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Proposed by The Green Fish Company

This statement is intended to provide clarity around the intentions of The Green Fish Company (hereafter referred to as TGFC), to dispel any assumptions or rumours that may be circulating around the island, and to be transparent with the island community on where the achievements and challenges are, at this moment in time.

In summary, having watched the demise of the fishing industry on St. Helena over recent years, TGFC has been born out of the desire to; re-establish, stabilise, and enhance the prosperity of the islands fishery; to produce a premium product (canned Yellowfin tuna), opening-up a new export market for St. Helena thus providing an additional revenue/income stream (tax contributions) for the island; to provide a reliable and cost effective service to supply fresh fish for local needs, and for the future of the fishery and wider island community; to establish a local Foundation. This Foundation will provide funding for Marine and Fishery related projects e.g. beach clean-ups, advanced vessel technologies that enables fishermen to fish smarter (reducing their fuel costs and emissions), and important for the islands fishery, to support local fishermen in their quest to pass on their skills, knowledge and expertise to the next generation of fishers, such as, through educational discussions, workshops and potential seasonal apprenticeships. Also, it is anticipated that TGFC will create approximately twelve new local job/career opportunities.

To enable this venture to 'get off the ground' and succeed, there are four key criteria that needs to be achieved. These are: investment, an overseas retail partner, tuna quota and a local premises from which to operate.

As with any new venture, it is vital to ensure that 'the horse is placed in-front of the cart' and in this regard, to secure the first two criteria above, we first need to gain the confidence from the island that both quota and premises can be achieved.

Regarding quota...during my time at home at Christmas and over the months since, I've discussed with various commercial fishermen, the possibilities for securing sufficient tonnage from them to make the business a viable proposition. The main discussions have been focused on individual boat/owner quotas, their views and thoughts on offering their quota to TGFC and of course, the cost at which TGFC would procure fish. Thereafter, it was important to evaluate this information alongside of, the forecasted business costs of the TGFC to process, can, freight, duty clear in the UK and deliver the product to the retailer, with both TGFC and the retailer being able to realise a reasonable profit.

At this juncture, I believe it would be possible to reach a position on all the afore mention points that would be conducive to both the fishermen and TGFC, and where through open and transparent partnership and collaboration, we could establish and build a sustainable export business for and on, St. Helena.

With quotas provisionally assured, the venture can't proceed without having a suitable premises on the island, from which to operate. The nature of the operation and the need to be



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able to service the fishermen effectively, means it is important that the facility has a coastal location and preferably in Rupert's Valley. For the past three months TGFC have been in discussions with SHG officials regarding potential land or premises in Rupert's and it's unfortunate, that thus far, no suitable existing premises or land has as yet been offered, meaning that currently, the entire venture is still at risk of not getting off the ground.

However, there is a glimmer of hope as TGFC have been made aware of a potential premises/location in the desired location and we believe it would be perfectly suited to our requirements. Because of the determination off TGFC stakeholder group to find a solution that secures the future of the island's fishery, we are now intending to have new dialogue with the relevant SHG officials regarding this site. Once again, we will be expressing our reasons for why we believe this proposed venture is hugely beneficial to the wider St. Helenian community, in the hope that a solution to overcome the matter of finding suitable premises or land for our proposed cannery, is given the best possible chance of succeeding. If in the end, TGFC are unable to secure either premises or an alternative location within a reasonable timeframe, the pursuit of this venture will cease and, in our opinion, it will once again leave the fishery unsure, as to where its future lies.

Finally, to touch on the investment...whilst it was initially presumed the venture will be funded entirely by overseas investment, it has been brought to our attention, that there might be people on the island who would want to invest in this business. Therefore, because this is as much about the betterment of the island as it is about the fishermen and the management team of TGFC, it is now agreed with TGFC stakeholders, that as soon as the final challenge (premises/land) for becoming operational ready has been achieved and/or agreed with SHG, the company will consider offering persons on St. Helena with British or St. Helenian status, the opportunity to purchase a number of the allocated investment shares. We will issue a separate statement in due course in relation to this. In the interim, and whilst we work to reach a successful outcome with SHG, any persons interested in investing can contact me directly for further information regarding share values, and the forecasted Risk Premiums and Return on Investment (ROI) expectations of the business.

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ST HELENA CHANGES TESTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEA ARRIVALS

St Helena Government (SHG) will introduce a new testing regime for sea arrivals with effect from today, Wednesday 13 April 2022. Sea arrivals include visiting yachts, research/fishing vessels and the MV *Helena*.

From today, Wednesday 13 April, all persons arriving by sea will be provided with Lateral Flow testing kits, by Port Control, to test themselves onboard.

A Lateral Flow Test (LFT) is a coronavirus test which you can do yourself. LFTs have an estimated specificity of at least 99.97%, which means that fewer than three in every 10,000 tests will result in a false positive[1]. Each test kit has its own unique identifier number, the result is shown on a handheld device that comes with the test. An image of the test results showing the individual's designated identification number must then be emailed to the Health Services Directorate. If emails are not possible, test kit/results will be collected and delivered to the Health Services Directorate by Port Control.

St Helena's COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures currently require all vessels arriving to the Island, to provide proof of their last port of call and time at sea. This is to confirm that all crew/passengers on-board have had no further contact outside of the vessel prior to arrival, and is clarified by the Port Control's routine checks and the vessel's log books. The time at sea will continue to be used to assess the quarantine and testing procedures for those arriving at St Helena.

If a vessel has been at sea for 10 days or more upon their arrival – all persons onboard will be given two LFTs to carry out their COVID-19 tests. A test will need to be conducted on the day of arrival and the following day, using the procedures for reporting test results. If on both occasions negative test results are received from all onboard, they will be allowed to enter St Helena.

If a vessel has been at sea for less than 10 days – all persons will be required to remain onboard in quarantine conditions until they meet the 10-day quarantine requirement. For example, if the vessel has been at sea for seven days prior to arrival, all onboard will be required to quarantine for a further three days. Once this has been completed the procedure as stated above will commence.

In the case of positive test results returned from person(s) onboard the vessel – all persons will then be required to quarantine onboard for a further five days - on the fifth day a further LFT will need to be taken by all onboard, following the testing procedure. To be allowed ashore, all onboard must meet the requirement of two negative test results. On day six, all onboard are required to test and return a second negative test result. If all onboard receive a second consecutive negative test result, all will be allowed to enter St Helena.

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PRINCE ANDREW SCHOOL SWIMMING GALA 2022

Prince Andrew School will be hosting their annual Swimming Gala on Friday, 22 April 2022. All parents, carers, and members of the public are invited to attend. However, as space within the pool is limited, priority will be given to parents and carers. There is also limited seating and shade available. The Gala will start at approximately 9.30am and will end at approximately 2.30pm.

As this is a school event we would appreciate if all spectators could adhere to the following conditions in the interests of the safety of our students:

- No animals will be allowed at this event
- Only the appointed marshalls, helpers, and School Team Leaders will be allowed around the pool area
- Only school appointed photographers will be allowed to photograph the event
- No alcohol is allowed anywhere on the premises
- Smoking is restricted at the pool for this event. Persons wishing to smoke must do so outside of the pool area, and away from all students
- All litter is to be put into the bins provided.

Please note, if parents/carers wish to transport their children home after the event they are asked to ensure that they send in a note, or see a staff member on the day so that all children can be accounted for.

We look forward to your support in making this a successful day for our children. **SHG, 13 April 2022**

MUSICAL SHOW

 In Aid of 
St. Helena Diabetic Association

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



Come and support the
Solists, Duets, Line Dancers etc...

Entrance:- Adults £1
Children 5 yrs to 15 yrs 50p
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Editorial

The Jaguar XE is a luxury car, a 2 litre 8 speed automatic compact which you can get on the road for £30,000. A cheaper but less comfortable 'XE' is the Omicron XE. Yes, you're right; another variant of Covid-19. It was first detected in the UK and has more recently surfaced in Asian countries and in Israel. The Israel version may have developed independently from the UK edition. Some new Covid-19 variants are combinations of existing variants which can occur when someone is infected by two or more variants at the same time. The variants pick 'n' mix within the body. Omicron XE is one of them.

When and why anyone should be tested for Covid-19 is also getting even more complicated. Two years ago anyone with a fever, a new continuous cough or had lost the sense of smell or taste was tested for Covid-19. It was known there were other symptoms; a headache was one of them but it was decided in the UK not to test people who might just have a hangover.

Recently, the UK Health Security Agency added a further nine symptoms to their Covid testing guidance. Other counties have had a longer list of symptoms for some time. The NHS has warned that many of the new symptoms are similar to having colds or flu. Added to the original list of three is, shortness of breath, feeling tired or exhausted, aching body, headache, sore throat, blocked or runny nose, loss of appetite, diarrhoea and feeling sick or being sick. All these symptoms are very common and must include most people over the course of a week. The lengthened list of Covid-29 symptoms comes at a time when free testing for most people in England has just ended.

Imperial College, London has a widely respected reputation. It also has the Centre for Psychedelic Research. A team at this Centre has been busy investigating the benefits or otherwise to humans of the drug psilocybin – pronounce that one whichever way is easiest. So far they have tested this drug on 60 people to find out if it is an effective treatment for depression. The results, said the head of the Centre for Psychedelic Research are "exciting" and "important". Psilocybin is found in magic mushrooms. There are more than 200 species of magic mushrooms but more specific information is not available.

The professor leading the research published the team's results in *Nature Medicine*. He explained, with depression, the brain can get stuck in a rut and locked into a particular negative way of thinking. When psilocybin is given people's brains opened up and became "more flexible and fluid" up to three weeks later leading to the possibility of improvement in mood. These changes were not identified in people treated with a standard antidepressant.

Psychedelic drugs are a hallucinogenic substance which affects all the senses, altering a person's thinking, sense of time and emotions. While regular anti-depressants are taken every day, psilocybin may only need to be taken once or twice to produce the same effect - but further research on more patients for longer is needed to confirm that.

A government licence is needed to allow psilocybin to be used in research. A Member of Parliament has asked the prime minister to review the law to allow more research into the drug's thera-

peutic benefits. Boris Johnson has said he will examine the latest advice on the legalisation. As it stands psilocybin is included in Schedule 1 of the Misuse of Drugs Act, making it one of the most controlled drugs. The proposal is to move psilocybin to Schedule 2 which would put the drug in the same category as medical cannabis.

A military veteran who served in Afghanistan is certain psilocybin "changed everything" for him when he suffered from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and says now he is the happiest he has ever been. The cause of his PTSD was seeing his close friend shot and killed in action. He explained "I was actually looking at him through some binoculars at the time and I saw him fall. I was watching the battle unfold and I wasn't a part of it, and that is really what trauma is when you can't do anything about being in a situation you can't fight, you can't help, you just watch something, you're completely helpless. I couldn't be back for his repatriation. There was no grieving, no mourning, it never happened to me. My dad went to the funeral for me on my behalf as I was still in Afghanistan." The effect of the ensuing PTSD was flashbacks, depression, and a number of suicide attempts. The incident happened in 2008 but PTSD was not diagnosed until 2017.

