



Good News?



REHABILITATION OF FIELD ROAD – UPDATE

Further to the Press Release issued on 30 August 2023, the Highways Authority has now approved the closure of Field Road from Monday 18 September 2023. This closure is to enable the rehabilitation works to begin.

Field Road will be closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic, including emergency vehicles, until the works are completed. This is expected to be in approximately nine months' time. Access to Rupert's Valley will be via the Haul Road for the duration of the Field Road construction works.

Further updates will be issued as the works progress, and will include advance notice of any short-term closures of Side Path Road. Such closures may be occasionally required to ensure the safety of road users when excavation works are being undertaken above Side Path.

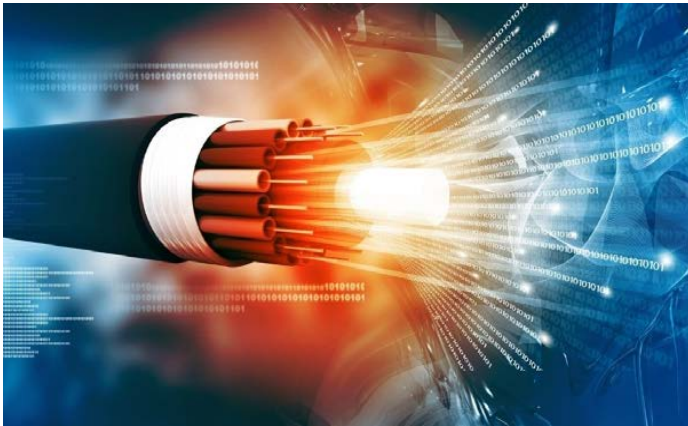
Population Shrinking



Fighting Aliens Should Have Higher Priority



After Six Years We Have Another Big Win



Just two weeks before the sixth anniversary of St Helena's last Big Win#, we have another one. Like the first, it was a long time coming.

On 1st October, internet prices will plummet and data package limitations are raised by up to 92%.

At Last! Some Advantage from the Equiano Connection

This is on its way out.....

CURRENT OFFERING					
	Allowance (MB)	Speed Down (Mbps)	Speed Up (Mbps)	Overage	Price (£)
Lite	1,100	1	0.5	5p	13.31
Bronze	2,250	1	0.5	5p	20.23
Silver	5,000	1.5	0.5	5p	40.51
Silver Plus	7,100	1.5	0.5	5p	54.34
Gold	14,250	2	0.7	5p	82.00
Gold Plus	31,000	2	0.7	5p	160.06



And This Is What's Coming.....

NEW PACKAGES				
New	Allowance (MB)	Speed Down (Mbps)	Speed Up (Mbps)	Price (£)
Entry/Social Tariff	15,000	2.5	0.5	13.3
S	30,000	5	Up to 1	18
M	60,000	5	Up to 1	36
L	Unlimited	Up to 10	Up to 1	67
L+	Unlimited	Up to 20	Up to 1	120



The Cheapest Package is the Big Winner on Data

The cheapest package, right now called 'Lite', stays at the same price. To be precise it reduces by 1p to £13.30 per month. But the data limit soars from 1,100 MB to 15,000 MB, a 92% increase. This means the price per 1,000 MB plummets from £12.10 to 89p.

From 1st October the cheapest package will be called the 'Entry' package. Apart from the increase in data allowance the download speed is increased from 1Mb to 2.5 MB a second. Still slow but more than twice as fast than before.

The Bronze Package to be Called 'S' with Five Times the Speed

The data limit for the Bronze package, currently on offer, is 2,250 MB costing £20.23 and also with a download speed of 1 MB. The new 'S' package from 1st October has a data allowance increased to 30,000 MB, twice the allowance offered for the new 'Entry' package but costs only £4.70 more at £18. Another bonus is the download speed increases to 5 MB per sec-

ond. A big improvement on the 1 MB per second available with the 'Entry' package. The price per 1,000 MB is 60p, that's 29p less than the 'Entry' price for every 1,000 Mb used.

Silver and Silver Plus are Nearest to the new 'M' Package

The Silver package, available now, has a data limit of 5,000 MB, costs £40.51 and has a download speed of 1.5 MB per second.

Silver Plus customers pay an extra £13.83 for an extra 2,100 MB per month at the same data speed.

The new 'M' package available from 1st October has a data limit of 60,000 MB, costs £36 and a download speed of 5 MB per second. There is no discount for buying twice as many MB per month than the 'S' package, it still works out at 60p per 1,000 MB. The download speed is also the same as the 'M' package at 5 MB per second.

Gold and Gold Plus Go Unlimited

For Gold and Gold Plus it will be 'L' and 'L+' from 1st October. For big data users there will be no limit on the amount of data used. The cost per month also drops.

For Sure's Gold customers the cost per month drops £15 to £67.

For Gold Plus the cost drops £40.06 to £120.

The only difference between 'L' and 'L+' is the data speed. For 'L' customers it is 10 MB per second. For 'L+' customers it is 20 MB per second.

Which Package to Go For?

Which of the new packages to buy is not just a case of what it costs. What you get for your money can be a deciding factor, especially if choosing between 'Entry', 'S' or 'M'.

Why choose the 'Entry' package when the 'S' package costs only £4.70 more? The data limit is twice as much at 30,000 MB per month, the speed is twice as fast and the price per 1,000MB is 29p less.

The main problem with choosing a package before 1st October comes around is that the data limits are now so much higher it is not possible to be sure all the data bought, (or very nearly all of it) will be used. When comparing 'Entry' with 'S' some may prefer to pay the extra £4.70 just for the extra data speed.

For Sure customers now using Silver or Silver Plus the choice seems to be simpler. Until customers become familiar with using the increased data allowances at lower prices it is probably better to 'trade down' to the 'S' package. If 30,000 MB a month turns out to be not enough, the 'M' package includes another 30,000 MB at the same price. Data speed also remains the same.

For present Gold and Gold Plus customers the only issue is the data speed. There is no data allowance limit so there is no price per 1,000 MB comparison either. The only difference is that Gold customers get 10 MB per second download speed for £67 while Gold Plus customers get 20 MB download speed for £120.

Points To Remember

1. There is a 10% Government Service Tax on all prices
2. The Free Usage from Midnight to 6am will not apply from 1st October
3. For new internet customers there is a one-off £20 set-up charge
4. The 5p per MB charge after going over the data allowance limit no longer applies
5. From 1st October, one of two things will happen when the data allowance is used up. Either, the internet will be cut off when the data allowance has been used, or, a booster package can be bought to extend the data allowance for the month
6. Data services for government and businesses are also being improved. There will be additional digital capability for Health and Education
7. Sure's existing licence has been extended from 1st January 2024 for 18 months
8. Residential Broadband customers should email Sure's Customer Services at service@sure.co.sh by 22 September to advise their preferred Broadband Plan for 1st October
9. Mobile phone customers will have increased data allowance at lower cost
10. Contractual discussions continue with Maestro on the contract for the Island-wide fibre-optic cable network

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Editorial

Work to fix Saint FM's Deadwood transmitter is scheduled for today – weather permitting. All the required pieces of equipment and people are available so, if the repaired is completed as planned, 95.1 should be transmitting again sometime tomorrow afternoon.

Further announcements on Saint FM

First there was Connect who want to add a £45 standing charge to electricity bills. Then Sure, with a new package plugged into the Equiano cable which was better than I for one, expected. Now, there is not too much going on – not on the surface anyway. The next known thing to expect is who gets the new cargo shipping contract.

The controversy about not being able to use Starlink has not entirely gone away – especially among people who have bought it. Starlink is now seen as faster but also more expensive than what will be on offer from 1st October. The extra speed that comes with the new Sure packages are welcome but the system is not all that fast. It will do for now. Now, means for the next 18 months at least. That's how long the latest extension to Sure's licence lasts. There can be further 6-month extensions after that, if required. Hopefully, 18 months is long enough for SHG to sort things out with Maestro or maybe get someone else to do the job. Whatever happens, we will not be getting the full benefits of the Equiano cable for some time yet. What we get next month should keep us happy, for a while.

