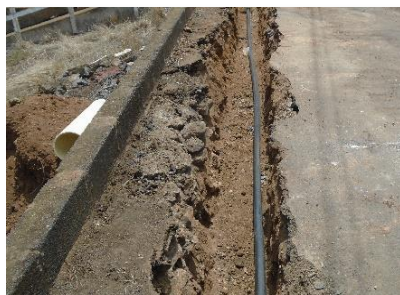
## HALF TREE HOLLOW WATER NETWORK UPGRADE – PHASE 2 COMPLETED

The existing water network from the Ambledale Workshop in lower Half Tree Hollow and up to the Evergreen Tree (Phase 2) had reached the end of its service life resulting in customers experiencing a high incidence of leakage and bursts. This issue was not helped with pipes being laid above ground.

To overcome the problems and to enhance customer experience, Phase 2 of the Half Tree Hollow water network upgrade was carried out by Connect Saint Helena Ltd staff.

As part of the upgrade, the network piping was enlarged to allow for increased flow and included a provision for fire flow requirements through installation of fire hydrants at strategic positions. Additionally, all pipelines were buried underground as shown in the images below. This protects the pipes from adverse weather conditions which increases the service life of the pipework.

Connect would like to thank all residents and businesses in the area for their understanding and cooperation whilst these essential works were being carried out.



**2 March 2022**





# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**YOU CAN PLAY YOUR PART:  
PROTECT YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY  
BY PROTECTING ST HELENA.**

The Health Services Directorate would like to appeal for volunteers to assist with COVID-19 testing of persons arriving to the Island, pre-release swabbing of those in quarantine and those who require pre-departure testing.

Volunteers are required on flight arrival days and the scheduled testing days for yacht arrivals and pre-release swabbing. You would be needed to assist with the swabbing required for the PCR and Lateral Flow tests used to test for COVID-19. This will involve labelling swabs and/or administering the test.

Robust Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are in place to manage the COVID-19 testing regime. Full training and personal protective equipment (PPE) will be provided. The training will focus on the SOPs in place and will cover the use of PPE, labelling of swabs, and administering the swab.

For further information on volunteering for the COVID-19 testing processes, please contact Hospital Nursing Officer, Sophia Abrahams, via email: [sophia.abrahams@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:sophia.abrahams@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Volunteers must be over the age of 18, fit and healthy, in possession of a clean vetting certificate and fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Past work experience within the medical field would be welcomed but is not essential.

Interested persons can register their names with COVID-19 Coordinator, Grace Richards, on telephone number: 22500 or email [grace.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:grace.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh).



## Jamestown Swimming Pool

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

### Public Opening Times:

Monday	7:15am - 8:30am Early Morning Swim	12:00 - 13:00 Lunch Time Swim	3pm - 6pm Open to all	Pool Closed
Tuesday	8:00am - 9:15am Adults Only	12:15 - 13:00 Lunch Time Swim		7pm – 9pm Night Swim Adults Only
Wednesday	7:15am - 8:30am Early Morning Swim	12:00 - 13:00 Lunch Time Swim		Pool Closed
Thursday	8:00am - 8:30am Early Morning Swim			7pm – 9pm Night Swim Open to all
Friday	8:00am - 9:15am Adults Only	Lunch time swim not available		Pool Closed
Saturday	8:00am - 10:00am Adults Only	10am - 6pm Open to all		Pool Closed
Sunday	8:00am - 10:00am Adults Only	10am - 6pm Open to all		Pool Closed

All swimmers are kindly asked to be out of the water 15 minutes before session ends to allow time for changing.



**AUDIT ST HELENA invites applications for the following job vacancy**

**Financial Audit Manager**

**Salary range £28,430 to £35,600 per annum**

**24-month fixed term contract**

Audit St Helena is seeking to recruit a Financial Audit Manager to join their external audit team. The Audit Manager's primary role is to manage and undertake the planning and delivery of financial audit engagements across government and other public entities in accordance with auditing standards.

Potential candidates will be CCAB (ACCA, ACA, CPFA etc) qualified accountants or equivalent (CA (SA), CA(Z) etc).

Potential candidates should have a minimum of three years' recent experience in external audit conforming to International Standards on Auditing, and at least two years in a supervisory/managerial capacity, together with knowledge of recognised financial reporting frameworks.

We are looking for a team player with good communication and people management skills who is able to plan, prioritise and project manage workflow and use their own judgement. Excellent analytical abilities and IT skills are also required. Working knowledge of CaseWare is a strong advantage.

Job Profiles and Application Forms are available by calling 22111 or emailing [helene.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:helene.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh). Applications should be submitted by email or by hand to Audit St Helena, First Floor, New Porteous House, Jamestown, by no later than 4pm on Friday 04 March 2022.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and police clearance. St Helena Government reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

*SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview.*

## Job Vacancy

### Service Provisioning & Mechanical Technician, Ascension Island

Would you like to be a part of a diverse team delivering telecom services to a small island community? Sure is looking for a Technician to work within the Service Provisioning Section, installing and maintaining the telecommunication network for all Outside Cable Plant and distribution and internal customer installations and faults.

**Qualifications and experience:**

- Proven experience in telecommunications technical role, covering all aspects of Outside Cable Plant.
- Technical knowledge and experience required in copper and fibre transmission; distribution systems and maintenance of mechanical systems is essential, includes but not limited to: satellite antenna maintenance, preventative maintenance on external structures and fixtures, maintenance of small plant, station generator set maintenance.
- Electrical experience is essential. Experience of building maintenance including replacement of fixtures and fittings.
- MS Office proficient and must be able to adapt to working in a small team.

Salary is dependent on qualifications and experience.

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a Satisfactory Police Disclosure.

Join us and you will enjoy some of the many benefits that Sure offers.

For more information contact Morgan Gilbert on T: +247 66559, E: [Morgan.Gilbert@sure.com](mailto:Morgan.Gilbert@sure.com). Application form and copy of the Job Description may be obtained from Obinna Okali on T: +247 66802, E: [obinna.okali@sure.com](mailto:obinna.okali@sure.com). Applications should be submitted to Obinna Okali on the above email by **4pm 14 March 2022**.





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

## Internal Audit Assistant

Within the Internal Audit Department

### Job Purpose

To assist with making independent and objective recommendations that add value and improve the Company's Operations.