Finland has a history of being Number One in world rankings for the quality of its education system and the achievements of its schoolchildren. Many educationalists in other countries agree the way Finland does it should be adopted and used more widely. Instead, most other countries do just about the exact opposite. In Finland, children don't receive formal academic training until the age of seven. Until then, many are in day care and learn through play, songs, games and conversation. Most children walk or bike to school, even the youngest. School hours are short and homework is generally light. Schoolchildren in Finland have a mandatory 15-minute outdoor play break every hour of every day. Fresh air, nature and regular physical activity breaks are considered engines of learning.

A lecturer born in the United States took his family to Finland where he had been selected for a job on a temporary basis. While in Finland he asked his son on one occasion what he did for gym that day. The answer, "They sent us into the woods with a map and compass and we had to find our way out," The US lecturer continues, "Finland doesn't waste time or money on low-quality mass standardised testing. Instead, children are assessed every day, through direct observation, check-ins and quizzes by the highest-quality "personalised learning device" ever created - flesh-and-blood teachers. In class, children are allowed to have fun, giggle and daydream from time to time. Finns put into practice the cultural mantras I heard over and over: 'Let children be children,' and 'The work of a child is to play,' also 'Children learn best through play.'

He continued, the emotional climate of the typical classroom is warm, safe, respectful and highly supportive. There are no scripted lessons and no military style requirements to walk in straight lines or sit up straight. As one Chinese student-teacher studying in Finland marvelled to me, "In Chinese schools, you feel like you're in the military. Here, you feel like you're part of a really nice family." She is trying to figure out how she can stay in Finland permanently. **We live and learn, enjoy the weekend, Vince**

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor, **Revitalising a Shipping Service for St Helena**

Something has gone horribly wrong with the shipping service to St. Helena. It isn't just a Bunker adjustment Factor that is predicted to increase to £1,230 (up 63% in three months). The dependence on connections in Cape Town (between the first carrier from the UK and MV Helena) have been so erratic that consignments that left a UK source in early March 2022 are unlikely to reach their consignee until late June 2022.

By now A W Shipmanagement / Hadley Shipping ought to have recommended to the government of St. Helena that the shipping service to the Island is once again, directly from a British port. Using a modern ship with a service speed of 17 knots a monthly service making an 11 day transit connecting (say) Bristol – Tenerife-Ascension – Jamestown, could be maintained all year round. "Why Tenerife?" Because it is one of the world's primary bunkering ports that maintains competitive prices. It has a dependable supply of fresh vegetables for export.

"But what about goods from South Africa?" There have long been regular sailings between Cape Town, Lobito, Luanda and Matadi. Surely Hadley Shipping during their 96 year history, have negotiated "berth terms" – a partnership arrangement – that could be made with one of those South African operators. St. Helena Shipping controlled by The Castle maybe history but perhaps the time has come to put the monopoly of running the Island's shipping service – once again - out to tender.

If I was the designate Governor I'd take a walk from the FCO through St. James' Park to nearby Buckingham Gate and the head quarters of the Swire Group. Their China Navigation Company have a long established record of shipping services in the western Pacific based in Australia. Swire's "K" class ships can

carry containers and general cargo at service speeds of up to 19 knots. "Ah but the "K" class at 18,000 gross tons and with a hull length of 600ft. are too large" There is an evergreen saying that the largest ship is the most economical one. Making a call on the Swires might do wonders for St. Helena's economic future and in passing, Swires are Cathay Pacific Airways too.

Andrew Bell
Cornwall

Dear Editor,

Lately, nobody has mentioned that the MOD ship that carry freight to Ascension and St. Helena and Containers to be dropped off in Cape Town could stop off at St. Helena on the way from Ascension. The new Governor (to take office soon) would be happy to look into this with MOD whilst he is here. He is in the right place and the cost for diverting the ship would out way the cost of taking the containers to Cape Town and all that is involved. The New Governor has a lot of knowledge in this field and I feel sure he would be able to tackle the MOD head office and all involved in helping St. Helena where he is going to be governor. It will be a feather in his hat and can mention this in his inaugural speech of how he has been working for the Island even before he arrives as Governor and Commander in Chief of three Islands in the South Atlantic.

Name and address withheld

Dear Editor,

As a dietitian, I encourage conversations about food and nutrition. It was interesting to read the article about Artificial Sweeteners written by James Brown in The St Helena Independent issue dated 1 April.

It is important to look at the people who participated in this study. They are all French residents which means their daily diet will be very different to that of ours on St Helena. Nearly 80% were women, which means this study is less likely to reflect diet in men and cancer risk.

The group of people classed as high consumers of artificial sweeteners had Body Mass Indexes higher than the other groups. They were more likely to have other health concerns like diabetes or take medications that have been associated with increased cancer risk.

Furthermore, the high consumers of ar-

tificial sweeteners, were more likely to adopt other health behaviours associated with increased cancer risk, which include less physical activity - more people were smokers and consumed more ultra-processed foods. Ultra-Processed foods are items like sausages, ready meals, biscuits, pastries, cakes and crisps.

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has reviewed the evidence surrounding artificial sweeteners, like aspartame. The EFSA suggest that if you are drinking less than 12 cans of diet drinks per day you are unlikely to be consuming harmful amounts of artificial sweeteners. You would need to be drinking nearly four litres of diet drinks per day to reach the unsafe limit (based on consumption of 12 cans of 330ml diet drink).

There is ongoing review of new evidence on artificial sweeteners by the US National Cancer Institute. This is closely observed by many agencies around the world. Therefore I would like to summarise key current health messages:

- The British Dietetic Association: Opting for an artificial sweetener may assist in the management of weight and in the management of other health conditions such as diabetes

- Diabetes UK: Replacing free sugars with low or no calorie sweeteners can be a helpful strategy to aid glucose management. Free sugars are sweets, cakes, biscuits, chocolate, and some fizzy drinks and juice drinks

- Cancer Research UK: The best evidence shows that artificial sweeteners like aspartame do not increase the risk of cancer.

If you have any concerns about your health and diet, contact the dietitian for up-to-date, evidence-based dietary information. Call 22500 to arrange an appointment.

Sarah Jane Mattinson
Dietitian



Parking in Jamestown

The problem too difficult to solve

Vince Thompson

In November 2017 a government committee report included "the Roads Management team with support from Technical Services considered locations and designs for additional parking throughout Jamestown" The same report referred to the Parking Review Programme for the Jamestown area which will be "processed in time". Does anyone know if time's up on that one?

In June 2018 a similar report included, "Commercial parking in Jamestown was discussed and the need for the previously agreed survey to be completed was acknowledged before any further work can be pursued"; an example of the familiar circular (com)motion where one action is at a standstill and backs up everything else.

Moving on to February 2020 the use of traffic cones to reserve a parking space in Jamestown was given a passing mention. Two months later the use of traffic cones by some people in Market Street was causing concern. The report explained the Highways Authority gives permission for the use of traffic cones on a one-off basis. This was followed by "Residents of Market Street who are disabled or have mobility issues have permission to use cones to enable access to their homes." How that works isn't clear. It doesn't seem as if this is on a one-off basis. Is a parking space blocked off to make it easier to cross the road? Why is Market Street singled out for special treatment? Are there similar situations in other locations where life is made equally difficult for the disabled or infirm?



In January 2015 a committee report refers to business owners who operate from their homes have permission to use 'Merchant – No Parking' signs for loading and off-loading for a limited period. Three such businesses were given permission to use these signs for up to four hours a day. The Mer-

chant – No Parking signs are not to be used at busy times or on busy days. The definition of 'busy' in terms of time or day was left to the imagination. The Environment and Natural Resources Committee set this up. The waffle and woolly wording descends into confusion when it is added "cases when off-loading goods received from the RMS St Helena means that it is not possible to avoid the busy times/days, merchants may need to reserve the car park for longer than four hours. This will be the exception and not the norm."

That's just half a step away from saying 'if you have a big delivery you can use the Merchant – No Parking sign whenever you like and for as long as you like. All this is rounded off with "Merchants are required to adhere to this arrangement. Should these conditions be breached then this arrangement may be withdrawn." Therefore no proper arrangements set out and conditions of any sort are nowhere to be seen.

Ten days ago the following questions were raised with SHG through the usual media channels:-

1. There was an intention to use parking meters in certain parts of Jamestown, probably a few years ago. I think the meters were ordered and had arrived before plans for their use were finalised. What is the current position with metered parking in Jamestown and where are those parking meters now?
2. What are the conditions and limitations for merchants to take over a parking space for loading/unloading purposes? Can merchants reserve a parking space for any other purpose?
3. In June 2020 the ENRC and Highways were considering a scheme where a traffic cone could be used to reserve a parking space in Jamestown. What was the outcome of this consideration? If allowed, what rules apply?

An acknowledgement was received the following day but so far, no answers. It's possible that with people coming and going no-one knows about the parking meters or the origins of the muddled attempts to set up reserved parking spaces and blocked off parking spaces for selected people in supposedly limited circumstances.

It is possible the significant parking improvements in Jamestown amount to the additional parking provided behind the museum a few years ago and the soon to be finished Maldivia parking to ease the situation around the hospital. The parking arrangement on the Grand Parade was also changed to include some extra spaces for parked cars. Beyond that not much seems to have happened - apart from police campaigns and more yellow lines appearing like a contagious disease. It's time to change Jamestown back into a town which a pleasure to visit instead of a place that has to be endured because it cannot be avoided. It's time for a proper plan.

Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP)

Vince Thompson

Formerly known as the Capital Programme, EDIP is a programme of investment and improvements split into two parts. The majority of the funding allocated by the UK government for projects pays for major work such as Rockfall Protections and Rupert's Cargo Handling Facilities. Some of the funding is allocated to 'micro-projects'; improvements on a smaller scale, costing less than £50,000 per project and requiring completion with one year of starting.

MICRO PROJECTS – Completed unless otherwise stated 2019/20

- **Harford Primary School** - replacement of some windows and doors
- **Refurbishment of Public Toilets** at Duke of Edinburgh Playground, Ladder Hill, and Nr HTH Supermarket
- **Installation/replacement of streetlights** in Jamestown
- **Survey on the restoration of Napoleonic Restoration sites** to support request to the British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust Fund.

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- **Longwood Walkway**
- **Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)**
- **St Pauls Primary School covered area**
- **General Hospital Weather Protection** over the emergency entrance
- **Refurbishment of Public Toilets** at Longwood and Levelwood.

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- **Refurbishment of Public Toilets** (Plantation Stables and Rosemary Plain)
- **HTH Water Mitigation**
- **Scotland Embankment Stabilisation**
- **Maldivia Car Parking** (almost complete following a two-week extension as a result of poor weather conditions and the finding of potential human remains.
- **Bishops Bridge** has been deferred to 2022/23
- **Production of Coffins for the Liberated African remains** – all materials have been purchased.