Going back to Starlink, St Helena is way down the list of 3rd priority countries with Starlink as far as their rollout is concerned. In fact, South Africa is a 3rd priority country, St Helena is probably not on the list at all. The 1st priority countries for Starlink are those where they do not have to jump through challenging regulatory hoops and daunting licencing issues. 1st priority for Starlink is countries without registration and licencing requirements. 2nd priority countries are those "requiring registration/licencing with minimal foreseen issues". Without your Starlink connection being backed by Starlink's rollout programme it's possible there will always be glitches and the Island network, whether copper wire or fibre-optic, will be more reliable. Whichever way the Starlink presence is seen, SHG need not fret too much about their presence upsetting the long-awaited introduction of fibre-optic communications.

There is a lot of smart stuff around these days. I'm still talking about new technology here. We have the smart phone but there are smart TVs and smart washing machines, robot vacuum cleaners, smart air purifiers, pet cameras and that Alexa thing. One article on smart devices mentions a thermostat that can be adjusted using a special app downloaded onto the smart phone – very smart and almost pointless.

Also mentioned was a smart display in the kitchen which is a screen that displays recipe ideas and weather warnings. As the article says, 'these days there is a smart version of pretty much everything'. So-called 'smart' and no doubt expensive. Why wire up a video screen in the kitchen to show recipes when all anyone need do is look it up in a book? Simpler, cheaper and just as easy.

By now you should be thinking smart devices are a con. And they are. The UK consumer watchdog, Which? found companies appear to be gathering far more data than is needed for products to function. This includes smart TVs that ask for users' viewing habits and a smart washing machine that requires people's date of birth. Which? said, "Consumers have already paid for smart products, in some cases thousands of pounds, so it is excessive that they have to continue to 'pay' with their personal information." Smart devices want to know your location and some have tracking devices. Smart speakers (whatever they do to advance the cause of civilisation I don't know) are only supposed to listen when you want them to, but Which? found that Bose share user data with Meta, the parent company of Facebook. Bose declined to comment. Having so-called smart things in your home means you have are being spied upon at every turn and whoever you paid good money to for the so-called smart product is earning more money from you by constantly selling the information it has gathered from you by spying.

When it comes to cyber-security, there is one hell of a lot to it. **Vince**



"It's okay! I found the keys."

Wolf spider discovered on St Helena already endangered

Three new species of spider have been discovered on the island of St Helena, in the South Atlantic, prompting calls from scientists to quickly identify unknown invertebrates so they can be protected.

The wolf spiders bring the total number of species that exist nowhere else in the world except this remote island to 505.

One spider discovered is the *Molearachne* species *M. sanctaehelena*, which makes unique mounds that have earned it the local name "mole spider". Two other species were discovered, the *Dolocosa joshuai* and *Hogna veseyensis*.



The 'mole spider', one of the new wolf spiders discovered on St Helena
Photograph: Philip Ashmole

Conservationists are racing against time to find and protect

species as they are thought to be under threat from habitat loss on the British Overseas Territory. The three new spiders are thought by scientists to already be endangered.

Two of the wolf spider species live in the island's cloud forest, which used to cover 600 hectares of the island, but due to deforestation now covers only 16 hectares.

Liza Fowler, an invertebrate specialist from the St Helena National Trust, said: "St Helena is peppered with pockets of unique habitats which are home to species that exist nowhere else in the world. In the cloud forest alone there are 120 endemic invertebrate species that we know of, and who knows how many more not yet identified. If we don't know what species are out there, we don't know how best to protect them."

The RSPB and the St Helena government are running a project, funded through the UK's Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, to protect and restore the cloud forest, which also provides more than half of the island's fresh water to its 4,500 residents. St Helena has recently been susceptible to droughts. The project aims to increase the size of the forest, which provides water by capturing mist, by 25%.

Danniella Sherwood, a research associate at the Arachnology Research Association, added: "St Helena is like an island-sized candy store for a spider specialist like me. The island has an incredible range of habitats which has produced over 400 invertebrates that exist nowhere else in the world, about 120 of which are in the cloud forest. I hope that our work will lift wolf spiders up as a flagship group on the island, exemplifying its unique and beautiful invertebrate richness."
<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/sep/05/wolf-spider-discovered-on-saint-helena-already-endangered>

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my disappointed regarding the coverage and return of the young athletics who participated in the Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinidad and Tobago in August.

These five athletics to name runner Blaize Baldwin, Swimmers William Caswell and Stefan Thomas along with their coaches Simon Henry, Christine Caswell and Anne Dillion returned to the island on 12th August treated like failures unlike the St Helena International football team who was treated like winners.

I'm aware they are all ambassadors for the island as they

represent St Helena on an international arena but the type of welcome and media coverage given to these youngsters on their arrival to the island was a shambles.

They all including Poppy Davis-Coyle and Brooke Yon who now resides in the UK beat their personal bests from qualifying for the games to attended the games in Guernsey, so I would have thought arriving at the airport on their arrival media would have been present to catch the moment, a banner put up welcoming them home and even spectators and fellow team members from Guernsey but nothing, it was just like any other passenger coming through from abroad.

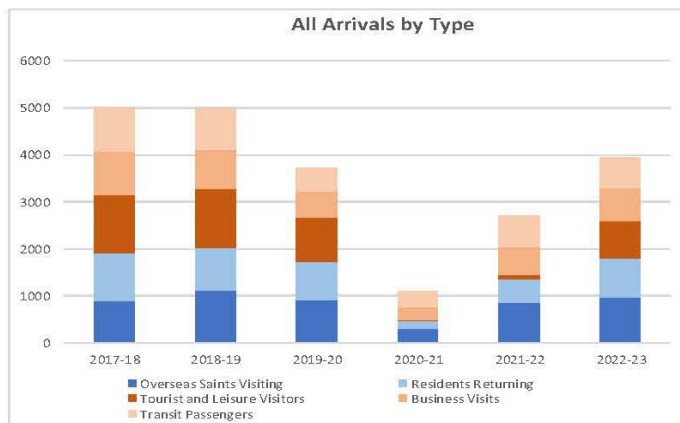
It sad that people of St Helena don't get their priorities right as these young athletics are the generation of our island and portray their selves as true ambassadors for our island but sadly had no recognition but instead the footballers who on the other hand lost all their games and was the talk of St Helena about their performance in Guernsey had the royal welcome.

This letter is not about jealousy but aiming for the island to get their priorities right when talking about our future and finding ways to encourage young saints to stay on our island.

Yours Faithfully
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Arrivals Back to Pre-Pandemic Levels

But more tourists needed with Tourist Cards filled with cash



The most recent official arrival figures from the Statistics Office are for July 2023. To get full year comparisons, the figures shown are from August to July for each year.

The first year shown is 2017 to include all arrivals since the first scheduled flight on 14th October 2017.

The coronavirus was first discovered in December 2019. In March 2020 the World Health Organisation declared the spread of the virus to be a pandemic. St Helena's peak tourism season ends around March and only 4 months of the August to July 12-month totals remain. The impact of Covid-19 on arrivals does not register fully until 2020-21.

The latest 12-month total, to July 2023, shows 220 arrivals more than in 2019-20, when the pandemic started to close

12-month totals are August to July for each year

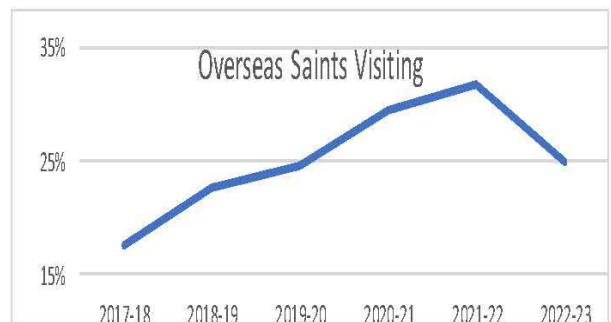
Category	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Overseas Saints Visiting	888	1133	915	323	859	984
Residents Returning	1024	894	818	154	495	832
Tourist and Leisure Visitors	1245	1249	930	20	102	777
Business Visits	919	837	572	276	588	702
Transit Passengers	953	875	501	326	658	661
TOTALS	5029	4988	3736	1099	2702	3956

down travel and tourism.

On the chart, the two bottom categories on each column show the share of total arrivals which were Overseas Saints here on a visit and Residents returning from overseas. The two categories can be seen the mainstay for travel to and from the Island.

The three categories in the top half of each column show the share of total arrivals which were arrivals for tourist and leisure (non-Saint), business purposes and transit passengers.