### Interested Persons Should:

- Have knowledge and experience of using computerised accounting/audit record keeping systems
- Have the ability to effectively gather, analyse and evaluate facts and prepare and present concise oral and written reports
  - Demonstrate a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail
  - Ideally have Grade C or above in GCSE Maths, English & Accounting
- Desirably have at least 2 years of financial experience, through accounting/auditing
  - Be willing to work towards an Internal Audit Certification

Salary for the post is **£8,638.32** per annum (£719.86 per month)

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Priscilla Joshua, Internal Auditor on telephone number: 22076 or via email address: [internalauditor@solomons.co.sh](mailto:internalauditor@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 Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, By 08 March 2022



## Do you have a creative flair and a passion for baking?

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

## General Assistant (Cakes & Pastries)

Within the Bakery

### Job Outline

To assist in the general day to day duties related to the production and packaging of Cakes & Pastry products

### Interested Persons Should:

- Possess basic numeracy & literacy skills
- Have an understanding of basic measurements with the ability to follow written recipes
  - Have the ability to multitask in a busy production environment
    - Possess innovative ability and an eye for detail
    - Be able work under pressure to meet tight deadlines
- Have the ability to undertake physically demanding duties and stand for extended periods
  - Be self-motivated and able to work well as part of a team
- Ideally possess knowledge and experience in Food & Hygiene and Health & Safety Awareness with the ability to carry out manual handling duties
  - Be willing to undertake relevant training and development

Salary for the post is **£9,240** per annum (£770.00 per month)

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Miss Daryl Legg, General Manager (Production) on telephone number: 22380 or via email address: [gm-productions@solomons.co.sh](mailto:gm-productions@solomons.co.sh)

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## VACANCY

### Sea Rescue Crew (Helmsmen) (Safety, Security & Home Affairs Portfolio)

*Are you keen to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by protecting and saving lives at sea. Are you a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual looking for an opportunity to utilise your skills and experience or considering a career change? If so, The St Helena Sea Rescue Service has an opportunity for you to join their team*

Applicants should have the following qualifications and/or demonstrable experience:

- Functional Skills Level 2 Maths or above or equivalent (If applicants do not have these qualifications they will be required to successfully pass a Functional Skills assessment in Maths as part of the selection process).
- GCSE English Grade D or above (as above)
- Valid and clean Driving license in Class A
- Basic IT skills

We offer the following:

**Salary:** £7394 per annum as per the Sea Rescue Cadre Level B  
**Leave:** 25 days per annum  
**Pension:** 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme  
**Paid Sickness Absence**  
**Training opportunities**  
**Uniform Provided**

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

**Simon Wade (Sea Rescue Manager), Leeroy Caswell or Mark Caswell (Sea Rescue Deputy Managers)** on telephone number 25215 or email: [simonwade@helanta.co.sh](mailto:simonwade@helanta.co.sh) [leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh](mailto:leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh) [mark.caswell@helanta.co.sh](mailto:mark.caswell@helanta.co.sh)

Application forms and Job Profile are available from: Central 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 Anya Richards, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm GMT on Wednesday, 16th March 2022. Please note as part of the short-listing for this recruitment you will be expected to pass a swim endurance test. To be considered for this role, you must complete our application form. Failure to do so will mean that your application will not be considered. Please do not submit your CV.

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 Benefits are subject to change and may only apply to certain roles.



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## VACANCY

### HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS (within Health & Social Care Portfolio)

The Health and Social Care Portfolio is looking to recruit individuals who are highly motivated with a caring and empathetic nature to support our Nursing team in providing direct patient care in a highly pressured working environment. It is essential that individuals have good verbal and written communication and the ability to pay attention to detail and accuracy. The role involves assisting nursing staff with out of hours nurse-led emergency care (evenings, nights and weekends) for patients attending hospital or contacting via telephone, as well as assisting nurses as part of the ambulance team when called out of the hospital for emergencies. This role involve Unsociable hours e.g. shift work – week-ends, night duty and public holidays

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

- Previous work in health care setting or setting with transferable skills
- NVQ Level 2 in Care, or equivalent

We offer the following:

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

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

**Sophia Abrahams, Nursing Officer** on telephone number 22500 or email: [sophia.abrahams@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:sophia.abrahams@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Application forms and job profile are available from:

Central Human Resources & Organisational Development 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 Anya Richards, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 15th March 2022

To be considered for this role, you must complete our application form. Failure to do so will mean that your application will not be considered.

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## VACANCY

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TECHNICAL OFFICER (Health and Social Care Portfolio)

*Are you a highly motivated individual with the skills to carry out research, compile and analyze information and data? If so, the Environmental Health section has an opportunity for you to join their team providing support to the Environmental Health Officers in all environmental health activities which will require both office and outdoor working on a regular basis as required with the overall aim of protecting and improving the health and wellbeing of all.*

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

- GCSE Maths and English and one Science related subject (Biology, Physics or Chemistry) at Grade C or above
- Relevant Drivers License at Classes A & C
- Experience in food safety and health and safety related matters
- Experience with working with the public in either in a work or non-work capacity

We offer the following:

**Salary:** £8,613 per annum  
**Leave:** 25 days per annum  
**Pension:** 15% pension contribution into an approved defined contribution pension scheme  
**Paid Sickness Absence**  
**Flexible working hours scheme**

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

Mrs Georgina Young, Senior Environmental Health Officer on telephone number 22470 or email: [Georgina.young@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Georgina.young@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**Application forms** are available from:

Central 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 Dianne Venning Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than **4pm on Tuesday 15 March 2022**.

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## VACANCY

### Human Resources Assistant

(1 x Fixed Term 6-month contract and 1 x temporary position )

(Central Human Resources & Organisational Development, Central Support Service)

*Are you a highly motivated individual with strong administrative skills who demonstrates attention to detail and works methodically, responding to changes to meet deadlines? Do you know how to handle, resolve and escalate enquiries and pass on information promptly?*

*Central HR is a fast paced working environment offering an exciting opportunity and we would like to hear from YOU!*

Applicants should have the following:

- A Level 2 or above qualification in a relevant subject – such as English, ICT, Business Administration etc. or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience
- Proven and effective administrative skills/experience
- Experience in using ICT systems including Management Information Systems and MS Office

We offer the following:

**Salary:** £6,722 per annum  
**Leave:** 25 days per annum  
**Paid Sickness Absence**  
**Flexible working hours scheme**

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

Mrs Delma Stevens, Assistant HR Business Partner on telephone number 22470 or email: [delma.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:delma.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh)

To access the Job Profile and Application forms click [here](#) or alternatively, both are available from: Central Human Resources. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Karen Thomas, Senior Human Resources Assistant, The Castle or e-mail [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than **4pm on Tuesday 15th March 2022**. To be considered for this role, you must complete our application form. Failure to do so will mean that your application will not be considered. Please do not submit your CV.