Progress on Other EDIP Projects

- **Rockfall Protection works** – completed
- **Judicial Relocation – Phase 1 and 2** – Completed
- **Increased Agricultural Production on SHG Estate**
Project has been through the design and approvals process. Implementation of the project commenced from April 2022.
- **Rupert's Cargo Handling Facility Development** –
 - o Construction of the Container Freight Station (CFS) yard complete
 - o Construction of the Port Control Customs, and Biosecurity (PCB) Yard – new contract signed (See latest SHG PR).
 - o Erection of Steel Frame Buildings (PCB and CFS buildings) – Buildings on-Island. Currently in the procurement stages to appoint a contractor for the erection of these buildings
 - o Sewerage Plant – Contractor on-Island to carry out the installation of the Plant.

- **R2 Side Path Road Project**—A separate Press Release will be issued shortly on this project.
- **Water**
 - o TORs for a consultancy to develop a Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) is being finalised, with a view to commence the procurement shortly
 - o TORs for a drilling company is also being finalised with a view to commence the procurement shortly
- **Sewerage HTH and Jamestown**
 - o Strategic case has been developed and approved. Project will move into the designing stage, but will require external resources to carry out this work
- **Jamestown Enhancement** – this project has not yet commenced.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

The Capital Programme Section will be holding a series of public information meetings during April 2022. These meetings are being held to give an update on the Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), including Rupert's Wharf Cargo Handling Facility Development, Side Path Road and Field Road Rehabilitation projects.

All meetings will take place at 7pm as follows:

Date	Venue
Monday, 25 April	Harford Community Centre
Tuesday, 26 April	Kingshurst Community Centre
Wednesday, 27 April	Museum of Saint Helena, Jamestown
Thursday, 28 April	St Michael's Church, Rupert's

Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

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PORT CONTROL, CUSTOMS AND BIOSECURITY YARD CONTRACT AWARDED

A contract for the construction of the Port Control, Customs and Biosecurity (PCB) Main Container Yard in Ruperts was signed with Isaac's Contractors on Thursday, 31 March 2022. The contract value is £1,042,961.73. This contract forms part of the Ruperts Wharf Cargo Handling Facility Development Project and is funded from the Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP).

This contract follows the termination of the contract with AMD Engineering following the issue on 27 December 2021 of a Termination Order in respect of the works at the Port Control, Customs and Biosecurity Main Container Yard at Ruperts. The carrying out of works by AMD Engineering ceased with immediate effect on 27 December 2021.

SHG, 11 April 2022



Minister's Update For This Month – Difficulty Finding a Telecom Operator in Time for the New Contract and Putting Scrutiny Committees in a Weak Position are the Main Issues

The Monthly Minister's update was held at Saint FM yesterday. All five minsters were present in the studio and a series of questions were asked which mostly drew answers from Minister Mark Brooks and the Chief Minister Julie Thomas. Topics were focussed around shipping, the fibre optic cable project and telecom, how effective the scrutiny committees may be in improving transparency and accountability in government, and some general questions around quarantine and the cost of living.

Selecting a telecom provider for the new contract when Sure's contract finishes at the end of this year still remains a problem. The original tendering process was abandoned last December when it became clear the tenders received were considered unsatisfactory. At the time this happened it appeared there was still interest among some telecom companies who were not involved with the formal tendering process and discussions would continue with these operators. Minister Mark Brooks said at the time, "We are aware of the high public interest in the sourcing of the Public Electronic Communication Networks and Services Provider/s for the Island, however, we believe that the only way we can achieve the best possible result for the Island is to find an innovative solution that sits outside of the original tender requirements. Discussions are continuing and we will be able to provide a further update to the public in the New Year."

Four months into the New Year Mark Brooks was asked yesterday when the award of the new telecom contract would be settled. Not anytime soon is the short answer. The interest in operating the Island's telecom network which existed before Christmas has now gone and starting the whole tendering process again from the beginning is the most likely outcome. As a result, Sure's existing licence could be extended by a year while the second tendering process goes through the various stages before reaching a hopefully satisfactory outcome.

The long awaited scrutiny panels also became a main point

of discussion. In the changeover to a ministerial system the appointment of a chief minister and the ministerial team is the first important step. Of equal importance is setting up scrutiny panels made up of councillors who are not ministers. The ministerial system gives decision-making powers to the minority of councillors who become ministers. Scrutiny committees are formed to hold ministers to account for their decisions, actions and public expenditure. In this way a balance is maintained between those councillors who are ministers and those who are not.

Scrutiny committees need to have the authority, influence and resources to be effective in making ministers accountable. The spotlight was turned on this aspect of government by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) in their report which compared the St Helena government with the standards agreed by Commonwealth member countries. The CPA independent assessment pointed out that scrutiny committees should be able to call evidence from a wide range of advisors, witnesses and public consultations. They also said it was important to have a "whistle blowing policy" to protect people who approach the scrutiny committees with information and that the committees should have a small budget to enable committee members to obtain independent specialist and expert advice when required. The response from the St Helena government was that having the money available for scrutiny committees is a problem and showed no intention of taking this matter any further.

The ministerial team is now the St Helena government. Yesterday during the radio discussion, ministers all agreed there is no money available. Despite this there was £8.3 million allocated in the financial year ending on 31st March for Technical Co-operation – the fund used to recruit specialist and expert advice and assistance in the administration of government. Lack of independent advice for ministers and security committees means senior government officers are the main source of advice to ministers and often the only source. It also means the same senior officers are the main advisors to

Minister's Update For This Month

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the scrutiny committees. There is an immediately obvious conflict of interest in this cosy arrangement. It also means if a government officer recruited at some future date turns out to be unscrupulous, that officer can use these 'scrutiny' arrangements to abuse the new governance system which was intended to increase openness, transparency and accountability. There was also no indication from the ministers during yesterday's discussion that senior financial officers within the government were told to find from existing budget allocations the small budget required to ensure scrutiny committees are independent and effective.



Scrutiny Committees – how it should be done. The man at the table on his own is answering detailed questions from a House of Commons Select Committee on a matter of government policy, administration or expenditure.

Each select committee is supported by a small team of permanent staff, employed to work for the committee as a whole. The typical team has a clerk of the committee, managing four or five other people. These can include a second clerk and one or two committee specialists. Also one or two administrative staff who will arrange meetings and organise committee visits and witnesses. St Helena needs only a fraction of this to ensure the independence and effectiveness of Scrutiny Committees

While the questions were of a wide variety it became quickly apparent that Ministers are finding themselves in a position of endless fire fighting rather than getting on with the important work of essential and timely decision making. Building innovative solutions and seizing opportunities for St Helena to maximise on its economic growth through local and foreign investment.

It was agreed by Ministers that the overall aid budget was not going to meet all of the island's needs but somehow ideas on how to expand the island's capability to attract external funding were not raised neither was the establishment of a fish export market mentioned.

It is fair to say that Ministers have only been in office for a short period of time however the seemingly constant and endless 'fire-fighting' is potentially distracting them from their important role and jeopardising future developmental needs for the island. Outsiders will also wonder if some of the fire-fighting can be managed by senior government officers or

whether problems are too readily being brought to ministers instead of being resolved.

The fibre optic cable is one such development that has been ear-marked to transform the island's economy and still we are no closer to having a service provider formally announced. The announcement is a priority for the people of St Helena and the European Union. St Helena does not have every level of expertise to deliver every requirement. The £multi-million Technical Co-operation budget has and will be used to enlist specialist skills to help ensure that the fibre optic cable benefits are realised.

ST HELENA COVID-19 STATUS UPDATE

Following negative results from the re-testing of person(s) testing positive for COVID-19 in home quarantine on Monday, 4 April 2022 the public is advised that the person(s) have now completed their quarantine period in compliance with St Helena's COVID-19 protocols.

The public are also advised that following routine testing on Saturday, 9 April 2022 positive COVID-19 case(s) were identified in Home Quarantine.

All COVID-19 protocols are being followed.

Members of the public should continue to practice good respiratory and hand hygiene and are thanked for your continued cooperation.

The public will be updated when there are no longer positive cases in quarantine.

St Helena's current COVID-19 testing protocol requires testing to be undertaken on arrival to St Helena prior to entering the 10-day quarantine period. The next test is carried out on Day 9. Currently no additional testing is undertaken to detect if a person(s) status has changed before Day 9.

SHG, 12 April 2022

ASENSION ISLAND COVID-19 STATUS UPDATE

On Saturday 02 April, an individual observing compulsory isolation measures returned a positive COVID-19 test result during routine testing of persons under quarantine. In line with Ascension's COVID-19 policies and procedures, the individual was monitored by medical staff and subject to additional testing to confirm the level of their infection.

Further testing conducted on the individual in the last few days has returned multiple negative results and as such they are no longer deemed to be infectious or a risk to others. They have therefore had their period of compulsory isolation ended and the Ascension COVID-19 Response Level has been reduced to Level 1 AMBER. As with previous escalations of the Response Level, AIG will review the Response Level Protocol in light of this escalation and will report any changes to the protocol that result from this.

AIG, 11 April 2022

Namibian Ports are Thriving

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The Namibian ports of Walvis Bay and Lüderitz suffered like all other ports during the financial year ending March 2021. Vessels calling at the two ports dropped by 25% as international trade in passenger, container, petroleum and liquid bulk fell through the floor. Even research ships, foreign fishing vessels and foreign tugs called less often, adding to the drop in port traffic. Since April 2021 Namibia's ports have been fighting back. General cargo and overall container volumes reflected modest increases of 11% and 5%, respectively. The biggest increase of all was in transshipments where volumes increased by 169%. This increase in transshipments was primarily due to South African port lockdowns with volumes being diverted to Namibia.

Namibia's ports are managed by Namport – the country's National Port Authority. It is government owned and the Namibian government guarantees the debts arising from borrowing for investment. The credit rating agency, Fitch, has given Namport an AAA rating which is the best you can get. The highest credit rating enables Namport to borrow money at the cheapest rates.