During the pandemic, Saints kept coming. This chart shows the share of the arrivals totals which were Saints returning for a visit. The scheduled plane service built up the numbers but the peak was during pandemic. While all numbers dropped considerably, the number of visiting Saints dropped least.

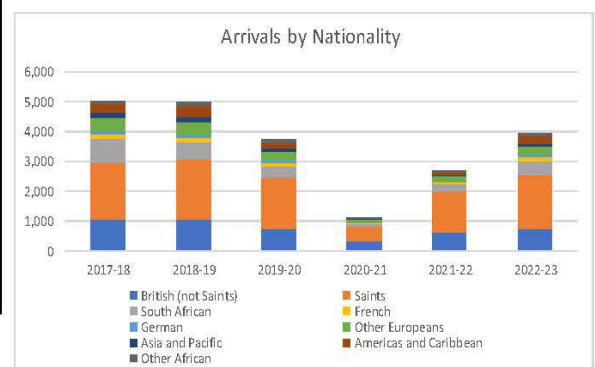


After the Island re-opened after the pandemic, Overseas Saints were the quickest to book a ticket with Airlink. The total number of Overseas Saints arriving in 2022-23 is the highest number of all (see table) but the share has dropped because other categories have also increased.

The share of total arrivals by nationality does not change very much. Saints and other Brits make up more than half of all arrivals. During the pandemic the share of the total increased to three-quarters. South Africans come next with around 12%.

Category	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	TOTAL
British (not Saints)	1,064	1,048	736	352	624	713	4,537
Saints	1,892	2,032	1,738	479	1,360	1,822	9,323
South African	819	578	351	101	274	480	2,603
French	153	150	118	25	46	130	622
German	101	99	115	17	20	109	461
Other Europeans	451	413	273	72	167	247	1,623
Asia and Pacific	172	189	115	20	40	100	636
Americas and Caribbean	271	356	194	16	101	257	1,195
Other African	112	123	96	17	70	98	516

Despite a focus on French and German visitors, visitors from other European countries take a bigger share of the total overall. People from North & South America and the Caribbean are more likely to pay us a visit that from Africa (excluding South Africa).

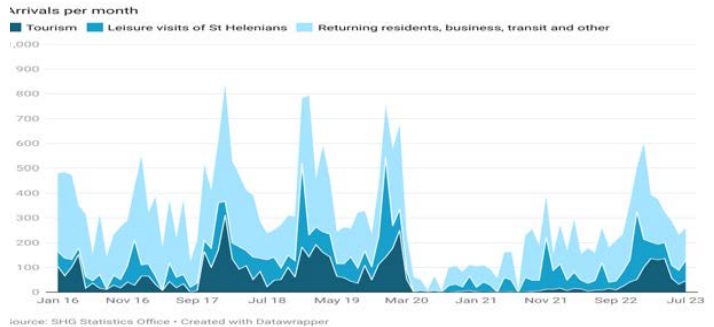


STATISTICAL UPDATE: ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Arrivals By Place of Origin - share of 12-month total						
Category	2017 -18	2018 -19	2019 -20	2020 -21	2021 -22	2022 -23
British (not Saints)	21%	21%	20%	32%	23%	18%
Saints	38%	41%	47%	44%	50%	46%
South African	16%	12%	9%	9%	10%	12%
French	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%
German	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%
Other Europeans	9%	8%	7%	7%	6%	6%
Asia and Pacific	3%	4%	3%	2%	1%	3%
Americas and Caribbean	5%	7%	5%	1%	4%	6%
Other African	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTALS	5035	4988	3736	1099	2702	3956

The Statistics Office have released their latest estimates for the numbers of passenger arrivals and departures to and from St Helena.

In July 2023, there were a total of 259 arrivals and 326 departures, with 251 arrivals and 316 departures by air.



A Letter from a North American Grand Mother living in a Parallel Universe

Dear Grand-daughter,

The other day I went up to our local Christian book store and saw a 'Honk if you love Jesus' bumper sticker .. I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous prayer meeting. So, I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper. Boy, am I glad I did; what an uplifting experience that followed. I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good he is, and I didn't notice that the light had changed.

It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed. I found that lots of people love Jesus! While I was sitting there, the guy behind started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of his window and screamed, 'For the love of God!' 'Go! Go! Go! Jesus Christ, GO!'

What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus! Everyone started honking! I just leaned out my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love! There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach.

I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. I asked my young teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant. He said it was a Hawaiian good luck sign. Well, I have never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign right back. My grandson burst out laughing. Why even he was enjoying this religious experience!!

A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed. So, grinning, I waved at all my brothers and sisters, and drove on through the intersection. I noticed that I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again and felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared.

So, I slowed the car down, leaned out the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away. Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!!

Love, Grandma

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE SKITTLES RESULTS

07-Aug-23	Parttimers	481	beat	Strugglers	456
Gents Highest Score	David Reynolds	56		David Thomas	58
	Terry Lawrence	56			
Ladies Highest Score	Stacey Williams	58		Emerald Newman-Yon	55
Highest Spare	Shane Williams	9		Jeremy Yon	9
				David Thomas	9
14-Aug-23	Extractors	480	beat	Young Stars	477
Gents Highest Score	Anthony Phillips	63		David Young	64
Ladies Highest Score				Rebecca Young	56
Highest Spare	Anthony Phillips	13		Rieedwaan Richards	15
21-Aug-23	Guys and Dolls	476	beat	Young Alcoholics	468
Gents Highest Score	Mark Anthony	61		Roland Crowie	66
	Neil Joshua	61			
Ladies Highest Score	Julie Anthony	55			
Highest Spare	Mark Anthony	12		T-Jay Anthony	12
				Fabian Peters	12
30-Aug-23	Strugglers	470	beat	Extractors	447
Gents Highest Score	Dencel Yon	57		Deon Thomas	64
Ladies Highest Score	Sally Hickling	63			
Highest Spare	Sally Hickling	15		Leroy Young	14



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An inter-governmental organisation set up to research and recommend policy on biodiversity (Ipbes) announced recently that invasive alien (non-native) species are a costly threat to farming, fishing and wildlife. The Ipbes research shows plants and animals that have moved beyond their native habitats as a result of human activity having a catastrophic global economic and environmental impact. They estimate the total cost each year amounts to at least £335 billion.

The Ipbes report, prepared by 86 experts over four years, found people had transferred 37,000 species of animals, plants and microbes to new habitats around the world. More than 3,500 were classified as invasive aliens because of the extent of damage they caused. Ipbes scientists said the \$423bn (£335 billion) economic impact of invasive species, calculated for 2019, was a “very conservative” estimate and that costs were quadrupling every decade. Their report was approved by the organisation’s 143 member states meeting in Germany last weekend.

Helen Roy of the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology is a co-author of the Ipbes report. She said, “We’re seeing unprecedented rates of increase, with 200 new alien species recorded every year.”



Professor Helena Roy

Professor Roy used an example from St Helena to show that biological control can be effective. Biological control - introducing a new species to eradicate a pest — can help reduce the damage, though this strategy has sometimes backfired disastrously. An example is the harlequin ladybird, an Asian native brought to the US in the early 20th century to control insect pests but now a destructive predator of beneficial native species. However, the approach could work when introduced with rigorous risk analysis, Roy said. On the remote Atlantic Island of St Helena, the alien jacaranda bug was destroying native gumwood trees until a different ladybird was introduced to control it. “It is really specific to controlling the bug,” she said. “That little ladybird has saved the gumwoods from extinction.”

Professor Helen Roy has led UKCEH research into the threats posed by invasive species for a number of years. In recent years she has placed more focus on the Overseas Territories. UKCEH teamed up with Durham University to research

the major invasive species threats to the Overseas Territories; most are small islands, each one very vulnerable to outside influence to its unique and delicate balance of nature.

Professor Helen Roy led the work. She comments: “These Territories are exceptionally biodiverse. St Helena, for example, has over 400 invertebrates found nowhere else in world – it is simply unique. We hope that this study draws attention to these Overseas Territories and the inspiring people on them who are working so hard to protect their incredible wildlife and habitats.”