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## VACANCY

### POLICE CONSTABLES

(Safety Security and Home Affairs Portfolio)

## Make a difference! Join the St Helena Police Service.

*Recruiting today for the future of tomorrow!*

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

- Have Functional Skills Level 2 English or above or equivalent (If applicants do not have these qualifications they will be required to successfully pass a Functional Skills assessment in English as part of the selection process).
- Have a valid driving licence, class A.
- Must be 18 years of age or over,
- Able to demonstrate effective communication skills.

We offer the following:

**Salary:** Commencing at £10,704 per annum Level C1 'Entry Level' progressing to £13,620 per annum when full competency is demonstrated.

**Leave:** 25 days per annum

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

**Paid Sickness Absence**

**Training & Career progression opportunities**

**Further information** about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact Police Inspector Barry Thacker on 22626. email: [barry.thacker@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:barry.thacker@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**Application forms and Job Profile** are available from: Central 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 Anya Richards, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Friday 18th March 2022. To be considered for this role, you must complete our application form. Failure to do so will mean that your application will not be considered. Please do not submit your CV. Please note as part of the recruitment process you might be required to undertake work base assessments.

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## VACANCY

### COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

on a 'Casual Contract' basis within the Health & Social Care Portfolio

*Are you able to directly supervise individuals and small groups of offenders serving a community sentence, with the aim of ensuring community service hours are undertaken on a regular basis and completed in a timely manner?  
If so, Probation Services is seeking to recruit a **Community Service Officer** to join their team.*

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 Class A
- History of working in a vocational setting, e.g. carpentry, gardening, landscaping, construction
- Experience in supervising or working with others in a team setting

We offer the following:

**Payment:** at the rate of £5.07 per hour

**Clearances:**

- Clean Police vetting Certificate is required
- Satisfactory medical clearance (self-declaration)

Interested persons should note that this post will involve varying hours, including regular Saturdays and the possibility of working on Sundays or after 4pm on weekdays.

For **further information** about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact: Laura Aston, Probation Officer on telephone number 22626 or email: [laura.aston@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:laura.aston@sainthelena.gov.sh)

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

Central 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, 15 March 2022.

To be considered for this role, you must complete our application form. Failure to do so will mean that your application will not be considered.

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## VACANCY

### SUPPORT WORKERS (CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL HOME)

Fixed-Term 1 Year Contract within the Health & Social Care Portfolio

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

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

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

Interested persons should note that this role requires shift work.

**We offer the following:**

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

**Leave:** 25 days per annum

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

**Paid Sickness Absence**

**Training Opportunities**

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

Rosie Flatman, Residential Children's Service Manager on telephone number 24393 or email: [rosie.flatman@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:rosie.flatman@sainthelena.gov.sh)

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

Central Human Resources & Organisational Development 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, 8 March 2022**.

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## VACANCY

### HOUSING MANAGEMENT OFFICER

(within Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development Portfolio)

*Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress career? Do you have good leadership skills and problem-solving abilities? If so, the Property Section has an opportunity for you to join their team. In this role you will provide effective solutions to a variety of social housing needs.*

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

- **GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above or equivalent**  
applicants without a Level 2 qualification in Maths and English may still apply and can undertake a functional skills assessment as part of the recruitment process)
- **A Degree in housing, law, real estate or accepted equivalent**
- **At least 5 years experience in a senior management role**
- **Valid Drivers license Class A**

**We offer the following:**

**Salary:** £14,138 per annum

**Leave:** 30 days per annum

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

**Paid Sickness Absence**

**Flexible working hours scheme**

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

Nikita Crowie, Deputy Head of Property on telephone number 22270 or email: [nikita.crowie@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:nikita.crowie@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**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 Wednesday, 16 March 2022**.

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Benefits are subject to change and may only apply to certain roles.



# St Helena Girl Guides celebrate Thinking Day

*Contributed by the Jamestown Guiding Units*

On 22 February, Girl Guiding St Helena joined their world-wide Guiding sisters in celebrating their annual Thinking Day. An international day of friendship since 1926, this globally recognised day honours Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Scout and Girl Guide movements, and Lady Baden-Powell, his wife and first Chief Guide. The theme this year was 'Our world, our equal future' which centred on the topics of climate change, gender equality and taking action. These topics were incorporated into activities that made up the 'Thinking Day Challenge' with those that participated in three activities earning their Thinking Day 2022 badge.



On-Island celebrations took place at the Jamestown Community Centre where girls took part in activities that helped them all become more environmentally conscious and taught them how to be change makers in the fight against climate change and gender inequality. Girls can do it!

Some of these activities included recycling bags to make a reusable plastic mat, climate change charades (promoting confidence and communication whilst becoming more familiar with common vocabulary and concepts related to climate change) and The Hive Works (working as a team and learning how small negative changes can affect the balance of the ecosystem).



Each year, awards are presented to a Rainbow, Brownie and Guide of the year. The criteria for these awards includes commitment and dedication, good attitudes and relationships and leadership skills. This year, Rainbow of the Year was awarded to Yazmin Walters of the Longwood Unit, Brownie of the Year was awarded to Zyanna Henry of the St Pauls Unit and Guide of the Year was awarded to Torrance Benjamin of the Half Tree Hollow Unit. Congratulations are extended to the three winners, those who were highly commended and everyone



that participated. Recognition was also given to Mrs Veronica Augustus for her long service in Guiding and also Mrs Christina (Tina) Peters for achieving her Leadership Qualification. Well done everyone.