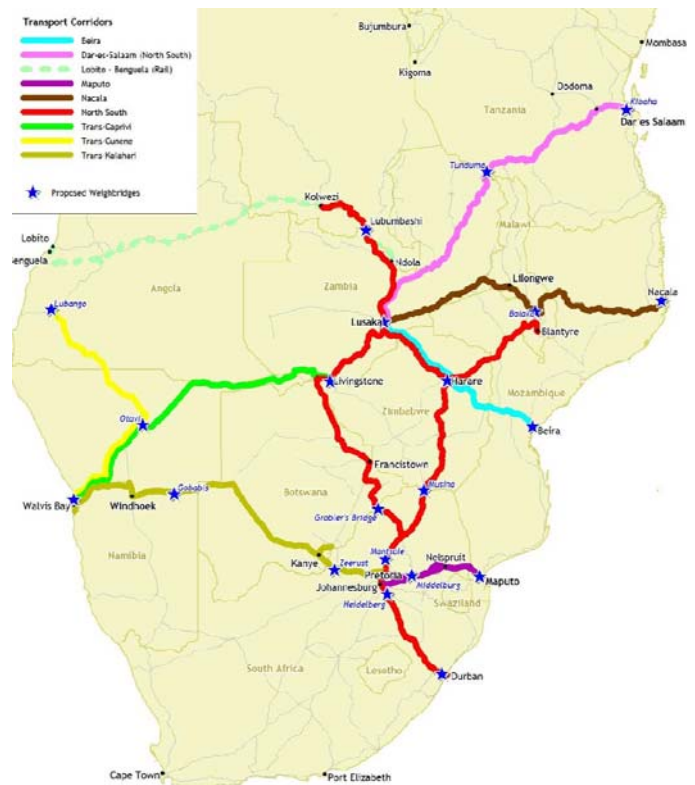
On Sunday 27th June last year The Port of Walvis Bay unloaded 1,513 containers from the MV Cypress. The entire operation was completed in a normal eight-hour shift at a rate of 512 containers per hour. The containers were stored at the Walvis Bay container terminal because the Port of Cape Town had 'berthing problems' and could not accept the cargo which was destined for Cape Town. After unloading at Walvis Bay the MV Cypress continued delivering containers to other ports and then returned to Walvis Bay to re-load the containers and then make a 2nd attempt to deliver them to Cape Town.

The new container terminal at Walvis Bay is designed to double the port's container handling capacity. Costing more than £200 million the new terminal was built by the China Harbour Engineering Company. Work started in 2014 and the terminal was opened in August 2019. The Walvis Bay container handling capacity is now 750,000 TEUs, up from 350,000 TEUs before the expansion. Expansion in break bulk handling capacity and a new passenger liner berth are also part of the plan.

A study commissioned by Namibia's transport ministry and published earlier this month has concluded an extension of Zambia's rail network into Namibia and connecting with Na-

mibia's rail network is environmentally and financially viable and should go ahead. Namibia, along with its neighbouring countries is developing four transport corridors to allow for easier, quicker and more efficient exports and imports across the sub-Saharan African continent. The main aim of the Namibia – Zambia rail link is to stimulate the development of mining activity along the corridor running from the port of Walvis Bay to Lubumbashi in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This would allow Zambia, Namibia and the DRC to export copper and other minerals to buyers in China, Europe and America.

In Cape Town, regional politicians and businessmen are bitterly complaining the lack of investment and good management of the Port of Cape Town is a big drag on economic expansion and future prosperity.



Walvis Bay is the only port on the south-west African coast linked to trans-continental rail freight routes. Durban on the east coast is the only South African port to be linked to the network.

Cape Town is 347th out of 351 for Port Performance says World Bank Report

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The World Bank publishes an annual report called the Global Container Port Performance Index. The most recent was published in May last year. For Cape Town Port it does not make good reading. Cape Town is one of the most inefficient and expensive container ports in the world. Cape Town Port is in the bottom five in the world ranking for container port performance. Three other South African ports are ranked even

lower. The next report is due soon and no improvement is expected. Ngqura Port, in the Port Elizabeth area was rock bottom at number 351. Gqeberha, also in the Port Elizabeth area and described by its port manager as coming to the end of its life, is number 348.

Durban, the largest and busiest port in sub-Saharan Africa

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sits at number 349 – two off the bottom. Cape Town therefore is the most 'efficient' of all these South African ports.

The major ports in South Africa are owned by Transnet, a large South African rail, port and pipeline company, headquartered in Johannesburg. It is formed as a limited company but in reality is owned by the South African Government. David Maynier, the Minister for Finance and Economic Opportunities in the West Cape Provincial Parliament is calling for Cape Town Port to be privatised. In an article written last month for South Africa's *Business Live* website Minister Maynier made very clear just how bad Cape Town Port is, even when compared with other ports which only give an average performance. The cost to users of Cape Town Port, that includes all of us in St Helena, is 146% higher the global average. That is a staggeringly high additional cost which, when added to the inevitable high cost of shipping goods here under any circumstances and the now sky-rocketing price of shipping fuel means St Helena is paying through the nose for other people's incompetence.

David Maynier also listed the under-achievements of Cape Town Port when its actual working or productivity standards are compared with the targets it sets for itself.

1. The average waiting time at anchor was 5.9 days versus the target of one day;
2. The average total turnaround time (for vessels) was 12.25 days, versus the target of four days;
3. The average number of containers moved per week was 16,284, versus the target of 18,000 during peak times;
4. The truck turnaround time was 42.2 minutes, versus the target of 35 minutes; and
5. The average crane moves per hour for 2021 was constantly about 24 per hour.

Maynier's article for *Business Live* also describes consistent under-investment with machinery regularly breaking down through lack of routine maintenance or not being replaced when life-expired and worn out. The Western Cape minister also points out that the provincial government has no jurisdiction over Cape Town Port however the government has built up a liaison with the Transnet's management at Cape Town Port. Maynier notes some progress resulting from this including the acquisition of some essential terminal equipment, adopting modern technology to maximise container deliveries into the terminal and using rigorous analysis to identify causes of congestion and how to unblock them. These improvements appear not only relatively low cost but obvious management actions which should have happened without the assistance of the liaison group.

About two weeks after Minister Maynier's article, the Chief Executive of Transnet, Portia Derby contributed an opinion piece to the same *Business Live* website. Portia Derby has been CEO for two years; she wrote about 600 words headlined 'How we are getting Transnet back on track'. It is a description of what the aspirations are and why not much of it has been achieved yet. Transnet is responsible for railways

and pipelines as well as ports; much of the corporate attention is not focussed on ports.



Portia Derby, Chief Executive of Transnet and responsible for the Port of Cape Town

The Transnet Chief Executive's contribution caused another opinion piece to be published two days later. Rather than skimming over the top with a description of the 'wider view' and offering lots of aspirations but few actions, this latest contribution accused the CEO of living in cloud cuckoo land. Several instances were quoted where Transnet has underperformed during the current CEO time leading Transnet. There were also accusations of "horror stories of incompetent and unmotivated staff" and further accusations that where Transnet does team up with private sector management for a particular activity or location, the Transnet CEO wants to re-take control and "to take advantage of the hard work the new operators will have to put in to make it work again."

However accurate or not the criticisms of Transnet maybe, it does appear this state owned company falls in line with other South African government-funded businesses such as Eskom (electricity generation and distribution) South African Airways and Telkom (the national telecom monopoly) which is heavily funded by the South African government. The high cost of Internet access is a major point of consumer frustration. Telkom's monopoly over fixed line provision and international access is often pointed out as the primary reason for the high costs of telecommunications and not being in the public interest. After many years empty promises none of these South African state funded companies have improved in any meaningful way. South African Airways continues trying to find a way to survive since going into 'business rescue' in December 2019. Meanwhile Airlink are trying again to reclaim through the courts £48 million of passenger revenue South African Airways withheld from Airlink when they went under business rescue. Meanwhile too, St Helena will suffer higher than necessary costs while government controlled Transnet continues not to sort itself out.

St Helena Legislative Council Benchmark Assessment Report - August 2021

Before the general election in October last year the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) assessed the procedures and practices of the St Helena Legislative Council against the standards, or benchmarks, resulting from the consultation and review and eventual adoption of the benchmarks by CPA members. Due to Covid 19 travel restrictions the review of St Helena's Legislative Council was completed virtually via audio-visual communication. A review of key documents was also undertaken including the Constitution, key legislation and ordinance, the Legislative Council Standing Orders and other reports and materials. Discussions and interviews took place with a wide range of people including the Speaker and Deputy Speaker, Elected Members, some SHG officials and staff, media, Audit St Helena, Equality and Human Rights Commission and declared candidates for the forthcoming general election.

The CPS Benchmark Assessment Report includes twenty recommendations. Each recommendation has been responded to by Legislative Council and shows who within government is responsible for taking further action on each recommendation.

Recommendation 1

St Helena should look at independent assessment of elections to ensure they follow international law and conventions. Electoral reforms should include the establishment of an independent electoral commission or commissioner to oversee elections, provide information to voters, guidance to candidates and encourage wide participation. Electoral law should be changed to remove any anomalies such as candidates needing to be 21 to stand for election but only 17 to vote.

Response

A review had already been undertaken by the Elections Review Sub-committee under the previous Council therefore these recommendations would need to be taken forward.

Responsibility

Chief Minister / Ministers

Recommendation 2

The LegCo should identify ways to provide independent legal advice to the LegCo.

Response

Separate staff is already in place however there is still no separate powers with regards to the Attorney General. Suggestions included a lawyer, similar to BVI and a request would be submitted to CPA UK for funding support.

Responsibility

The Speaker

Recommendation 3

Establish an independent body such as a Parliamentary Services Commission to ensure the LegCo is financial and administratively independent of the executive. This body should oversee the independent process for determining the pay and benefits for Members. Salaries for Speaker and Deputy Speaker should be commensurate with the responsibility of leading and representing the Legislature. (see also Recommendation 13).

Response

A Parliamentary Services commission needs to be set up (see also Recommendation 13)

Responsibility

The Speaker / Chief Secretary

Recommendation 4

There is an urgent need for support for new and returning Members after the election, as well as support for the new skills and knowledge needed to fulfil the LegCo's changing role, as part of the constitutional changes. New Members should be supported to develop a network of Members in other jurisdictions who can provide peer support and advice.

Response

Agreed; training also needs to be repeated mid-term

Responsibility

The Speaker

Recommendation 5

There should be improved facilities to give the LegCo increased stature and make it a distinct and separate institution from the government. There should be a review of access to the chamber and any other meeting space to see if reasonable adjustments could be made to make them accessible to all.

Response

Agreed; options are being sought by the Administration and should be discussed with Members in order for their needs to be taken into consideration

Responsibility

The Speaker / Deputy Chief Secretary

Recommendation 6

Standing orders should be reviewed at least once a term. The review should consider simpler language, gender-neutral terms and updated practices. The rules for changing standing orders should require at least a two-thirds majority of all elected Members.

Response

A review of Standing Orders is currently underway

Responsibility

The Speaker

Recommendation 7

Promote the role of Speaker and Deputy Speaker, to encourage a range of candidates to stand. Continue to have a gender balance in the presiding officer team. Provide time and resources for the Speaker to fulfil the roles of leading, representing and ensuring the independence of the LegCo, including chairing any independent management body. Support should be sought to ensure that presiding officers have the skills needed

Response

Agreed; a request for specific training for the Speaker's role will be taken forward

Responsibility

The Speaker / Clerk of Councils

Recommendation 8

Ensure that non-Government Members have time for their business, including the opportunity to initiate legislation. Votes in LegCo should be recorded and made public.

Response

Agreed; the votes in Legco need to be recorded

Responsibility

The Speaker / Clerk of Councils

Recommendation 9

Establish a system of public petitions to allow the public to raise issues of concern with the Legislature.