Experts from each UK Overseas Territory collaborated with the wider project team of experts from around the world to predict which invasive non-native species were likely to arrive, establish and impact on biodiversity, ecosystems, human health and the economy within the next 10 years. They were then able to publish a comprehensive list. The report also examines how the species are most likely to arrive, with shipping containers identified as a key route for many animal species.

Gibraltar and Saint Helena are particularly high risk. They are threatened by biological invasion from the greatest number of species overall. St Helena is most at risk from a high number of plant species, while the Falkland Islands and Tristan da Cunha are threatened by the most marine invasive non-native species.

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Dr Wayne Dawson of Durham University said: “The knowledge and experience of local experts was central to identifying the non-native species that pose the highest threats to each Territory, and it was a great privilege to work with a wide range of contributors on the project.” In most instances, the Overseas Territories already have robust biosecurity measures in place, hopefully the report will draw further attention to their vital work.

On the major threat to St Helena’s balance of nature, the research points out plants were well represented among high-risk species for St Helena, where the vegetation is dominated by invasive non-native plants

Invasive Aliens Have Been a Growing Threat for Many Years



In 2016, of Buglife’s ‘Bugs on the Brink’ project identified a number of new invertebrates on St Helena. They reported ten invertebrate species have been discovered as new to St Helena including two new insect families. Liza Fowler a Bugs

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on the Brink project officer also rediscovered Basilewsky's crane fly. Liza said, "capturing the Basilewsky's crane fly was a real stroke of luck, one flew into the car at High Peak and landed on me." A centipede was also rediscovered; neither has been seen for 45 years and were thought to be globally extinct.

But not much is good news. Liza Fowler explained, "most of the new bugs to the island are invaders from other places and may turn out to be detrimental to the indigenous bugs, flora or crops, but it is good that we now know about them. For example, a new wasp may kill the caterpillars of endemic moths, the scentless plant bug is a crop pest and a new snail was eating my cabbages".



Liza Fowler – alien bugs worst enemy – is now working with the Cloud Forest project

In May this year Helen Roy was again reporting on work in the Overseas Territories. Having previously emphasised that collaboration between the Overseas Territories is important in the fight against alien invasives, Professor Roy described one result from collaboration. "Over the last year, we (UKCEH) have begun to compile information on non-native species for each of the UK Overseas Territories. In coming years, we will work with partners on the UK Overseas Territories to review this information while also prioritising the monitoring and reporting of invasive non-native species." As always, good information has high value.

In March this year, a South African website specialising in holiday spots in the great outdoors ran a feature headlined, 'Women Leading the Way to Save Britain's Last Cloud Forest'. That's the cloud forest in St Helena, by the way. Liza



UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology

Fowler was mentioned, of course, together with Vanessa Thomas-Williams and Rebecca Cairns-Wicks. Vanessa and Rebecca were applauded for their 'lifetimes' work' in nature conservation. And so the fight goes on. Without more resources the white weed and the wild mango will lead the alien fight to colonise more of the Island.

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The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 10th September 2023 – Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

8.00 a.m.	Reserved Sacrament	Cathedral
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Martin
5.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Cathedral

The Parish of St James

Sunday 10th September 2023 – Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

9.30 a.m.	Reserved Sacrament	St James
	Thursday 14th September	
7.00 p.m.	Reserved Sacrament with Healing	St John

The Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 10th September 2023 – Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

11.15 a.m.	Reserved Sacrament/Church Parade	St Mark
	Tuesday 12th September	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mark

St Paul's Cathedral The Island of St Helena

MUSIC FOR A WINTER'S EVENING

with

Bishop Richard Fenwick (Organ)

**and the Cathedral Choir
directed by
the Cathedral Organist
Mrs Joy George**

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**Friday 15th September 2023 at 7pm
- in aid of church funds**

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

I wanted to write about the new Sure tariffs expected to be introduced in October.

The fight for proper connectivity on St Helena is far from over, but today has shown that moves can be made in the right direction.

To give credit where it is due, these new charges and speeds, when considered an interim measure, are a step forward for our island.

In particular, it's a significant boost to our community that the overage charges for those on capped data have gone as the pressure of shock bills has disadvantaged the most vulnerable in our society.

Those involved in the negotiations do deserve congratulations and have our thanks.

We have a service for the next 18 months; it is essential now that we really push to develop our own Island wide fibre network to realise the true potential of the subsea cable.

These new tariffs are a step forward from where we were and are still far from where we need to be. In particular, the limited upload speeds will hamper those who work online and manage websites.

There is still the question of whether Sure can supply the advertised speeds to outlying communities. We must ensure that we do not create a divide between the town and country areas regarding their telecommunication.

There is also the ongoing question of Starlink. I understand the government's position is to bring in new regulations to ban the systems and then try to enforce the regulations, in effect banning Starlink; the obvious question is, why bother?

Unless they have a severe need for the extra speed, who will spend nearly £1000 on importing a satellite dish and then spend £200 a month for the service?

The main advantage of Starlink over Sure was the uncapped data, but as Sure is now offering uncapped data, the only advantage is the extra speed, which most households don't need. The new tariffs will cover the needs of the majority of end users.

We are constantly told the AG's chambers have too much workload, so why waste time drafting new regulations?

Our Police force is so under-resourced they are struggling to police Jamestown on the weekends, but we expect them to take what little resources they have to hunt for Starlink systems.

We don't have the money to increase pensions or invest in our young people, and yet the Government will invest in the detection equipment?

Then, of course, you will have the inevitable legal challenge from Starlink owners who bought their systems in good faith and will seek, at the very least, compensation from the government for the losses they incur.

Why waste what little resources we have to police a problem that, thanks to competition, will solve itself? While Sure can only offer slower speeds, their service is cheaper, uncapped, and more reliable (even the slightest obstruction on a Starlink dish causes constant dropouts of the connection), and you don't need access to an international card to pay for it.

Further, if our government successfully ban the systems, what competition is there to ensure that Sure provides an adequate service to consumers? It is clear now that even the threat of competition in the marketplace resulted in a much better offer for the end users and brought Sure to the table, without it, what motivation do they have to provide adequate customer service or the future upgrades they have spoken about?

Following last week's announcement, Cllr Thrower and I still believe that people should have the right to choose their Internet Service Provider and are still asking anybody interested in challenging the moves to ban Starlink to contact us by email at:

Andrew Turner: councillor.aturner@gmail.com
Karl Thrower: karl.thrower@shgcouncil.com

Kind Regards,
Andrew Turner,
Member of the Legislative Council

THE ROCK

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US
ON SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER
2023
@ 11 am
FOR
PRAISE AND WORSHIP
At Longwood Avenue

Transport is available from
Jamestown, HTH
Contact 23249 or 62552

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Interaction in Jamestown

Thursday 7th September



ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST RSPB DARWIN INITIATIVE

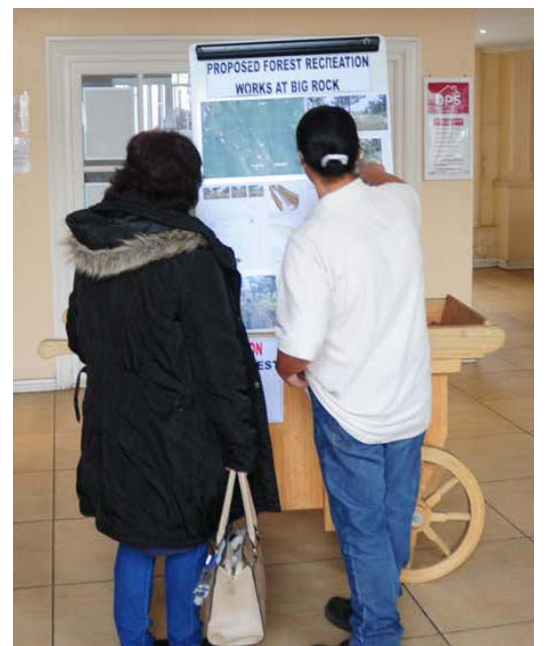
DPLUS190: Improving St Helena's grasslands to benefit people and wildlife

"What are we trying to achieve on this project? How are we going about doing this? What is our overall goals?" Come along to our pop-up community stalls and tune into St FM and SAMS radio stations to find out, ask questions and show your support.

Location	Date and time
Canister, Jamestown	7th September 2023, 10am - 1pm
Levelwood Shop	8th September 2023, 3pm-6pm
Longwood Supermarket	15th September 2023, 10am-1pm
SAMS	14th September 2023, 9am
St FM	12th September 2023, 8:30am



Jehovah Witnesses sharing the word of Jehovah in Jamestown with their pop up stall.