The Jamestown Girl Guide Unit would like to extend our sincerest thanks to Mrs Jill Young, Miss Kerry Lawrence and Ms Nicole Shamier for judging this year's Guide of the Year entries, Printech for their kind donations of resources used to decorate the venue, the National Trust for supplying us with climate change aids/posters, the Trefoil and Council for organising refreshments, Father Ernest for his prayer reading and last but not least- every Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Leader that participated and helped in any way to make the day a success!

The 2022 theme marks the starts of a three-year journey for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to become environmentally conscious change makers and Leaders. The next 2 years will build on this and explore the links between the environmental and global concerns.

We will see you next year for Thinking Day 2023 'Our world, our thriving future'.

## Property For Rent

**A 2 bedroom unsuite property situated in Sapperway, available after 10th March. This property is suitable for a small family, a couple or two people sharing. Interested persons please call Tel No. 24867 or 67495.**

# St Helena Cricket Association News

## **Allstars Clinches 3 spot after beating Heat by 76 runs.**

In a rain postponed match the previous weekend, Allstars met Heat in a replay on Saturday morning, knowing that the winner would take third place in the league standings.

The Allstars won the toss and opted to bat and posted 302 in 35 overs for the loss of 9 wickets.

Aiden Leo top scored with 87, whilst Weston Clingham scored 60, Shavone Leo 56 and Conrad Clingham 23.

Bowling – Dennis Leo and Damian Burns both picked up 3 wickets and Jamie Ellick, Kenon Baily and Jason Thomas all took one wicket.

For Heat, both Kenon Baily and David George made notable contributions to the overall total with 72 and 74 respectively, however scoring far too slow to be able to reach the target and fell short by 36 runs.

Bowling – Clayton Leo 4/43 and Dane Leo 2/28, with David Francis and Brendan Leo picking up a wicket each.

### **Result – Levelwood Allstars 302 beat Jamestown Heat 226/8 by 76 runs.**

Man of the Match – Clayton Leo – Allstars.

Saturday afternoon saw the start of the 2022 T20 Tournament, with the Mustangs and the Challengers, meeting for the second time this season albeit in a different format.

Mustangs won the toss and elected to bat, scoring 106/6 in 20 overs. Kyle Bennet with 28 was the highest scorer whilst Jordan Yon and Alex Langham were the lead wicket takers for the Challengers, both getting 2 and the other two taken by Tyrell Ellick and Rhys Francis.

Andrew Yon opened for the Challengers and posted an unbeaten 62 of 18 balls and partnered with Seanlee Thomas posted 109 in 5.4 overs to win their first game of the tournament.

Bowling – Kyle Bennett 1/36 and Gavin Ellick 115

### **Result – Challengers 109/2 beat Mustangs 106/8 by 8 wickets.**

Man of the Match – Andrew Yon – Challengers

On Sunday, Sandy Bay Pirates made a winning start to the tournament when they met the Lions.

Lions won the toss and elected to bat and fielding only 8 players and scoring 62 runs. Their top scorer was Tyrone Cansick with 18, whilst AJ Bennett took 4 wickets.

For the Pirates Matt Benjamin scored 28 and David Young 22 as the pirates made 65 for the loss of 1 wicket which was taken by Owen Richards.

### **Result Pirates 65/1 beat Lions 64 all out by 9 wickets.**

On Sunday afternoon Man of the Match Sanjay Clingham made 72, Aiden Leo 51 Shavone Leo 26, Weston Clingham

23 and Stefan Leo 27 as Allstars cruised to a win over the cobras losing just 4 wickets.

In response Patrick Crowie Top scored for the Cobras with 44 as they totaled 90/5 in 20 overs, with David Francis getting 2 wickets and Brendan Leo, Dane Leo and Stefan Leo each getting 1.

### **Result Levelwood Allstars 217/4 beat Cobras 90/5 by 127 runs.**

Man of the Match – Sanjay Clingham – Allstars

With the final game of the 35 over tournament being completed on Saturday here is the final league table

Team	P	W	L	Pts	NRR
Challengers	6	6	0	12	6.792
Pirates	6	5	1	10	4.209
Allstars	6	4	2	8	2.568
Heat	6	3	3	6	0.617
Mustangs	6	2	4	4	-0.923
Lions	6	1	5	2	-9.208
Cobras	6	0	6	0	-3.958

### **35 Over League Points of Interest –**

Total sixes in the Tournament – 233

Total 4 in the Tournament – 818

8483 runs were scored in total, 308 wickets were taken and 1184 extras were given away.

3849 dot balls were bowled, there were 127 catches and 4 stumping's.

7 players scored a century (100 runs) and the top run scorers were Seanlee Thomas and Aiden Leo.

### **The T20 Tournament is now in full swing.**

#### **This weeks fixtures –**

#### **Saturday -**

1.30pm – Pirates V Cobras

#### **Sunday –**

10.00am – Challengers V Lions

1.30pm – Heat V Mustangs

Remember you can follow all of the games on our Cric Heroes App. If you have any difficulties just get in touch.

**Derek Richards**

**St Helena Cricket Association**





# From the St Helena Golf Club

Submitted by SHGC

## Golf Report for 27th February 2022

The last competition of the month of February was another match play competition between the captain's team and the vice captains' team. The players were selected randomly. The teams and winners (W=Winner) of the matches were as follows;

Captains Team	Vice Captains Team
Bramwell Bushuru -	Martin Buckley – Vice Captain
Captain (w)	
Jeff Ellick (w)	Donald Bowers
Gerald George	Keith Joshua (w)
Helena Stevens	Hensil Beard (w)
Douglas Augustus	Arthur Young (w)
Jeffrey Stevens	Jason Hopkins (w)

Ultimately it was the vice captains' team that emerged overall winners having won 4 matches against the captain's team of 2 matches. There were no two ball pool winners. Congratulations to the winners.



Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Match 2022 the club will be hosting Texas scramble choose your partner stableford competition which will be followed by the AGM. Tee off time is 12:00 noon. Registration closes on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Hot beverages and snacks will be provided.

Lastly, we wish to thank all our members and their guests who turned up for our annual dinner and dance on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>. You are what makes the event special, and we look forward to hosting you again in future.

**Happy swinging.....!**

## SALE OF PAT'S CLUTCH AND BRAKE BONDING PLANT

Pat Williams in Rupert's again is offering his Brake Bonding Plant for sale. After losing my brother Colin who would have continued to provide this service and I getting on in age and the business becoming a bit stressful has now being decided to sell the plant. Expression of interest from garages on island has first preference to continue the service or someone capable in the private sector.