Response

A system of public petitions will be looked at through the Standing Orders review

Responsibility

The Speaker

Recommendation 10

Records should be produced and made public in a timely manner. At a minimum, records of proceedings and Hansard should be available with the agenda and papers for the next sitting. There should be an annual parliamentary calendar and programme of legislation and scrutiny available on the website to promote transparency and allow engagement. There should be at least five working days' notice of meetings and all papers available five working days before meetings.

Response

Records of proceedings need to be improved in a timely manner and a solution is needed in order to play catch-up

Responsibility

Clerk of Councils

Recommendation 11

The new select committees need to be appointed by and have their powers determined by the LegCo. There needs to be investment in skills, capacity and capability of chairs and Members and officers so they can scrutinise proposed legislation and policy fully. Select committees need to have powers similar to the Public Accounts Committee 'to summon persons, papers and records'. Meetings should be held in public, by default, and votes recorded.

Response

Discussion on select committees is continuing

Responsibility

LEGCO / EXCO

Recommendation 12

Committees should hear broad and diverse views from advisors, witnesses and public consultations to form a balanced view. A whistleblowing policy should be developed for people who approach committees. Committees should have small budgets for visits and to source expert advice, when needed.

Response

Agreed; there is uncertainty around budget being available for any technical advisors assigned to Scrutiny Committees

Responsibility

NONE

Recommendation 13

The Clerk of Councils and other LegCo staff should be employed by an independent body such as a Parliamentary Services Commission and have protected status in law. All staff should be given the skills and support they need to be able to perform their roles fully.

Response

Agreed; Members gave their full support (see also recommendation No 3)

Responsibility

The Speaker / Deputy Chief Secretary

Recommendation 14

The LegCo should have a formal process by which the public can input into proposed legislation and information should be published about the progress of any bill under consideration. Those with professional expertise in the area, such as the

Equality and Human Rights Commission, could be invited to advise on Bills under consideration and support the equality impact assessment of legislation. Members should have access to independent legal advice.

Response

Agreed; however input from the public should be at an earlier stage

Responsibility

The Speaker

Recommendation 15

The LegCo should be given the powers to scrutinise all bodies benefiting from public money including state-owned enterprises.

Response

Agreed

Responsibility

NONE

Recommendation 16

Establish a permanent Complaints Commissioner with a mandate to investigate complaints from citizens about the work of the executive. That the appointment process for commissioners for all independent bodies is reviewed to ensure independence and support the Legislature's oversight of the executive.

Response

Agreed; although there is provision in the Constitution for a Complaints Commissioner, currently there is no finding available

Responsibility

The Governor / The Speaker

Recommendation 17

The Chair of the Public Accounts Committee should be appointed by the LegCo.

Response

Agreed

Responsibility

The Governor / The Speaker

Recommendation 18

Policies, processes and practices should be reviewed to ensure that women Members, staff and the public feel equally safe, welcome, respected and represented in the LegCo.

Response

Agreed

Responsibility

The Speaker

Recommendation 19

All meetings should be open to the public and media by default and any reasons for closed meetings be given.

Response

Agreed, although this is already happening at some meetings

Responsibility

The Speaker

Recommendation 20

There should be media support provided by the LegCo. The LegCo should have its own website and have a programme to promote public understanding of its work. Records should be up to date. The bill for public access to information should be brought into force.

Response - Agreed**Responsibility - The Speaker / EXCO**



APRIL OPENING HOURS

Main Branch

Monday to Friday	08:45 - 15:00
Saturday	09:00 - 12:00

Wharf Kiosk

Thursday and Friday	09:00 - 14:30
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ANRD, Scotland	Thursday	21 April	09:30 - 13:00
HTH Supermarket	Monday	25 April	09:30 - 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Tuesday	26 April	09:30 - 14:00

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Position your sprinklers so water lands on the lawn or garden, not on paved areas.

Also, avoid watering on windy days.

25-29 APRIL 2022

Island Innovation Island Finance Forum 2022



'INVESTMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT'

Date	Time	Duration	Session Name	Speakers	Venue	Open to
25 April	18:00	1 hour	Leave no one behind: Building an equitable recovery for island communities	Panelist: Chief Minister, Julie Thomas	Canister Conference Room	General public
26 April	12:30	1 hour	It's not easy being green: Islands and financing the green energy transition	Keynote Speaker: Chief Minister Julie Thomas	Council Chambers	General Public
29 April	07:00	1 hour	Facing a formidable future: Pandemic recovery strategies to spur economic growth	Panelist: Head of Tourism, Matthew Joshua	Canister Conference Room	General public

To view any of these sessions, please register your name to Danni Thomas, Sustainable Development Support Officer via danni.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh or 22470 by no later than Thursday 21st April 4pm.



25-29 APRIL 2022

Island Innovation Island Finance Forum 2022



'INVESTMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT'

Date	Time	Duration	Session Name
Monday 25 April	13:00	1 hour	Official Opening Panel – Punching Above Our Weight: Championing Island Resiliency
	14:30	1 hour	Opening Networking
	18:00	1 hour	Leave No One Behind: Building an equitable recovery for island communities
Tuesday 26 April	09:00	1.5 hours	Building a Blue Future: Harnessing the Hope of the Ocean
	12:30	1.5 hours	It's Not Easy Being Green: Islands and Financing the Green Energy
Wednesday 27 April	10:00	1.5 hours	In conversation with...
	12:00	1.5 hours	Looking ahead to COP27: Mobilising Green Finance for Islands
	18:00	45 minutes	The Great Crypto Catalyst: NFTs and Cultural value
Thursday 28 April	08:00	1.5 hours	Fintech ecosystems: The Evolving Ecosystems of Fintech
	14:00	1.5 hours	Conservation Finance for Islands
Friday 29 April	07:00	1 hour	Facing a Formidable Future: Pandemic recovery strategies to spur economic growth
	09:00	1 hour	The Coastal Quandary: Financing the future of coastal tourism
	12:00		Island Innovation Awards Ceremony

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

Assistant Environmental Health Officer – Rodent Control

£10,000 pa plus accommodation, food allowance and other benefits

About the role

We're looking for a self-motivated individual to work as part of our Environmental Health Team, to undertake rodent control and increase the extent and frequency of baiting. Other duties include insect pest control, and water quality testing and maintenance of the swimming pool.

What you'll do

Working as part of a small team, you'll carry out routine rodent control duties including using poison baits and setting / re-baiting traps. You'll also assist the Environmental Health Office in planning effective rodent control activity, and other environmental health duties.

What you'll bring

You'll have a good standard of secondary education and the ability to communicate well within the team environment and the general public. You'll be physically fit and comfortable working outdoors, often in difficult and harsh conditions. As part of a small team, you'll establish confident and effective relationships.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of £10,000 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a Single Status contract and the following benefits:

- Rent free accommodation (with Accompanied status electricity and water allowances or Single status if unaccompanied)
- A Single status food allowance of £3,350 per annum
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract
- 30 days' annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance

Closing date: Sunday 24 April 2022, 5pm

Interviews: 9 May 2022, via Skype if off island

Required start date: July 2022

To for more information and to apply for this role, visit: <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/> For information about the Ascension Island Government Conservation and Fisheries Directorate, or about living and working on Ascension Island, please visit the official website at www.ascension.gov.ac/conservation or find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/AscensionIslandConservation or email: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

Facilities & Operations Coordinator

£10,100 pa plus accommodation, food allowance and other benefits

About the role

We are looking for an experienced administrator to support our Facilities & Operations team develop and maintain our services. The role also includes project and general administrative duties across the Facilities and Operations Directorate and supporting the QHSE Officer improve our health and safety processes and systems.

What you'll do

As Facilities & Operations Coordinator, you will be responsible for supporting the Facilities & Operations team. This includes maintaining current administrative systems and making recommendations and designing new ones to improve efficiency and ways of working. You will also assist the QHSE officer deliver a high standard of health and safety provision across all of AIG. This includes being responsible for record keeping of H&S related issues, and creating reporting processes to ensure accurate and informative information is disseminated.

What you'll bring

Educated to GCSE level in English and Maths, you'll have strong communication skills, both written and verbal, and the ability to process information. You'll have strong IT skills, particular across Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook, and will use these skills to prepare reports, presentations, spreadsheets etc. Your friendly, calm nature will enable you to work well within the team, wider directorate and AIG, providing information and support across H&S matters in conjunction with leadership and guidance from the QHSE Officer.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of £10,100 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a Single Status contract and the following benefits:

- Rent free accommodation (with Accompanied status electricity and water allowances or Single status if unaccompanied)
- A Single status food allowance of £3,350 per annum
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract
- 30 days' annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care

The appointment will be subject to:

Satisfactory employment references • Enhanced Criminal Records Check • Satisfactory Medical Clearance

Closing date: 29 April 2022

Interviews: Week commencing 9 May 2022 (via Skype if off island)

Required start date: June 2022

For more information, a full job description, and to apply visit: www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/ If you have any queries about the role, please email recruitment@ascension.gov.ac



**ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT
CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
Marine Plastics Coordinator
18-Month Fixed Term contract**



We are looking for a **Marine Plastics Coordinator** to join our Marine Protected Area Management (MPA) Team. This is an exciting opportunity to deliver a collaborative project between the Ascension Island Government (AIG) Marine Conservation Team and Zoological Society of London (ZSL), to reduce the impact of marine plastic on Ascension's wildlife. The Ascension Island MPA was designated in August 2019 and is one of the largest areas of protected ocean in the world. Ascension's marine environment, like many other UK Overseas Territories, suffers pervasive impacts of plastic pollution; both washing up on its shores, and generated on the island. ZSL and AIG aim to co-deliver a targeted programme of work that addresses the threats of plastic pollution to the biodiversity of Ascension by delivering community-led solutions.

We are looking for someone with a background in marine conservation to join our small team of marine scientists on Ascension Island and forge partnerships with research organisations and NGOs across the globe. The coordinator will work closely with project partners at ZSL, build key relationships with the Ascension Island community, explore innovative solutions to plastic pollution and co-create project outputs and reports in order to deliver the project to a high standard. Ascension Island is a challenging environment to live and work in, so you will need to be resilient and adaptable in order to thrive.

We are offering an 18 month, single status, contract with a salary of £14,625.00 per year (taxable in Ascension). You will also receive the following benefits:

- Rent free accommodation (with electricity and water allowances)
- A food allowance of £3,350.00 per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care

Closing Date: 3 May 2022

Interviews: Early May 2022 (Remotely if not on island)

Appointment will be subject to satisfactory:

- Enhanced DBS Check
- Employment References
- Medical Clearance

For more information and to apply for this role, visit: <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/> **For more information about the Ascension Island Government Conservation and Fisheries Directorate, or about living and working on Ascension Island, please visit the official website at**

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For more information about the Zoological Society of London, please visit: www.zsl.org/conservation or find us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ZSLconservation>

AIG Marine Conservation Team:

The AIG Marine Conservation Team is the body responsible for safeguarding Ascension's marine biodiversity through management of the island's MPA. The team of five based on Ascension is supported by the UK Government's Blue Belt Programme and a range of academic and NGO partners.