PMU & ENRP staff consults the public on the Proposed Forest Recreation works at Big Rock



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ARE YOU A MARINE TOUR OPERATOR? DO YOU PROVIDE MARINE ACTIVITIES FOR PAYMENT OR REWARD? DO YOU SCUBA DIVE, FREEDIVE, OR RECREATIONALLY USE THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT?

If you are a Marine Tour Operator, under the Environmental Protection Ordinance, 2016 *Marine Regulations (Tourism and Interaction with Marine Life)*, 2023, you must now be licenced to operate within St Helena's MPA. In order to apply for a licence, tour operators need to receive accreditation certification. The ENRP Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section are providing training sessions for the Marine Tour Operator Environmental Accreditation Certification Scheme including two information sessions for recreational users, at the Marine Centre on the Wharf.



- Tuesday 19th September at 5pm – Interaction and viewing species session (2 hours)
- Wednesday 20th September at 5pm – Diving session (1 hour)
- Thursday 21st September at 5pm – Recreational users information session (no booking required)
- Tuesday 26th September at 5pm – Recreational users information session on Best Practice Guidelines (no booking required)
- Wednesday 27th September at 5pm - Interaction and viewing species session (2 hours)
- Thursday 28th September at 5pm - Diving session (1 hour)

Email kirsty.jones@sainthelena.gov.sh for a training session registration form or call 25966 for more information. Registration forms must be in by Friday 15th September.

FOR SALE BY TENDER

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for sale by tender an Iveco Bus formerly registered as vehicle number 243.

This vehicle will be offered on an “as is, where is basis”, with no warrantee given or guarantee implied.

For further information and viewing, interested persons can contact Denis Rainbow, Auto Shop

Manager on telephone 22638 or email: autoshop@solomons.co.sh
Offers, should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating the registration number on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Monday, 25 September 2023.



7 September 2023

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO SERVE ON STATUTORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES

Central Support Service is once again in the process of updating its register of persons who are interested in serving on statutory and bona fide Boards and Committees.

The register records previous experience and current interests together with any training undertaken - this proves useful when selecting individuals for appointment to any of the Boards or Committees; a list of which can be found the Public Information, Reports and Policies page of the SHG website via: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/>.

It should be noted that registering does not mean that a person will be automatically appointed as this will depend very much on specific statutory requirements and the individual's background experience and interests and of course, whether there is a vacancy. However, there is an immediate need for a Member of the Immigration Control Board and therefore Central Support Service would like in particular to hear from persons who are interested in serving on this Board.

The Immigration Ordinance, 2011 provides for an Immigration Control Board comprising of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Members who are all appointed by the Governor. The role of the Board is to exercise and perform powers and functions conferred upon it by the Immigration Control Ordinance, 2011. This includes processing applications for long term entry permits, work permits, immigrant employment certificates and immigrant landholding licences.

Members appointed to the Immigration Control Board must have St Helenian Status. Justices of the Peace, Immigration Officers, and members of the Legislative Council are not eligible to be members of the Board.

For serving on the Immigration Control Board, the Members will receive a remuneration of £600 pa plus a mileage allowance for any mileage incurred using personal vehicles in connection with attendance at Board meetings, which are generally held once per month.

For further information about the duties of a Member of the Immigration Board, persons who may be interested can contact Mr Merlin George, Chairman, Immigration Control Board, on tel no: 24913 or via email: GEORGES.MH@helanta.co.sh.

The relevant form to register for a Member of the Immigration Control Board, together with interests in other Boards may be obtained from Miss Linda Benjamin, Information & Research Support Officer, at the Castle on tel no: 22470, via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh or on the Public Information, Reports and Policies page of the SHG website via: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/>.

Completed forms should be returned to the Information and Research Support Officer by Friday, 22 September 2023.

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6 September 2023



Tour Guide Training



Napoleon on St Helena

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

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

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

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

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

www.sthelenatourism.com

A Tribute to St. Marys Church – Ascension Island

by Fr. Jack Horner



I was asked by Saint FM if I would contribute a personal article on St. Mary's Church, Ascension Island as it is now 180 years since work started on building the church there and I hope my contribution will be of interest to readers.

Ascension was garrisoned in 1815 mainly by the Royal Marines who were then under Admiralty jurisdiction as they still are today. Church services were held on Ascension, mainly by Royal Naval Chaplains. Ascension was garrisoned then to prevent the French using it as a base from which to attempt a rescue of Napoleon who was exiled on St. Helena. The number of personnel soon grew to 500 and church services were initially held in the open-air and latterly on the veranda of the barracks which is now the Exiles Club.

In 1845, The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty granted the land where St. Mary's was to be built for ecclesiastical use to the Bishops of St. Helena.

Although the main structure of St. Mary's was not complete until 1847 the corner stone was actually laid on 6th Sept. 1843 – 180 years ago and it was a further 18 years before the church was consecrated on Ascension Day, 9th May 1861, by Bishop Claughton.

Following the death of Napoleon in 1821, Ascension continued to be garrisoned by the Royal Navy and Marines and Naval Chaplains were appointed to serve there up until 1905. Although military personnel they were licensed by the Bishop of St. Helena and reported to him on church related matters. The Admiralty's role had now changed to being a supply base, along with St. Helena, for the Royal Naval squadron of ships who were to uphold the abolition of the Slave Trade and police the Atlantic for vessels suspected of carrying slave cargo's.

In 1905 the military withdrew their chaplains. The Eastern Telegraph Company took on arrangements for worship as the Bishop of the day, Bishop Holbeck, thought it would be unwise to appoint a civilian priest who would be subject Naval discipline for although now greatly reduced in numbers the Admiralty were still in charge and remained so until 1922 when they finally withdrew from Ascension. Services were conducted by various company people, some of whom were licensed as Lay Readers or Lay Ministers. Bishops from St. Helena visited, usually on an annual basis, which was funded initially by the Admiralty and then by the ETC – fares in those days amounted to the grand sum of £15.

The church remained without a resident priest until 1966 when John Crawford was appointed Vicar by Bishop Beardmore. He arrived just in time to take the Christmas services. While awaiting the building of the Vicarage his home for a while was a tent in English Bay.

From 1970 onwards to 1990's there were gaps in resident priests and of course the Falklands war in 1982 interrupted things although St. Marys continued to be a very necessary and essential place of worship which again now included military personnel in the congregations.

In 2003 Canon Clive Duncan followed in the steps of Canon Nicholas Turner and served as vicar for 7 years.

It was a privilege for Eileen and I to be on Ascension and for me to be vicar of St. Marys for just over two years in 2016-18. My first posting in the Navy was to Ascension in 1962 for eight months and my last posting was also to Ascension but in a very different role. During my time as Vicar the island was still very much influenced by the military presence with RAF personnel servicing the Falklands airbridge. There was also an Army contingent conducting Drone pilot training and not least the USAF presence.

The position as vicar at this time was extremely fulfilling and interesting as St. Mary's was the only active church serving the 1000 plus population. People from different denominations attended St. Mary's church and also required pastoral care from time to time regardless of their belief or religious persuasion.

One of the memorable experiences for me was to conduct a Memorial Service for an RAF Squadron Leader who tragically died from a heart attack on island shortly after landing the RAF Air Tanker aircraft carrying personnel to the Falkland Islands. The service was held shortly before his body was repatriated with full military honours back to England. However, it was only the day before the service that I learned he was a Muslim. "So how did you get around that one Horner?" Well I conducted the service outside the entrance to the main aircraft hanger using Old Testament readings similar to some in the Koran and I used prayers that referred to Almighty God with the omission of mentioning Jesus Christ until the very end when I gave a Christian blessing to the congregation which included a military parade. This was certainly a case of 'All for one' and 'One for all'.

St. Marys has been described as not being very architecturally churchlike in appearance, that it has a primitive belfry, it is like a Toy Town Gothic or that it is even similar to a giant iced cake. None the less it is a beautiful church and the notice on the front entrance requesting visitors to close the door after their visit in order to keep the wild donkeys out has got to be unique.

The interior is very churchlike and there are many interesting memorial plaques giving historic details of sailors and marines who died on the island many of them sadly under the age of forty.