This is an excellent opportunity for the right person, garages or pupils at Prince Andrew School to provide the trade under the help the St. Helena Government for the foreseeable future in the light of Airport Development.

This in itself can be produced on a large scale and can cut down on imports (waste) at half the price of imported ones thus keeping the money on island with no competitors.

No importer can expect have this wide variety of brake shoes and clutches on their shelves to fit every vehicle on island, and there will be times when you cannot buy the right parts as and when you need them. You can make them. This could even lead to introducing Brake Pads to be made on island which I don't do because of moulds which would be needed.

There are over 4000 vehicles of all makes and models on island and this is a very promising and profitable business to be in. I mentioned on Radio that I have been providing this service for over 5 years to garages and private individuals. The equipment is in excellent condition and is regularly serviced and was only used on a part-time basis. This was done as and when the customer requires them when they were not readily available on island. Hopefully this could be done on a larger scale for re-sale cheaper than imported ones.

The equipment is worth over £50,000.00 and raw materials a further £10,000.00. The asking price is £45000.00.

At the moment this plant is set up in One Container converted to do the job and can be relocated instantly. I am offering this plant at a reduced sale price to give the buyer a chance to get started, plus I would train him for a month to get him certified FREE.

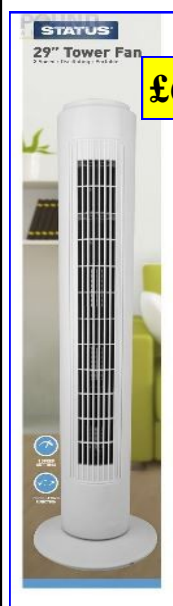
If the Plant is not sold, the last resort will be for me to arrange to send the equipment back to South Africa.



# Serena's Gift Shop



Phone : 22792  
SGS@helanta.co.sh



£62.10



£32.00



£31.50

£55.90

Nebulizer



£29.50



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£75.50



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£19.50



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## VACANCY

### Sea Rescue Service Auxiliary Crew (Safety, Security & Home Affairs Directorate)

The St Helena Sea Rescue Service is seeking to recruit Auxiliary Crew to join their team in protecting and saving lives at sea.

If you are physically fit and a confident swimmer, and have the ability to remain calm under extreme physical and mental pressure, then we want to hear from you.

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

- GCSE Maths at Grade C or above or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience
- Valid and clean Driving licence with access to private vehicle to respond to call outs
- Experience working in a Maritime environment

We offer the following:

Salary: £4.11 per hour (Retainer Allowance- £70 per month)  
Training opportunities  
Uniform

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

Leeroy Caswell or Mark Caswell (Sea Rescue Deputy Managers) on telephone number 25215 or email: [leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh](mailto:leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh)  
[mark.caswell@helanta.co.sh](mailto:mark.caswell@helanta.co.sh)

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## TEAM OF SCIENTISTS VISIT ST HELENA TO SUPPORT DARWIN PLUS PROJECT

A team of scientists - Plant Pathologists, Dr Rob Reeder and Phil Taylor, and Entomologist, Dr Norbert Maczey, from the Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI), as well as Professor Rob Jackson and PhD student, Amy Webster, from the University of Birmingham Institute of Forest Research - are currently on-Island supporting the Environment, Natural Resources & Planning Portfolio and the St Helena Research Institute with the delivery of a Darwin Plus funded project.

St Helena's endemic trees, insects as well as food crops, fruit and forest trees are threatened by unidentified introduced diseases caused by a range of organisms including bacteria, fungi and viruses, or changes to diseases that are endemic to the Island, through climate change.

The team of scientists are the lead project partner in the Darwin Plus funded Project (DPLUS157) 'Managing the pathogens threatening St Helena's biodiversity and food security'. This is a three-year project which aims to collate all existing records and knowledge about the plant diseases that have been found on St Helena that affect our food crops, fruit trees, forestry trees, and endemic plants - primarily the cabbage trees of the Cloud Forest. The Project seeks to identify unidentified or unrecorded diseases that are found here and are causing problems or cause for concern, build capacity locally to identify plant diseases and find solutions to manage priority diseases, notably those that may threaten the Island's food security and Cloud Forest trees.

If you would like further information about the Project or have crops that show signs of disease that you are concerned about, please contact Martina Leo on tel: 24724 or email: [martina.leo@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:martina.leo@sainthelena.gov.sh) or Rebecca Cairns-Wicks via email: [rebecca.cairns-wicks@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:rebecca.cairns-wicks@sainthelena.gov.sh).

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**2 March 2022**

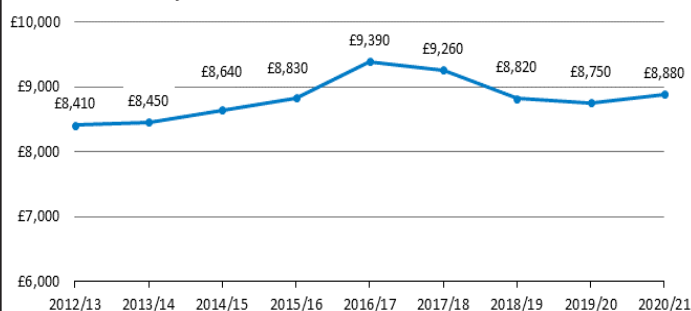


**Dr Phil Taylor inspecting a black cabbage tree which has symptoms of disease.**

**Credit: Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks.**

## MEDIAN ANNUAL WAGE FROM EMPLOYMENT MEASURED AT £8,880 IN 2020/21

The Statistics Office has today released new estimates of average incomes from full-time employment for the 2020/21 financial year. The estimated median annual before-tax wage rose to £8,880, an increase of 1.5% compared to the previous year when price inflation is taken into account. This is a small increase year-on-year, but average wage levels are still lower than they were in 2016/17 and 2017/18.



**Chart 1. Median annual gross wages from full-time employment, 2012/13 to 2020/21, in constant 2020/12 prices (i.e. adjusted for price inflation)**

The median is the usual measure of average incomes or wages, because it is less sensitive to small numbers of relatively high wage earners in a population than the mean, which is the more common method used in other statistics. A median wage level of £8,880 means that, for 2020/21, half of gross wages from locally-recruited employment were less than £8,880, and half were higher.