ZSL:

ZSL is an international conservation charity. Through our unrivalled animal experts in our two zoos (London Zoo and Whipsnade Zoo), the work of our pioneering scientists, our dedicated conservationists, our purpose is to inspire, inform and empower people to stop wild animals going extinct. Our vision is a world where wildlife thrives and we're working every day to achieve this. From investigating the health threats facing animals, to helping people and wildlife live alongside each other, we are committed to bringing wildlife back from the brink of extinction.



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

~ TWO BOATS SCHOOL ~



VACANCY NOTICE

Secondary Teacher (Science)

September 2022 start – 2-year fixed term contract

About the role

Two Boats School is a delightful primary and secondary school on the beautiful and tiny island of Ascension in the South Atlantic. We have approximately 70 students between the ages of 3-16 (Primary 40, Secondary 30) and we offer a range of subjects up to IGCSE level. The school has just recently being through a COBIS audit and has been granted Compliance status with 5 commendations. Two Boats School is a happy school, with a welcoming and friendly atmosphere. Students are well behaved; keen to learn and achieve. Staff are committed to the pastoral wellbeing of their students, as well as their academic success. There is a friendly and family like atmosphere in the school. Parents appreciate the work of the school and feel that their children are cared for in all aspects of their school life.

What you'll do

We have a vacancy for a Secondary Teacher to teach Science (Primarily KS3 Science with some GCSE lessons) with effect from the start of the new academic year September 2022 term. Due to the size of the school, teachers are required to teach other subjects. The ability and willingness to teach Music, Drama or MFL would be an advantage. Travel to Ascension would be during the last week of August 2022.

What you'll bring

With ideally 2-3 years' experience, you'll hold qualified teacher status, ideally to St Helenian, UK or IB standards. You'll have strong interpersonal and communication skills (oral and written) and you'll be excited and passionate about working as part of a small team of professionals making a big difference to the education and development of children on Ascension Island.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of between £20,750 and £22,300 – dependent on qualifications and experience (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts accompanied status contracts and the following benefits:

- Rent free accommodation (with Accompanied or Single status electricity and water allowances)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £6,700 per annum (or if Single status £3,350)
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract
- 30 days' annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check and Teacher Status checks
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance (employee and any accompanying dependents)

Closing date: Monday 2 May 2022

First stage interviews: 10 May by Skype

Required start date: Requirement to fly to Ascension from the UK or St Helena w/c 22 August 2022 to board flight from South Africa / St Helena on 27 August 2022

For more information, a full job description, and to apply visit: www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/ If you have any queries about the role, email recruitment@ascension.gov.ac



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

~ TWO BOATS SCHOOL ~

VACANCY NOTICE

Primary (KS2) Teacher – 2 posts

September 2022 start – 2-year fixed term contract

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What you'll do

We have a vacancy for two Primary (KS2) Teachers with effect from the start of the new academic year September 2022 term. Due to the size of the school, teachers are required to teach combined year groups. Travel to Ascension would be during the last week of August 2022.

What you'll bring

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Would you like to be a part of the team at St Helena Airport?

St Helena Airport has part time vacancies for:

Security Officers

Working hours will be according to flight operations and training requirements and include both weekdays and weekends.

Applicants should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
 - Possess a good standard of English & ICT
 - Be customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be available to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks
 - Be able to undertake physically demanding and manual handling duties
 - Be able to work under pressure in a fast paced environment

Rate of pay will be \$6.20 per hour

For further information, please contact

Miss Tegan Knott, Agencies Administrator, on telephone number: 22523

or via email address: agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh

Application forms & Job Profiles may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via email address: agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, by 19 April 2022.



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

Grocery Sales Assistant

Within The Star

Job Outline

To provide a high standard of customer service and to assist with the day-to-day running of the shop.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess knowledge & skills of Food Safety
 - Be customer focused and target driven
- Possess experience in working in a customer facing environment and have excellent customer service
 - Be competent in Maths, English & IT
 - Possess experience in Cash Handling
 - Be self-motivated and able to work well as part of a team
- Be able to undertake physically demanding and manual handling duties

Salary for the post will be \$7,202.16 per annum (\$600.18) per month

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Charlotte Williams, Grocery Manager (The Star & Butchery) on telephone number: 22683 or via email address: charlotte.williams@solomons.co.sh

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Vacancy -

Customer Service Assistant - NAAFI Ascension Island

We have a great opportunity for the right person to join our team on Ascension Island!

We have a vacancy for a CSA to work within our retail and leisure establishments at Traveller's Hill. Hours of work are 48 per week and shift timings will include split shifts, unsociable hours & weekends.

Competitive rates of pay, free food & accommodation and annual retention bonus.

The successful candidate should have excellent customer service skills, be reliable and trustworthy, able to use their own initiative, be flexible and willing to learn. Full on-job training will be given.

Free passage will be provided from and to the Country of origin.

The successful person will need to undergo medical, dental and security checks prior to start of employment.

For further information, terms & conditions, and an application form please contact Rob Lewis on rlewis@naafi.co.uk.



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VACANCY

TAX COMPLIANCE OFFICER

within the Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development Portfolio

*Do you have strong interpersonal skills? Are you able to explain complex ideas, and use professional judgement and diplomacy to make decisions? Here is an opportunity for you to join the team at the **Income Tax Office**.*

In this role you will provide efficient and effective day to day management of the registration, administration, monitoring and collection of all business tax, in compliance with the Income Tax Ordinance and Regulations.

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

- Advance Diploma in Accounting and Business (part qualified Accountant) or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience or willingness to study
- At least two years' experience working at a supervisory/ managerial level building capacity within high performing teams
- At least five years' relevant accounting/ tax administration experience
- Drivers License Class A

We offer the following:

Salary: Grade E £14,138 per annum

Leave: 30 days per annum

Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme after 3 months'

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:

Gillian Knipe, Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax on telephone number 25880 or email: gillian.knipe@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. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Sharina Williams, Human Resources Officer, The Castle, or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Tuesday, 26 April 2022**.

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



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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: £7,394 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, leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh, 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. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Anya Richards, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm GMT on Friday, 29th April 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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 All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance.
 SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.
 Benefits are subject to change and may only apply to certain roles.



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VACANCY

Sea Rescue Service Auxiliary Crew

(Safety, Security & Home Affairs Portfolio)

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: £5.00 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, mark.caswell@helanta.co.sh

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VACANCIES

SENIOR CARE ASSISTANTS & CARE ASSISTANTS

(COMMUNITY CARE COMPLEX) Permanent Posts—Health & Social Care Portfolio

*The Social Care Directorate is seeking to recruit **Senior Care Assistants & Care Assistants** with a good sense of responsibility and commitment to delivering a high quality health and social care service to individuals within Community Care Complex, that enables them to live full and active lives.*

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

Senior Care Assistant

- Must have completed the St Helena Nursing Assistant / Getting Started in Care Training or the NVQ Level 3 Health and Social Care Course
- Must have a qualification in English and Maths at Grade C or above or Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy at entry level 3.
- Previous experience in working with elderly people for 1 or more years

Care Assistant

- Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy at entry level 1
- Willingness to engage in appropriate training to enhance skills and knowledge in caring for the elderly
- Genuine interest in care of the elderly

We offer the following:

Salary: Senior Care Assistant £9,043 per annum

Care Assistant £6,890 per annum

Leave: 25 days per annum

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

Paid Sickness Absence

Flexible Working Hours Scheme

Training Opportunities

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

Michelle Clingham, Acting CCC & Residential Development Manager on telephone number 23090 or email: michelle.clingham@sainthelena.gov.sh

Job Profile and Application forms are available from:

Central Human Resources or the SHG website at: 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 by no later than 4pm on Wednesday, 20 April 2022.

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VACANCY

FEMALE CARE ASSISTANT (EBONY VIEW)

within the Health & Social Care Portfolio

Do you have the ability to provide quality care and well-being for clients of all ages? Are you able to communicate and interact fully with clients, enabling them to live as full and active lives as possible?

*If so, the Social Care Directorate is seeking to recruit a **Female Care Assistant** to join their team at Ebony View.*

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

- Functional Skills Entry Level 1 in Maths and English or equivalent experience
- NVQ Level 2 in Health & Social Care or willing to undertake
- Experience of working in a care environment

Interested persons should note that this role requires shift work.

We offer the following:

Salary: £6,890 per annum

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:

Deborah Baldwin, Operational Team Leader on telephone number 25119 or email: Deborah.baldwin@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. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Sharina Williams, Human Resources Officer, The Castle, or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Wednesday, 20 April 2022.

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VACANCY

MARINE COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (Fixed-term 3 years)

(Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio)

The purpose of the Marine Compliance and Enforcement Officer is to build good relationships with the St Helena community through a close working relationship with all marine users and stakeholders (including fishermen, marine tour operators, NGO's and anyone interested in the sea) to deliver compliance with fisheries and environmental policy and legislation.

If you have good knowledge of St Helena's Marine environment, and experience and resilience of working outdoors for long periods, then we'd like to hear from you!

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

- **GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above**
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)
- **Will be able to work towards achieving warranted status (Full Training Provided)**
- **A valid driving licence A and C**

We offer the following:

Salary: £11,034 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:

Mr Jason Sparks, Marine Enforcement Officer on telephone number 25947 or email: jason.sparks@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms are available from:

Central Human Resources or the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Miss Karen Thomas, Senior Human Resources Assistant, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Tuesday 19 April 2022**.

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VACANCY

SOCIAL CARE OFFICER (Children's Services) (within the Health & Social Care Portfolio)

*Do you want to make a difference in your community? Could you become an effective **Social Care Officer**?*

In this role you will be responsible for the provision of social work including child protection, family assessment, registration of child minders and crèche's, assessment and support for disabled people and vulnerable people who are at risk.

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

- GCSE or equivalent in English Language at Grade C or above
- Qualification in Social Care at a minimum of Diploma level
- Valid driving licence
- Experience of working with vulnerable people and supporting others

We offer the following:

Salary: Grade D commencing £11,034 per annum
Leave: 25 days per annum
Paid Sickness Absence
Flexible Working Hours Scheme
Training Opportunities

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

Paul Brown on telephone number 23312 or email: paul.brown@sainthelena.gov.sh

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PRINCE ANDREW SCHOOL HOLDS ANNUAL CERTIFICATE AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Students, parents and invited guests gathered at Prince Andrew School (PAS) Hall to celebrate the annual Certificate and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, 7 April 2022.

The Ceremony, to award students their certificates for exams that were taken in May/June 2021, began with a welcome speech by HE Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook. Governor Rushbrook said:

"Whatever stage in life you are at - as students, in working life - identify your goals, what you want to do, only you can do it. Here in school take the opportunity to gain knowledge and new skills, and do the work for your exams - society expects to see proof you have learnt something. After school, be open to try out new things. Take courses at college or, when the cable arrives, do more online learning. Then way off in to your futures, I encourage you to continue to be inquisitive to learn about whatever takes your fancy. Build your own lifelong learning path."