The church has been restored a couple of times during its 180-year life and while there, having acquired overseas and local funding we were able to do restoration work to the roof guttering palls, the interior walls and install new lighting.

The interesting part of this work was to see at first hand just how the church had been constructed by the marines all those years ago. When stripping the interior wall rendering it revealed interior lattice woodwork to hold the cemented rendering in place. Between the lattice work and outside wall the fillings used were mud, stone, pieces of wood and scrap iron. Previously hidden from sight by the rendered coatings we were also able to observe that the window sills and frames were mainly made up from pieces of wood cut from ships masts and yardarms. It was not the best carpentry with skills and materials being in short supply, but the will to somehow build a house of God for worship was definitely not left for wanting. They built it and many since then have been able to worship our Lord on Ascension due to their efforts.

A fascinating exercise which showed how 180 years ago men and probably women as well went to extraordinary lengths using whatever limited material was available to build a church which thankfully God blessed and it is still today a valuable place of Christian worship. By the grace of God -long may this remain the case.



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY

Conservation Assistant (Endemic Plant Restoration)

Total package value up to £16,548 (single status) including allowances and housing
Two-year fixed term contract

Do you have a passion for conservation and the outdoors? We are looking for someone to take on the role of Conservation Assistant with our Plant Team. You will work with the Conservation Team Leader to protect Ascension's endemic plants through nursery work and practical restoration. This will involve the development of innovative techniques and involvement in research and monitoring activity. You must be resilient and adaptable in order to thrive in what can be a challenging environment. The successful applicant will need to be capable of working autonomously as well as part of the wider Conservation Team to deliver an ambitious programme of practical plant conservation. In addition, you will need to have good interpersonal skills that allow you to work well as a team, lead groups of volunteers and participate in public engagement events.

More details about the roles and the skills and experience required are provided in the Job Description.

In addition to an annual salary of £9,450 (taxable in Ascension), the role attracts the following single status benefits over the two-year fixed term contract:

- Rent free, furnished, single accommodation valued at £1,200 a year (taxable as a benefit in kind)
- A single status food allowance of £3,600 per year (taxable and paid with salary each month)
- A non-taxable electricity allowance paid in kind worth up to £938 a year
- A non-taxable water allowance paid in kind worth up to £1,360 per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects from your country of recruitment (sea freight)
- Shipment of a vehicle from St Helena or the UK
- A mid-contract (after 12 months) fare paid leave journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payment on the successful completion of a two-year contract
- 30 days leave per year + 9 public holidays
- Free primary medical and dental care and free off island treatment for serious conditions
- Free annual travel insurance.

This appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing Date: 18 September 2023

Interviews: 22 September 2023 by Skype if off island

For more information (including detailed job description) and to apply visit: www.ascension-island.gov.ac/working-here/ or email: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac



PRESS RELEASE: CONNECTING TO EQUIANO

Connecting to Equiano and Launch of Enhanced Data Services

The entire St Helena community will soon be able to benefit from improved connectivity with Sure in collaboration with the Saint Helena Government (SHG), connecting the island to the subsea fibre optic cable Equiano.

This enhanced connectivity is a key milestone in transforming St Helena's digital landscape and the whole community will benefit from much faster download speeds, greater reliability, and enhanced capacity. Unlimited data plans will also be introduced for the first time, starting from only £67 per month.

Sure's team will connect the island's telecoms network to the cable this year so its game-changing connectivity benefits can be realised as soon as possible, with Sure anticipating providing enhanced broadband services to residential customers from 1 October. Sure will also be enhancing data services for SHG and business customers at this time.

This exciting development is the result of collaboration with Sure and SHG in which SHG has agreed an extension of the current licence agreement with Sure for a minimum period of 18 months, from 1 January 2024.

Sure Chief Executive for Saint Helena, Christine Thomas said: "It is a monumental and long-anticipated achievement for Saint Helena to be transitioning from satellite to cable connectivity via the Equiano subsea cable.

"Our on-island team, in collaboration with the wider Sure Group and SHG, are going to be working extremely hard throughout September with the aim of having new broadband packages ready for residential customers to use from 1 October.

"The benefits of connecting to Equiano are enormous and we're excited to be playing our part in supporting Saint Helena's digital ambitions with greater speeds and capacity, and a brand new set of broadband packages, some of which include unlimited data for the first time."

Below are Sure's new Residential Broadband Plans effective 1 October 2023. Business customers will be contacted shortly.

Residential Broadband customers should contact Sure's Customer Services team on +290 22900 or service@sure.co.sh by 22 September to advise their preferred Broadband Plan for 1 October and to access updated terms and conditions.

Customers are able to view Sure's enhanced mobile data products via the website www.sure.co.sh

If customers have any questions regarding the changes to Sure's products, please contact the Customer Services team on telephone +290 22900 or email service@sure.co.sh

New	Allowance (MB)	Speed Down (Mbps)	Speed Up (Mbps)	Price (£)
Entry/Social Tariff	15,000	2.5	0.5	13.30
S	30,000	5	Up to 1	18.00
M	60,000	5	Up to 1	36.00
L	Unlimited	Up to 10	Up to 1	67.00
L+	Unlimited	Up to 20	Up to 1	120.00

Vacancy

Part-Time Aircraft Cleaners



Rate of pay will be £5.60 per hour

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for Part-Time Aircraft Cleaners to join the team at St Helena Airport.

The Aircraft Cleaners will be responsible for the cleaning of the Airport Terminal during operational days and also cleaning of the aircraft cabins of arriving and departing Aircraft.

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

Interested Persons 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 including both classroom and online-based training.
- Be available to undergo the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake Manual Handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Be able to work with a high degree of attention to detail
- Have the ability to remain calm under pressure

For further information contact:

Tegan Turner, Agencies Business Co-Ordinator via  22523  agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hadmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **12 September 2023**.

PROPOSED ELECTRICITY AND WATER TARIFFS COMMENCING 1ST OCTOBER 2023

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is proposing revised tariffs commencing 1st October 2023.

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

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

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



	CURRENT TARIFF	PROPOSED TARIFF	Change
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ELECTRICITY OTHER CHARGES

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

WATER OTHER CHARGES

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

DRAINAGE OTHER CHARGES

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

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

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

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

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

Join us! We are recruiting...



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Prison Catering Officer (£9,197 per annum)

Join H.M. Prison Jamestown as our next Catering Officer! Shape meals for the whole facility, create menus with dietary finesse, and mentor motivated prisoners towards valuable qualifications. Impact lives while mastering the art of prison catering. Elevate your career while contributing to rehabilitation.

Apply now and be a part of positive change!

Enquiries: Jay Kendall on Tel No 22541
Closing date: 11 September 2023

Assistant Caretaker (Prince Andrew School) (£7,341 per annum)

To support and ensure the management, maintenance, safety and security of the whole premises of Prince Andrew School, including Francis Plain playing field, so that it is kept in good condition for use by the school population and the wider community of St. Helena.

Enquiries: Mr Stuart Leo on 24290
Closing date: 11 September 2023

Higher Level Teaching Assistant (Prince Andrew School) (£9,401 per annum)

A Higher Level Teaching Assistant takes on the responsibility of planning, preparing and teaching 25% of the Schools Teaching Time Table including any specific support groups and lesson cover in the absence of the Class Teacher.

The HLTA will also assist with supervising the children in the playground to ensure pupils feel safe and secured in the school environment, and to have a good level of written and verbal communication to be able to interact with between all students, colleagues and Parents.

Enquiries: Miss Kerry Lawrence on 22607
Closing date: 12 September 2023

Benefits

Leave – 25/30 days leave per annum, according to grade, plus public holidays

Pension – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

Training and Development

Paid sickness absence

How to apply

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

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

Applications should be submitted to the Human Resources Officer by email recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh or paper copies delivered to the Human Resources Officer by the closing date.

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

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief and will consider all applications on the basis of merit assessed against the role profile and person specification. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, which include a medical check, betting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role.

Join us! We are recruiting...



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Cover Supervisor (Prince Andrew School) (£9,810 per annum)

Within the role of Cover Supervisor you will be required to provide effective and efficient support to the school in organising and undertaking cover for absent colleagues. In addition where applicable, be also involved in planning, teaching and assessing students in designated subject areas.