The estimates are derived from records maintained by the Income Tax Office using methodology consistent with previous releases. Only incomes from employment above an analysis cut-off (set around the level of a single-person Income Related Benefit) are included; any income from self-employment and investment is excluded. Incomes of persons employed by St Helena Government following international recruitment (known as Technical Cooperation Officers) are not considered typical and so are also excluded from the statistics on incomes.

More detailed statistics on incomes, including the differences between lower and higher paid employees, and between men and women, are available in the latest Statistical Bulletin, found on the St Helena Government website here: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Stats-Bulletin-2022-02-Wages.pdf> Detailed data can be accessed in Excel format from the 'Incomes' file at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/st-helena/statistics/>

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**2 March 2022**





The first piece of domestic silverware was picked up by Liverpool after they defeated Chelsea 11-10 on penalties after the match finished 0-0 after extra time.

For a scoreless draw it was quite a good game to watch, with both teams having a number of good chances to score.

Chelsea had three goals disallowed for offside and Mason Mount missed two sitters.

Liverpool had loads of chances. Matip had a good rule out for foul and offside and Mendy saved brilliantly from Mane. Mendy was substituted for apparent penalty specialise Kepa; however this backed fired as Kepa was hopeless in goal during the shootout and missed the 11<sup>th</sup> penalty thus handing the Carabao Cup to Liverpool.

Liverpool's stand in keeper Kelleher who was excellent in normal and extra time was equally poor as Kepa in the penalty shootout however it was his brilliant penalty gave his team the cup.



**Kepa Shoots and misses..... Space Station picked up image of the ball in outer space**



**Congratulations to Liverpool 2022 Carabao Cup winners**

In the Premier League Manchester City was fortunate to take all 3 points against battling team Everton. Foden scored the winner with just 8 minutes of the match to go. Everton should have had a penalty for handball by VAR's Chris Kavanagh let City off the hook. Everton has since received an apology from the Premier League referee's boss Mike Riley for what was a blatant mistake. Imagine if Everton get relegated by a point.

4<sup>th</sup> place Manchester United failed to score against a struggling Watford side despite have the majority of possession and 22 shots at the goal. It is frustrating for us to watch how poor in front of goal our team is. To see the team playing under pressure against a bottom side baffles me. I blame the negative attitude of Ronaldo and Fernandes as they are destroying the team spirit.



**No handball penalty says VAR**

We don't deserve to be currently playing in the Champions League so maybe to finish outside of the top four might be a blessing, as Ronaldo would surely leave.



**Is this man Manchester United's major problem?**

Tottenham's yoyo season continues as they had a good 4 nil win away at Leeds before being dumped out of the FA Cup by Middlesbrough.

In other matches; West Ham had a good win against Wolves which puts them back in the race for 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Premier League they however got beaten 3-1 by Southampton in the FA Cup.

Newcastle beat Brentford 2-0 which saw they moved above the London club in the table.

The highlight of the match was Christian Eriksen's return to action 259 days after suffering a cardiac arrest. Burnley drew with Crystal Palace on Saturday but lost to Leicester City on Tuesday. Burnley do have games in hand on other teams who are battling against relegation. Aston Villa returned to winning ways as they beat Brighton 2-0. Southampton is flying high at the moment they also defeated Norwich 2-0.

Big news in the Premier League this week was the announcement by Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich that he is selling the club. Abramovich took over Chelsea in 2003 and has seen the London club picked up 17 major trophies during his ownership; five Premier League titles, two Champions Leagues, five FA Cups, three League Cups and two Europa Leagues. According to the BBC reports: Abramovich had said on Saturday he would give "stewardship and care" of Chelsea to its foundation trustees following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.





**Eriksen received a standing ovation from both sets of fans as he made his Brentford debut**

That led to speculation Abramovich - who has loaned the club more than £1.5bn - would put Chelsea up for sale, and billionaire Hansjorg Wyss told Swiss newspaper Blick on Wednesday that he had been offered the chance to buy the club. Wyss said Abramovich wanted "to get rid of Chelsea quickly" after the threat of sanctions was raised in Parliament. Abramovich, 55, is alleged to have strong ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin, which he has denied.

He said "all net proceeds from the sale" would be donated to the "victims of the war in Ukraine".

BBC Sport understands Abramovich has already received offers for Chelsea and that he values the club at as much as £3bn.



**Will Chelsea get an owner as free spending and generous as Roman Abramovich**

**SATURDAY 5TH MARCH**

- 12:30 Leicester City v Leeds United
- 15:00 Aston Villa v Southampton
- 15:00 Burnley v Chelsea
- 15:00 Newcastle United - Brighton & Hove Albion
- 15:00 Norwich City 15:00 Brentford
- 15:00 Wolverhampton W 15:00 Crystal Palace
- 17:30 Liverpool v West Ham United

**SUNDAY 6TH MARCH**

- 14:00 Watford v Arsenal
- 16:30 Manchester City v Manchester United

**MONDAY 7TH MARCH**

- 20:00 Tottenham Hotspur v Everton

**THURSDAY 10TH MARCH**

- 19:30 Norwich City v Chelsea
- 19:30 Southampton v Newcastle United
- 19:30 Wolverhampton Wanderers v Watford
- 19:45 Leeds United v Aston Villa

**What's happening at New Horizons?**

Last Thursday we had quite a productive meeting in regards to this year's St Helena day celebrations.

From this meeting it was decided that we will have the celebrations on the 21<sup>st</sup> May which falls on a Saturday.

We also decided on the theme which is: 'Celebrating and Protecting St Helena's environment' with the focus on using recycle materials for float building.

We are still in the planning stages but are hoping to have the celebrations on the Grand Parade starting at 11am with the parade and service followed by Live Music entertainment, stalls and fair ground activities including Bouncy Castles; Bungee rebound, Crazy Golf, side shows and train rides.

We are hoping to have the Float Parade at 2pm.

Food Stalls and Bars will be situated on the Grand Parade. New Horizons has been hosting St Helena's Day for the past 16 years and will strive to make it a fun filled day for all the family.