The first round of presentations were to award former year 9, 11, 12 and 13 students their certificates in the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE), Vocationally Recognised Qualifications (VRQ), Foundation Certificate of Secondary Education (FCSE) in French, Advanced Subsidiary, and A-Levels.

Shortly after, presentations were made for individual achievements:

Awards

Jean Beadon Art Award

Lara Lawrence

The Governor's Award for Excellence at Key Stage 3

Leah Bedwell & Kalem Henry

The PTA Student of the Year Award

Hannah Braaf (Yr 11) & Colby Thomas (Yr 13)

SURE Sponsorship Awards

Hannah Braaf & Joshua Herne (Yr 11)

The Jeanette Williams Maths Awards

Colby Thomas (A level) & Hannah Braaf (GCSE)

The English Language Awards

Kelly Yon (A level) & Hannah Braaf (GCSE)

Eliza Mary Lloyd Trust Agriculture Award

Ethan Timm (Yr 11)

Bishop Houghton Award

Aidan Joshua (Yr 11)

The Joy George Award (recognising outstanding work at KS3) Katelyn Lawrence, Maria Dachraoui, Rachael Newman, & Edson Stevens

In addition, three teachers were presented with certificates; Distance Learning Coordinator, Charmaine Henry, for completing a GCSE in Sociology, Teacher Trainee, Candice Thomas, for obtaining a Cambridge International Certificate in Teaching & Learning, and Acting Head of Mathematics at PAS, David Clarke, for gaining St Helena Qualified Teacher Status. During the Ceremony, guest speaker, Richard Henry, who is a Conservation Worker for the Environment, Natural Resources & Planning Portfolio, shared his personal education experience - from not wanting to attend school to not paying atten-



The Governor's Award for Excellence at Key Stage 3 - Kalem Henry



The English Language Awards - Hannah Braaf



Aiden Joshua - Bishop Houghton Award



Joshua Herne - SURE Sponsorship Awards

PRINCE ANDREW SCHOOL HOLDS ANNUAL CERTIFICATE AND AWARDS CEREMONY

tion in school and later regretting not gaining an education as he could not pursue his dream of becoming a Firefighter. Richard recently achieved a Level 2 Diploma in Conservation which he took three years to complete, but emphasised to students the importance of gaining an education and encouraged students to always make the most of educational opportunities available.

The Ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks from Student President, Amy Thomas, and Vice Student President, Jamie Peters, and closing remarks from Portfolio Director of Education, Skills & Employment, Wendy Benjamin. Prince Andrew School Head Teacher, Penny Bowers, concluded:

"We are very proud of our students and the efforts they put into their studies which results in the grades they have achieved. We hope that they will go on to fulfil and pursue their careers as they hope to. A big thank you to all who showed up to our Awards Ceremony to support the youth of St Helena. A special thank you to all staff at PAS for their ongoing support and hard work in ensuring our students reach their potential as far as possible. I conclude with the words of Jamie Peters, Vice President of the Student Council, when encouraging everyone to work hard and achieve good grades: 'It's nothing new, but it's true!'"

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8 April 2022



Lara Lawrence - Jean Beadon Art Award

STRATEGIC ASSET DISPOSAL

St Helena Government (SHG) is inviting interested bidders to purchase by leasehold a number of state-owned properties:

- New Ground House
- Red Roof
- Veranda Quarters.

Further details of these properties are included in the Strategic Asset List which is available on the Invest in St Helena page of the SHG website via: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/st-helena/invest-in-st-helena/>. Direct link: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Strategic-Assets-March-22-1.pdf>.

The deadline for offers during this round is Friday, 29 April 2022.

For more information on any of these properties, please contact Investment Co-Ordinator, Melissa Fowler, via email: Melissa.Fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh or on tel: (+290) 22470 Ext 209.

The Investor Prospectus, Strategy and Policy can be viewed on the SHG Website via the Invest in St Helena page.

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29 March 2022



MESSAGE FROM CONNECT SAINT HELENA LTD – EASTER PERIOD

With the long Easter weekend ahead of us, Connect Saint Helena Ltd would like to advise the public that from Thursday, 14th April at 3pm, through to Monday, 18th April 2022, faults can be reported as follows:

- Electricity faults can be reported to the Power Station on 22602.
- Water and sewage faults can be reported to our Out of Hours Contractor, David Constantine on 22522 or 61307.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd will resume normal business on Tuesday, 19th April 2022.

12 April 2022



Autism

Awareness Vs Acceptance

Awareness means you know it exists

Acceptance means you connect personally and learn more

Awareness means you can identify it

Acceptance means you talk to people and gain understanding compassion and sensitivity

Awareness means you know something is happening

Acceptance means you offer help and support without judgement

Awareness means you cope with it, deal with it, tolerate it

Acceptance means you embrace it, grow from it, and build relationships with people who have it not only those who love someone with it!

Awareness is not enough

Acceptance is the next step towards a truly inclusive community





St Helena's heritage for all, forever



Presents

Stargazing Night

Celebrating **International Dark Sky Week 2022** and **Earth Day** we have partnered with our youth and advocates for dark skies to spend an evening looking up.

Date: **Saturday, 30 April 2022**

Time: **7pm**

Where: **High Knoll Fort**

Fee: **Donation of choice** (All monies goes to our Education and Outreach Programme)

Hot Refreshments will be provided

Weather permitting! We will make the final call Friday, 29 April 2022



EASTER SPECIALS AT PHILIP JOHN'S SHOP

STARTING WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL through to MONDAY 18th APRIL 2022

GORDONS GIN 750ml
SMIRNOFF VODKA 750ml
CAPTAIN MORGAN SPICE 750ml
FIRSTWATCH WHISKY 750ml

All at **£21.00 per bottle**

RED HEART SPICE RUM 750ml	£18.00
WELLINGTON BRANDY 750ml	£20.00
KLIPDRIFT BRANDY 750ml	£15.00
JACK DANIELS 375ml	£15.00
JACK DANIELS 200ml	£8.50
SOUTHERN COMFORT 750ml	£22.50
SOUTHERN COMFORT 375ml	£10.00
SOUTHERN COMFORT 200ml	£5.00

CASTLE LITE BOTTLE & WINDHOEK LAGER BOTTLE
£30 per case

Other Specials still continue on
Baby Nappies, Kitchen Rolls, Clothing,
Shoes & Various other Items
Do come along and see what we have to offer!!

EASTER OPENING HOURS:

Thursday 14 th April	9am to 5pm
Friday 15 th April	CLOSED
Saturday 16 th April	9am to 5pm
Sunday 17 th April	10am to 12pm
Monday 18 th April	10am to 12pm



From the St Helena Golf Club

Submitted by SHGC

Golf Report for Sunday 10th April 2022

18-hole Stroke play, Playing to the furrow's competition

Moments before tee off there were doubts about the weather. The heavens had opened and there were some very heavy showers, causing it to be rather wet and gloomy. Fortunately, this undesirable weather did not continue and the day turned out to be relatively cool and dry with just the odd dark areas of clouds projecting overhead.

There were 16 players turning up to take part in this 18-hole Stroke play, Playing to the furrow's competition, which was sponsored by FOXMOTORS.

The challenge of this game is slightly different to that of any other format for stroke play. Normally, hitting your ball wide to an adjacent fairway is not a problem. But for this competition it was costly. Especially for those players who didn't hit precise shots and ended up outside the furrow, hence playing to the furrows.

At 4 pm the scores started to arrive in the 19th hole. By the time all of the scores were in and checked it had been re-



vealed that the sponsor of FOXMOTORS, Jeffrey (Foxy) Stevens came in top of the leader board with an impressive net score of 67! Being the sponsor, Jeffrey wish not to claim a prize. Therefore, the next best score was 69 returned by Peter Bagley capturing the number 1 spot. Following closely behind with a net score of 70 was Eileen Wallace subsequently taking the 2nd place and in 3rd place with a net 71 was Larry Legg. The sole winner of the two – ball pool was Nicky (Kyser) Stevens claiming 2 two-ball pools one on the 5th green and the other on the 14th green respectively. Congratulations to all of the winners. The prizes were presented by the Ladies Captain Helena Stevens on behalf of FOXMOTORS.

The President Tony Green gave special thanks to FOXMOTORS for the generous prizes and said that the club looks forward to his continued sponsorship and support.

Due to the Easter weekend coming up on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th April, there will not be any competitions being played although a friendly game will take place on Easter Monday.

Happy Easter & happy swinging

Drop-in Constituency Surgery

Councillor Robert Midwinter will be hosting a drop in Constituency Surgery for all residents living within the St Paul's electoral area. This will be held at Kingshurst Community Centre on Wednesday 20th April, starting at 3pm, and 30 minute slots will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to meet with him on this occasion, please call 51500 to make an appointment, or send him an email via:

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Everton secured what could prove a priceless victory in their battle to avoid relegation as lacklustre Manchester United were beaten at Goodison Park on Saturday.

Frank Lampard's side were plunged into even deeper crisis when they lost at fellow strugglers Burnley in midweek to leave them facing the prospect of dropping into the bottom three this weekend if results went against them.

In a game low on quality but high in tension, Everton's victory came courtesy of Anthony Gordon's 27th-minute drive, which took a heavy deflection off United captain Harry Maguire to leave keeper David de Gea wrong-footed.



There were more high odds results on the day. Chelsea put a terrible week behind them to return to winning ways in devastating style with a six-goal demolition of Southampton. A win for Chelsea was expected but six goals away against the Saints was a bigger win than predicted by most.

Having been beaten 4-1 at home to Brentford in the Premier League and then suffering a 3-1 defeat to Real Madrid, Chelsea bounced back in a manner that will give Thomas Tuchel encouragement his side can salvage their Champions League tie in Spain next week, which he did not manage to do.

Tuchel said before kick-off that "things are upside down" after two damaging results but his players responded by hitting the woodwork three times and scoring four in an astonishing first half at St Mary's Stadium.

Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta said he was "concerned" by his side's performance as they handed the initiative in the race for Champions League qualification to rivals Tottenham with a deserved defeat by Brighton at Emirates Stadium.



Brighton - seven games without a victory before kick-off - frustrated the home side with their organisation and efficient forward play in a game where Arsenal failed to look threatening until they mustered a desperate late push.

Manchester City retained their slender one-point advantage at the top of the Premier League as they fought out a classic draw with closest rivals Liverpool at Etihad Stadium on Sunday.

The meeting between the country's two outstanding sides lived up to its pre-match billing and in the end there was nothing to separate them, with the destination of the title still hanging in the balance with seven games remaining.

City flew out of the blocks to take an early lead through Kevin de Bruyne's deflected strike but Liverpool were quickly on terms when Diogo Jota turned home Trent Alexander-Arnold's pass.