Enquiries: Mrs Isabel Andrews on 24290
Closing date: 12 September 2023

1:1 Teaching Assistant (Pilling Primary) (£7,823 - £8,114 per annum) Fixed Term - 1 Year

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

Enquiries: Miss Kerry Lawrence on 22607
Closing date: 12 September 2023

Senior Human Resources Assistant (£9,197 per annum)

The Senior HR Assistant is responsible for undertaking a range of HR transactional processes to ensure the delivery of a high quality HR service. Key areas include recruitment and selection, leavers, contractual changes and employment related policies and procedures.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Sharnell Benjamin on Tel No 22470
Closing date: 19 September 2023

Benefits

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Programme Manager (£18,508 - £22,988 per annum)

Are you interested in making a positive impact for our community? Do you have experience of being a programme or project lead? If so the Programme Management Office (PMO) is seeking a Programme Manager to join our team. This is a key role required to deliver strategically important transformational change at a national level. Working across a number of diverse programmes you will ensure the benefits of each are realised through effective leadership.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Paul Cherrett on 22270
Closing date: 18 September 2023

Senior Care Assistant (Ebony View) (£9,605 per annum)

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is seeking to employ a highly motivated individual with experience in working with service users with challenging behavior to be a Senior Care Assistant at Ebony View. You will have strong leadership skills with the ability to mentor junior staff. You could also be required to work within other areas within Social Care at the same level.

Enquiries: Jay Espinosa on 23343
Closing date: 19 September 2023

Benefits

Leave – 25/30 days leave per annum, according to grade, plus public holidays

Pension – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

Training and Development

Paid sickness absence

How to apply

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

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

Applications should be submitted to the Human Resources Officer by email recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh or paper copies delivered to the Human Resources Officer by the closing date.

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

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief and will consider all applications on the basis of merit assessed against the role profile and person specification. All appointments are subject to th successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, which include a medical check, betting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role.



by Leigh Richards

People who know me, know I'm a social media fanatic. I use Facebook, Messenger, Instagram and WhatsApp most of the time.

I'm sharing snippets from social media here – there are so many different ways it is used.

Henry Thorpe
Top contributor · 6m · 🌐



SPECIAL PROMOTION

30% price drop at Thorpe's outlets



Curry Powder Medium Rajah 200g 67021

Was £2.31

Now: £1.60

Further discount on case/MOQ is as follows:


SOCIAL NETWORKS

Social networks are used to connect with people and brands online. Examples - Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Cherilee Jane Cranfield
5 d · 🌐

Mrs Richards had another surprise yesterday! She had a cake that was organised by [Aiden Yon-Stevens](#) and was presented to her by Jamie Peters from the class of 2008. Jamie thanked Mrs Richards and said if it wasn't for her, he wouldn't be where he is today. ❤️❤️❤️

[Pilling Primary School](#)
[Edna Richards](#)



Damien Thomas Titchy
4 d · 🌐

Hi everyone just spoke to [Niall Kilgannon](#) about my encounter with Sergio he's keen and willing to help anyone that needs it. It's just a shame he's not on st Helena but replies to anyone that contacts him he explain fully what he's about and what the goal is there's a team of lawyers coming to st Helena soon take full advantage if it

Even if it's something else regarding other agencies I'm sure they will put you in the right direction and give you the help you need

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Councillor Andrew Turner
20h · 🌐

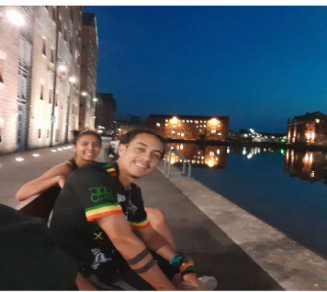
As you may have already seen in the shops we have launched a crucial petition to block the proposed increases from Connect St Helena.

I, along with Cllrs Karl Thrower, Ronald Coleman, Gilly Brooks, Rosie Bargo and Dr Corinda Essex are supporting this petition to the Utilities Regulatory Authority to give you the opportunity to have your voice heard.

I want to urge you all now to take the time to sign this petition. Your signatures and voices will send a powerful message to... [See more](#)

Nick MU Stevens is with [Aiden Yon-Stevens](#) and [Brooke Yon](#).
18h · 🌐

Too hot to go to bed, so chilling on the docks



Weather

Gloucester
Tue, 5 September 20:31

24°

Clear
29° / 14°
Feels like 24°

21:00	22:00	23:00	00:00	01:00
23°	21°	20°	19°	18°
☁️ 2%	☁️ 2%	☁️ 2%	☁️ 2%	☁️ 3%

[You](#), [Tina Yon-Stevens](#), [Aiden Yon-Stevens](#) and 34 others · 6 comments

Like Comment Share



Whats Happening there?



Look who's in uniform!

They welcome Mr Jamie Peters to the Royal St Helena Police Service.

After spending multiple times with them for work experience, Jamie finally took the opportunity to grab an application form and applied.

He has been successful and has joined Team 2 and will begin his training with them to help keep the community safer.

Congrats Jamie and welcome to the service!!



It's cold, it's wet, it's windy, the weekends' coming up, have a great time but don't drink and drive.....Unless you want them to show you some new bars.

Police will be out and about around the Island doing vehicle checks.

On 1st September Police were called to attend a road traffic collision at Trapp Cott near St Pauls. One driver was arrested for being over the drink drive limit and subsequently charged to attend court.

They would like to thank those members of the public that were inconvenienced for their help, patience and cooperation.

The Royal St Helena Police have zero tolerance in relation to drinking and driving.



The Royal Saint Helena Police Service would like to advise the public that in the last 7 days they have received 2 separate reports of dogs being found loose in a public place and causing distress to both members of the public and livestock. This has occurred in different areas of the island and enquiries are ongoing. If the registered owners of the animals

are located, they face the possibility of Police action.

Dog owners are reminded of their responsibilities as per the Dogs and Cats Ordinance 2011, which states the following in section 8:

(1) The keeper, or any other person in charge of a dog, must ensure that, while in any public place or place to which the public has access, the dog at all times remains under the control of the person.

Dog owners face a potential fine of up to £500 and a banning order up to 3 years should they not adhere to the ordinance.



PC Sebastian Williams given a certificate of Merit

Friday 01st September 2023, in recognition to his dedication and commitment to policing, Chief of Police David Price, in the company of Police Officers and staff, recognized Police Constable Sebastian Williams for his excellent contribution to keeping the island of St Helena safe.

DC Winterburn given a Chief of Police's Commendation

Friday 01st September 2023, in recognition of her professionalism and investigative skills, Chief of Police David Price, in company of Police Officers and staff, recognized Detective Constable Lisa Winterburn for her excellent contribution to keeping the island of St Helena safe.



New Horizons Youth Club has organized and hosted an array of events and activities for the youths of our community during the school holidays which involved sports, post box walks, creative workshops and excursions.

The Royal Saint Helena Police Service would like to say a big Thank You to Scott, Kim and all the staff and volunteers at New Horizons Youth Club for all their hard work in caring and encouraging our youths to be more active, creative and friendly to each other.

All of the staff here at the Police Service would like to also say that we wish them all the best in the future and will continue to show our support.

Thank you for allowing us to tag along with the various activities during the holidays as well.



INVITATION TO TENDER

St Helena Government would like to invite a suitably experienced contractor to submit tenders for the following contracts:

Fence Repairs at the following Pastures:-

- **Camp Ground**
- **Thompsons Wood**
- **High Banks**
- **Frenches Gut**
- **Thompsons Wood Road**

A site visit to view the works will take place on Thursday, 14 September 2023, at 9.30am, meeting at Common Gate. This site visit will start at Thompsons Wood pasture, then on to Thompsons Wood Syndicate, Frenches Gut, Camp Ground and High Banks.

Agricultural Road Improvement Works at Ex-ADA Fields

A site visit to view the works will take place on Friday, 15 September 2023, at 1pm, meeting at the Dairy, Longwood.

Contractors should note that site visits requested after the scheduled dates will not be entertained unless there is a relevant reason why the contractor could not attend the site visit.

Should you require any further details or a copy of the tender documents, please contact the Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, at Essex House, Jamestown, on telephone no: 22270 or via email: tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Friday, 22 September 2023.

Interested parties should note that these opportunities is **not** being advertised overseas.