Those persons/organisations that wish to have a stall or would like to take part in the float parade please contact us at New Horizons 22034 or email [youth@helanta.co.sh](mailto:youth@helanta.co.sh)



**Ercol lounge suite for Sale**

Refurbished Ercol Saville Suite consisting of a 3 Seater Sofa, 2 Arm chairs and a large foot stool.

Colour Beige Stone

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## ***The Jamestown Community Centre Six-A-Side Skittles League and Knockout Results***

Six-A-Side League winning team the Parttimers,  
Runners-Up the Guys and Dolls,

Gents highest average David Thomas 60.80

Ladies highest averages Merle Peters 60.65

Gents highest score Gavin Ellick and David Thomas 77

Ladies highest score Sally Hickling 69



Gents highest spare Gavin Ellick 24

Ladies highest spare Marilyn Joshua,, Kaylee O,Dean/  
Piek,Sally Hickling, Auriel Williams 17

Gents Most Spares Denny Leo, David Reynolds, Gavin  
Ellick 7

Ladies Most Spares Kaylee O'Dean/Piek, Sally Hickling  
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Highest Average in Teams

Young Alcoholics Kyle Yon 55.9

Young Stars Matthais Young 55.11

Parttimers Denny Leo 60.40

Guys and Dolls Neil Joshua 59.7

Super Shots Merle Peters 60,55

Strugglers David Thomas 60.80

All playoffs will be on Presentation Night on Friday 11  
March 2022. at 8.00 pm. Cash Bar and refreshments,  
music by Colin Peters. All are welcome.

## ***South Africa's Commission of Inquiry into Jacob Zuma Say There is More Corruption to Uncover***

The third part of South Africa's Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo's investigation into widescale corruption has recommended that former President Jacob Zuma should be investigated further.

Zuma and other senior officials should be investigated for corruption relating to their dealings with Bosasa, a firm that was repeatedly awarded government contracts, according to the Zondo commission report.



***Jacob Zuma (centre) consults with his lawyers during a break in the Zondo Commission of Inquiry into State Capture***

It found that Zuma likely breached his obligations as president under the constitution when he accepted gifts from the company, in the form of lavish parties.

"Corruption was central to Bosasa's business model" Judge Zondo states, adding "everything for the company came down to corruption".

The company was found to have regularly bribed government officials and some members of the governing African National Congress in exchange for business contracts within a number of state entities.



Former Bosasa chief operating officer (COO) Angelo Agrizzi has told the Zondo Commission of Inquiry into State Capture that the company paid R30,000 (£1,500) to journalists to write good stories about Bosasa.

Further recommendations included that current Mineral Resources Minister Gwede Mantashe and senior African National Congress politicians Nomvula Mokonyane and Thabang Makwetla be investigated for unduly benefitting from Bosasa. The report comes after a four-year investigation into allegations of grand corruption between the government and private sector during Zuma's term in office.

Zuma refused to give further evidence at the commission, leading Judge Zondo to find that he willingly turned down the opportunity to present a defence for the allegations made against him at the commission.



# Your Opinion Counts

**Dear Mr Editor,**

I will be leaving St Helena on the Titan flight next Wednesday, which I am sure will be a great relief to many Saints, especially those in positions of authority. Much as I love St Helena & would be happy to hang around like an irritating rash, I have work to do elsewhere. When came to St Helena, I entered my occupation on the immigration form as "Interfering with the smooth running of bureaucracy" and now I must return to Guernsey and cause as much distress as possible to those in authority there again.

The little piece below is a sort of left-

over. I composed it & then couldn't work out which official to send it to, so I thought you might appreciate it as a sort of leaving present.

**Best wishes,  
Barrie**

## ***Rule over The people or rule with the people?***

The paper headed "Home Quarantine - Advice Sheet" starts with the words "This advice sheet has been created..."

Although the author goes on to claim the intention to explain why basic human rights have been suspended on a large scale, that explanation is nowhere to be found. What is made clear instead [in an accompanying leaflet] is the penalties that will be imposed if the extraordinary rules are contravened.

Only when a member of the government was being questioned by senior school-children did the real reason begin to

emerge. I was directly affected by & openly critical of the continuation of the strictest restrictions. It was only as a result of the information obtained by the children that I understood why the measures were still necessary.

How much easier it would have been to get passengers to cooperate fully if the advice sheet had started, "St Helena's health services are always difficult to maintain because of their small size and isolation. Recent problems recruiting and retaining suitably qualified personnel for critical posts has brought the service to a crisis point and if any variant of COVID-19 gets into our local population, even the very small proportion of them who might become seriously ill would be enough to cause our medical services to implode, leaving islanders with no medical care."

You can contact me only at this email address at present  
barrie.paige@icloud.com

## ***Side Path Road Project Accident***

St Helena Government informed the public on Tuesday that an incident has occurred on Side Path Road, just above the Brow.

Whilst carrying out site construction trials, including grading of the road base, a section of the historic wall collapsed and fell onto two private vehicles which were parked on Seales Corner road. There were no injuries.

Police and all relevant parties were on site and the appropriate procedures for dealing with accidents were followed.

This is the first incident that has occurred since the commencement of the Project. Health & Safety measures remain paramount says SHG.



The accident raised concerns over the integrity of the retaining wall holding up Side Path Road. The vibrations from the works and the increased load on the road might see the wall tumbling down in more places in the future.

## ***Cars for Sale***

***One VW Jetta Saloon Car, Reg No 4399 and one Nissan Hatchback with Reg No 2884. Not licenced or insured but can be made roadworthy.***

***Also for sale is a VW engine 1.05 1050cc. Good engine, will fit VW Golf hatchback. Fit engine in the car and it will run.***

***Interested persons should contact mobile no 64213, daytime.***

# Atlantic runway repair reaches halfway point

March 2, 2022 from JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas

For the last two years, the Air Force Civil Engineer Centre has been working closely with a team of contractors, U.S. Space Force, United Kingdom Ministry of Defence and U.K. government officials to upgrade a strategically important runway on Ascension Island.

Now close to the half-way point, the AFCEC led \$281 million, two-phase project at Ascension Island Auxiliary Airfield will replace the 10,000-foot asphalt runway and upgrade airfield infrastructure originally built in 1942. AFCEC broke ground on the project about a year ago and construction is expected to wrap in Spring 2023.

"Restoring the auxiliary airfield to its full capability is a critical requirement for the Department of Defense and Ministry of Defence," said Col. Dave Norton, deputy director of AFCEC's Facility Engineering Directorate.