Pep Guardiola's side dominated a magnificent first 45 minutes but failed to convert a host of chances before Gabriel Jesus stole in behind Alexander-Arnold to restore their lead from Joao Cancelo's cross nine minutes before the break.


**Premier
League**

All About Football

From the First Goal to the Last

Champions League



Chelsea's reign as European champions came to an agonising end despite beating Real Madrid on a night of high drama at the Bernabeu Stadium.

In a Champions League epic on Tuesday, Mason Mount's wonderful finish and Antonio Rudiger's powerful header wiped out Real's 3-1 first-leg advantage and brought the quarter-final tie level in Spain's capital. Thomas Tuchel's side were outstanding throughout and Timo Werner's clever finish from an angle put them ahead for the first time on aggregate and within sight of a place in the semi-finals.

But substitute Rodrygo - after a stunning pass by Luka Modric - forced extra time with a volleyed finish before Karim Benzema, a hat-trick hero in the first leg at Stamford Bridge six days earlier, headed the decisive goal in the 96th minute to send Real through 5-4 on aggregate.

Benzema, who had earlier headed against the bar on a rollercoaster night, was unmarked when he scored to break Chelsea's hearts after Rudiger slipped inside the box. Even after what turned out to be the clincher, Hakim Ziyech, Kai Havertz and Jorginho went close to forcing a penalty shootout.

In the end Chelsea, who played superbly, were made to pay for their first-leg performance as Tuchel's side fell just short of producing one of the great comebacks in the competition.

Results

PREMIER LEAGUE

FRIDAY 8th APRIL

Newcastle United 1 Wolverhampton Wanderers 0

SATURDAY 9th APRIL

PREMIER LEAGUE

Everton 1 Manchester United 0

Arsenal 1 Brighton & Hove Albion 2

Southampton 0 Chelsea 6

Watford 0 Leeds United 3

Aston Villa 0 Tottenham Hotspur 4

SUNDAY 10th APRIL

PREMIER LEAGUE

Brentford 2 West Ham United 0

Leicester City 2 Crystal Palace 1

Norwich City 2 Burnley 0

Manchester City 2 Liverpool 2

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

TUESDAY 12th APRIL

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

QUARTER-FINALS

Bayern Munich 1 Villarreal 1 (Agg 1-2)

Real Madrid 2 Chelsea 3 (Agg 5-4)

Fixtures

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

QUARTER-FINALS

WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL

Atlético Madrid 19:00 Manchester City (Agg 0-1)

Liverpool 19:00 Benfica (Agg 3-1)

SATURDAY 16th APRIL

THE FA CUP

SEMI-FINAL

Manchester City 14:30 Liverpool

PREMIER LEAGUE

Tottenham Hotspur 11:30 Brighton & Hove Albion

Manchester United 14:00 Norwich City

Southampton 14:00 Arsenal

Watford 14:00 Brentford

SUNDAY 17th APRIL

THE FA CUP

SEMI-FINAL

Chelsea 15:30 Crystal Palace

PREMIER LEAGUE

Newcastle United 13:15 Leicester City

West Ham United 13:15 Burnley

TUESDAY 19th APRIL

PREMIER LEAGUE

Liverpool 19:00 Manchester United

WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL

PREMIER LEAGUE

Chelsea 18:45 Arsenal

Everton 18:45 Leicester City

Newcastle United 18:45 Crystal Palace

Manchester City 19:00 Brighton & Hove Albion

THURSDAY 21st APRIL

PREMIER LEAGUE

Burnley 18:45 Southampton

THE ROCK

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What do you see
When you look at war?
What do you see?
Do you see soldiers in green and grey
Standing proud in the sun?
Or do you see soliders
Covered in blood, mud and dismay,
Falling face down in the rain?
Horror and glory.
Loss and victory.
A crumbling nation defeated.
A victorious nation standing proud.

God gave us eyes to see
So why do we use them
To aim down a sight?
God gave us hands to build and create
So why destroy and decimate?

We all see the medals and titles,
But those only show us
Our human depravity
Human savagery
What is the point of advancing technology
If all we advance is another tragedy?

Whatever the time,
Whatever the century,
Whatever the colour, whatever the size,
Families touched by war.
Red eyes full of pain,
Crying their bloodshot tears.

So why, why do we choose
To glorify, objectify and die?
What is the point of recording
Each war, if all we can do is
Repeat our mistakes
Why can't we learn?
People die from war.

THERE IS NO VICTORY.

WRITTEN BY:
JAMIE PETERS

Cricket News

Submitted by St Helena Cricket Association

RMS T20 Tournament reaches end of round robin stage and Andrew Yon and Dax Richards top the Batting performances for this tournament.

The tournament reached a stage this past weekend, where only the top 4 in the league were fighting for something extra, as where each of the teams finished would determine who they play in the next stage of the tournament.

Allstars were the first to get underway on Saturday morning when they faced Lions. The unlikely scenario of Allstars losing to Lions would have meant that they would have dropped two additional points and other results of the weekend not go their way would have drawn run rates into the process. However, Lions won the toss and opted to bat, scoring 79/4, with Steve Coates scoring 24 and Owen Richards and Jerome Peters each scoring 18 not out.

Dane Leo took 3 wickets for 20 runs for the Allstars.

In response Allstars very quickly raced to a winning score of 83 for the loss of one wicket. Aiden Leo scored 36 not out and Weston Clingham 39, winning by 9 wickets.

Man of the match was Dane Leo.

This meant that Allstars would need to be hopeful for a slip up from Challengers or Pirates to give them a better standing in the playoffs.

Next up on Sunday morning in really dismal weather was Pirates who was currently second on run rate who faced Mustangs, who did give a bit of a scare early on taking the top 4 wickets in 5 overs for 23 runs, but steady batting from Brett Isaac 26, Christian Leo 37 and David Young 41 not out, saw Pirates reach 142 for 8 wickets.

In the bowling – Kyle Bennet 3/24, and Callum Ellick and Gareth Johnson 2 wickets each.

With a reachable target for Mustangs, they failed miserably posting 97/10 with the only notable scores coming from Dane Wade 22 not out and Chris Owen 22.

David Young capped his Man of the Match performance with the ball, taking 2/10, Ashton Benjamin 3/19 and Brett Isaac and AJL Bennett 2 wicket each.

Pirates beat Mustangs by 45 runs.

On Sunday afternoon Heat met Challengers in the final game which could see some change to the top 4, however this game did not live up to the pre match hype, with Challengers winning by 10 wickets.

Heat had won the toss and elected to bat. Dax Richards, who has been having a good season with the bat top scored for Heat with 27 before he was dismissed in the 12th over with the score on 41. The remainder of the team were easily dismissed with an accumulation of the scores being 4 ducks, 3 twos, a one and a nine. The nine coming from returning Damian Obey and Heat fell for a total of 45

Challengers who for most of the season scores 10 an over, did exactly that. Openers Andrew Yon and Alex Langham



Dax



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made light work of the score to reach 48, without loss in 4.2 overs.

Having taken 4 wickets for 9 runs, Joey Thomas was Man of the Match.

That result, meant the League standings are as follows

- 1 – Challengers – 10 Pts (5.995 RR)
- 2 – Pirates – 10 Pts (3.822 RR)
- 3 – Allstars – 10 Pts (2.764 RR)
- 4 – Heat – 6 Pts
- 5 – Cobras – 4 Pts
- 6 – Mustangs – 2 Pts
- 7 – Lions – 7 Pts

The Tournament now moves to the play off stage, where the top four will battle for a place in the final.

In this case 1st (Challengers) will play 2nd (Pirates), the winner of which will go through to the final and 3rd (Allstars) will play 4th (Heat) and the winner will then play the loser of 1st and 2nd to also reach the final.

Just a few stats for this tournament so far:

- 146 sixes and 384 Fours have been scored from 4940 runs.
- There have been 74 catches and 21 maiden overs.
- The top batsmen are Andrew Yon and Dax Richards
- The top bowlers are Brett Isaac and Jordi Henry
- The top fielders are Cliff Richards and Weston Clingham
- The most Valuable players are AJ Bennett and Brett Isaac

This being the Easter weekend, there will not be any games played. I am sure there will be many informal cricket games played of the Easter camping weekend... If you are a part of this, then please do take us a couple of pictures and send them along.



Heat

Other Cricket News

- With International cricket on our radar at the end of this year, player registration and training sessions will start on Thursday 21st April on Francis Plain. Interested players can just turn up on the day or get in touch with me, either in person or email derek.richards@sainthelenacricket.org if you need any additional information.
- We have been receiving some interest in some fun and informal women's cricket games, if you feel you would like to be a part of this then please do get in touch.
- Work on the Francis Plain Pavilion is nearing completion. As indicated previously, this space will be used as a cricket scorers office. All paintwork has been completed and electrical wiring is ongoing. The overall aim is to incorporate the renovated pavilion into our scoring system which will include our CricHeroes App and electronic scoring.
- SURE St Helena is about to sponsor an internet package to support the St Helena Cricket Association in their electronic scoring, full details on this will follow soon.

Until next week enjoy cricket whichever way you can!

Derek Richards

St Helena Cricket Association

CGF confirm Victoria, Australia as host of 2026 Commonwealth Games

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) has confirmed that the 2026 Commonwealth Games will be hosted by the State of Victoria in Australia.

The announcement follows a successful exclusive dialogue period between the CGF, Commonwealth Games Australia (CGAus) and Victoria, where an exciting proposal to stage the major multi-sport competition across the State was agreed. The proposal capitalises on the 2026/30 Strategic Roadmap, which provides renewed flexibility to be innovative and creative in delivering the Games.

In what will be a first ever predominantly regional Commonwealth Games, Victoria 2026 will be staged in March 2026 across multiple cities and regional hubs including Melbourne, Geelong, Bendigo, Ballarat and Gippsland. The Opening Ceremony will take place at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground. The approach will showcase the best of what the State has to

offer and ensure a uniquely Victorian experience for the athletes and spectators.

There will be a phased approach in creating the sports programme for Victoria 2026. An initial 16 sports have been put forward for the Games, with further sports to be added later this year.

The CGF, CGAus and Victoria entered an exclusive dialogue period in February 2022. A CGF and CGAus visit to Victoria took place later that month. This was followed by a Victoria 2026 delegation presenting their 2026 Games Proposal to the CGF Executive Board in Birmingham, England in March 2022. The Proposal has now been approved by the CGF Executive Board, with the Host Contract to be signed in Victoria today.

CGF, 12 April 2022

Lenten Veil, Cloth or Tapestry

Recalling a 15th Century Germanic Church tradition during the weeks leading up to Easter, Craig Peters, Art Teacher of Prince Andrew's High School, has painted such a cloth for the Catholic Church.

This unique cloth depicts a composition highlighting historic and natural features of our lives on St Helena.

The focal point of the cloth is a depiction of Christ, symbolized further by Jacob's Ladder disappearing into the heavens.