The outpost plays a significant role in the U.S. Space Force mission, supported by the Space Launch Delta 45 at Patrick Space Force Base, Florida, the Royal Air Force mission, and 14 other missions spanning military, governmental and international agencies.

Taking the lead on the island is Maj. Wade Burkett, a project manager in AFCEC's Facility Engineering Directorate.

"There is never a dull moment on the island when you are involved in a construction project of this magnitude," Burkett said. "The project is in the middle of the southern Atlantic Ocean and requires a lot of planning, team work and engagement with all the stakeholders."

The major's days on the British overseas territory, located between South America and Africa, are filled with morning site visits and afternoon meetings with contractors, and government project management teams in the United States and the United Kingdom.

He also holds regular meetings with the island administrator running the Ascension Island government, and with the island's RAF leadership to provide timely updates on the progress and address arising issues.



The effort is a jointly funded investment by the U.S. and U.K. governments.

"It's AFCEC's topmost priority to keep the Air and Space Force missions in flight by delivering robust infrastructure at installations enterprise-wide," Norton said. "The project incorporates innovative design and cost-effective construction techniques to provide agile, safe and reliable airfield infrastructure for the DOD assets and missions."

Because the herculean effort requires complex logistics planning and constant collaboration with partners, AFCEC's presence on the island is essential, Norton said.

Built by the U.S. military during World War II, the island's only runway had only received one overlay and minor repairs before the current construction. In recent years, deteriorating conditions of the runway surface meant U.S. and RAF missions to the island were reduced to only one or two flights a week.

While those flights move all passengers and food as well as some smaller material and equipment to and from the island, most of heavy equipment, materials and machinery for construction had to be shipped via boat, Burkett said.

"For example, all of the 440,000 tons of aggregate was shipped from a quarry in Nova Scotia, Canada," the major said.

Offloading the material was extremely complex since the pier on the island is very small and the water depth very shallow. All the equipment and materials had to be transferred from the ships to small barges in the open ocean before offloading at the pier.

Additionally, the ocean around Ascension Island is a marine protected area, and the island is home to several endangered species of both plants and animals that can only be found on the island. AFCEC implemented environmental protection measures to protect both the ocean and island during the construction, Burkett said.

Currently, more than 200 contractors on the island have demolished the first half of the runway down to the sub grade or existing soil beneath it, rebuilt the base and sub base layers and are now placing 12 inches of asphalt pavement on top.

"At this stage, we continue with asphalt paving on the first half of the runway, which should be complete late spring before we transition to the second half of the runway," Burkett said.

Burkett's presence on the island has been instrumental in



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establishing the partnership and good relationship needed between the Air Force, RAF, local government and the contractors, Norton said.

"We've had many challenges during every phase of the project," said Burkett, who is finishing up his nearly 11 month stay on the island. "But we can only solve those challenges with good planning and constant communication with our partners."

This month, Burkett is transitioning on-site coordination of the project to a new AFCEC program manager, Maj. Harrison Sanchez, who is scheduled to stay on the island for the next six months.

Reflecting on the assignment, Burkett said, "The effort is an excellent example of our countries' joint capabilities to meet the unique demands of military operations in any environment."



Sanchez, who was involved in the acquisition phase of the runway construction project, is grateful for the opportunity to manage the important project.

"I look forward to joining forces with the Ascension Island team to complete project milestones and solve problems together," Sanchez said. "Major Burkett set us up for success, and I will keep the construction moving in the right direction."

## Legco to Authorise £2million Overspend Next Week

Next Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, Legislative Council will meet to authorise alterations to the government budget. Known as Supplementary Appropriations, a total of £2,141,000 will be transferred between accounts to address overspends in some directorates and underspends in others. Some of the total will be 'new money' drawn from the Consolidated Fund, Financial Aid and revenue received above budget.

Of the total, £212,000 will fund capital expenditure and the remaining £1,929,000 will fund the Recurrent Budget or day-to-day expenditure.

The £415,000 from the Consolidate Fund is earmarked to pay

for additional Covid-19 Response costs and the difference between revenue and costs for the Titan charter flights.

The Supplementary Appropriation Bill to be presented to Legislative Council next Friday does not give reasons for all the funds to be transferred to other government budgets to make up for shortfalls. No reasons are given for any of the additional money required by some departments to cover overspends.



Overspends		Funded By		From
Department	Amount	Department	Amount	
Central Support	£2,000	Infrastructure	£10,000	
Judicial Services	£6,000	Human Resources	£17,000	
Infrastructure	£10,000	Social Care	£30,000	Underspends
Treasury	£77,000	Treasury	£109,000	Additional Revenue
Treasury	£85,000	Consolidated Fund	£415,000	
Access	£711,000	Access	£560,000	
Health	£1,125,000	Treasury	£1,000,000	Financial Aid
	<b>£2,141,000</b>		<b>£2,141,000</b>	

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# Bake Sale



**SATURDAY 5TH MARCH**

Starting 10am in front of The Canister, Jamestown

ENJOY A WIDE VARIETY OF BAKES

**COOKIES - CUPCAKES - SAVOURIES - CAKES - ETC**

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# Family Fun Day

at the Blue Hill Community Centre




## SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday 27 March 2022**



**MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON**

# MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW



In Aid of

## St. Helena Diabetic Association

Will be held at The Mule Yard  
Friday 20th May 2022  
Commencing at 19:30 hours

If you'd like to perform on stage, please register  
by calling  
Cheryl Anthony 23971  
Maggie Peters 23041/Jackie Henry 24077


Calling singers (Duet, Groups, Soloists),  
musicians, comedians, actors,  
Line Dancers, etc...

**Entrance:- Adults £1  
Children 5 yrs to 15 yrs 50p  
Free to children under 5 yrs**




Food will be on sale

**Raffle**



**Watch this space for more details**



Did you know the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme on St Helena has been in operation for over 40 years?

Want to find out more?

Then you are invited to join the

**Duke of Edinburgh Award Committee on Monday 14th March 2022 at the Jamestown Community Centre at 5.30pm**

Our Chair is Noleen Stevens  
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Secretary Emerald Newman-Yon  
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Members Abby Kirk and Annalene Young

**We look forward to seeing you!**

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