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PERSONS AGED 50+ ENCOURAGED TO TEST FOR BOWEL CANCER

The Health Services Directorate is currently offering free testing for bowel cancer for anyone aged 50+ years during the month of September 2023.

Those who wish to take the test can call Grace Richards or Anna Bowers on tel: 25818 who will arrange for a test sample kit to be made available to you.

Everyone offered a test is strongly encouraged to take one. Early detection through testing helps to ensure you stand the best chance of receiving successful treatment where needed.

If you are not sure whether you wish to take the test, we suggest that you request the home sample kit and read the materials that come with it before deciding if you wish to take it. The sample kit has full instructions on how to use it. Results from your test will be provided within four weeks, and you may be called in to speak to a doctor about these if necessary.

If you have any questions about this campaign please call the Hospital by tel: 25888. Alternatively, please speak to your GP.

#StHelena #BowelCancer
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www.facebook.com/StHelenaGovt/

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Notice to Shareholders of Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc

Shareholders are advised, as a courtesy, that due to delays with the completion of the external audit process this year; the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders ordinarily scheduled for September will be delayed.

Formal notification under statutory notice will be issued nearer the time.

5 September 2023



Jamestown Brownie Unit Hospital Visit and Three Night Twilight Winter Camp!

Contributed by the Jamestown Brownie Unit

In addition to the normal activities for Term 3B, the Jamestown Brownies made a visit to the General Hospital on 25th July 2023. These visits are ongoing with the next one planned for December.

In living their promise, girls made beautiful get well cards to deliver to the patients. Along with this, they were also privileged to do a little performance with singing. The patients were delighted and their facial expressions said it all. 'Brownies will be back!'



During the end of the school year holidays, the Brownies did a three night 'Twilight Winter Camp' at Harford Community Centre. This is the first time for a three night camp, where we were finally able to accommodate their ongoing request.

Thursday 17th August, saw the start of our three night camp. With girls eager to pitch tents and with favourable weather, there was nothing to hold them back. Harford Community Centre gave scope for tent pitching as well as an alternative for indoor sleeping. Fairy lights adorned the exterior of the building which emitted a lovely soft and beautiful glow on those winter nights.

All activities at camp were planned and agreed by the Brownies. A visit to Deason's Centre sure put a smile on the resident's faces, furthermore with delivering greeting cards made by the Brownies themselves. And to top it off, singalong took reign in their recreation room.

An art completion brought out some fine artist skills. Creativity was at its best and finally a winner was revealed and congratulations went to Rutendo Nayoto. Mary Berry's cherry scones saw busy hands doing their best for mouthwatering treats for tea.

Friday 18th August, invited Brownie sisters from St Paul's showed up for some fun activities followed by roasted marshmallows

and hot chocolate.

The first activity was the 'Chocolate Challenge' with girls doing their utmost to cut the chocolate with a plastic knife and fork while wearing gloves. With perseverance some managed to do so. Next up was the ever popular 'Glow in the Dark' skittles, which became very competitive between the two teams. Some good ball control and sense of direction were demonstrated with lots of cheering. Overall winners were Jorja-Rai Osborne, Shae-Lyn Leo and Daisy Andrews. Well done to all girls for their participation.

Saturday 19th August, with a packed lunch (thanks Miss Rose for the lovely tomato paste) and all aboard 4410, we were driven to the Airport by our very own taxi driver, Poppy K. Our journey was accompanied by a good old singalong and roars of laughter.

At the Airport we were able to welcome back Team St Helena. This was followed by some free time on the playground apparatus on Longwood Avenue.

Sausage pasta bake, a favourite dish of the Brownies, saw Miss Blossom and our two leaders, Jorja-Rai and Shae-Lyn busying themselves in the kitchen. Girls were able to control knives and did all the chopping and cutting and all of their fingers survived! Thank you Miss Blossom, we can never, ever do without you!

Fun time with Miss Blossom and music blasting, freestyle dancing couldn't keep the girls off the floor, so it was suggested to do a dance challenge where girls were able to do any freestyle moves with an assessment. Choreography and performance quality from all girls made this a hard decision. Eventually, after much debate the amateur winner was announced as NG Ndunuisi. Well done to all girls for strutting it out!

Sunday 20th August, our last day at camp, saw girls reluctantly packing up their sleeping gear with some asking to stay another night.

Following our BBQ lunch, everyone hustled to pack up and get ready for our invited guests.

Just after 3pm, our guests were welcomed and seated. An enrolment ceremony took place with Faith John and Holly Bennett saying their Brownie Promise. Congratulations to them and welcome to our Guiding family. Camp certificates were presented followed by light refreshments and camp was dismissed at 4pm.



During camp, as usual, we had visits from the Police and photo shoots were a must.

Thank you Officers, your visits served as a safety net and reassurance for the Brownies while camping in an unfamiliar area.



Our three night 'Twilight winter Camp' gave many benefits, it allowed the Brownies to take on responsibilities, build their confidence and took their independence to another level while injecting survival skills. The weather was favourable which allowed girls to sleep outdoors.

It was a pleasure having two girls from St Paul's Brownie Unit spending a fun evening with us. We also had Bethany Ward-Peters our honorary Rainbow/Brownie visiting us with her auntie Pamela. Bethany enjoyed herself to the extent of extending her visit to have dinner (fish cakes) with the Brownies. Thanks Poppy K for making our fish cakes.

We would like to thank all those who supported our camp, your help in any form was very much appreciated, what would we have done without you. Big thanks to parents for entrusting your daughters with us for three nights! We can say, that everything went smoothly and girls have requested another. However, nothing has yet been confirmed.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Abigail Yon (Poppy Y) as a young leader within our Unit with the start of the new school year. We will start our meetings on Tuesday 12th September 2023.

Are you able to make a commitment to young girls and their development? Do you see yourself as a good female role model with passion, positivity, creativity and commitment? Then why not apply to become a Brownie Leader? You can express your interest with any of our two

Commissioners, Rosie Mittens on 24697 or Pamela Ward-Pearce on 22445, or in person.



Brownies is fun time with learning for girls starting at age 7 and moving up to Guides at age 10. Our meetings are full of fun and challenges, both indoors and outdoors. Activities are suggested and led by Brownies because they have their own 'Voice'.

Our programmes are structured and interlinked by the Five Girlguiding Essentials, Working together in small groups, Encouraging self-government and decision making, A balanced and varied programme

which is girl led, Caring for the individual and Sharing a commitment to a common standard.

We meet during school terms on a Tuesday afternoon at the Jamestown Community Centre from 4:30 to 6pm. We are open to girls of all faiths or even those without. If girls are interested then parents can contact, Debbie Knipe (Tansy) or Marjie Harding (Sweet Pea) for further information and to have them registered, and once this is done girls can join the Brownies.



SENIOR CLERK FROM HOUSE OF COMMONS VISITS ST HELENA AND WORKS WITH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Senior Clerk from the House of Commons, Chloe Freeman, is currently on-Island and working with the Legislative Council. She has primarily visited to help to ensure that the recently established Select Committees are fully operational.

For the seven Elected Members of Legislative Council that are not Ministers, part of their remit is to examine and scrutinise the performance of various sectors of government through Select Committees. This includes scrutinising the decision making of Ministers, and in doing so help to ensure public funds are used effectively.

Whilst on Island, Chloe is also meeting with Councillors, Ministers and SHG staff to discuss Private Members Bills, the upcoming work of the Select Committees, including their policies and procedures and the work of Legislative Council more generally, to ensure their processes are working for the people of St Helena.

Chloe has already shared a range of information and advice on how to write reports, minute taking, organisation, asking good questions and picking the best enquiries.

Chloe commented:

"It has been really interesting to see how the new ministerial form of government is working on St Helena and observe the practices of the Legislative Council. I am confident that the Select Committees will effectively and sufficiently scrutinise the work of the government. Its been great to meet and work with all the Elected Members and SHG staff to improve democracy in St Helena."

Chloe will depart St Helena on Sunday, 10 September 2023.

**Legislative Council
7 September 2023**

DIY Crime Busting in England's Quiet Countryside

The village of Lyndhurst in Hampshire's New Forest is as quiet as you can get; except for one thing. Lyndhurst has the unenviable claim to fame for having the most unsolved burglaries in the UK. Hampshire constabulary have 84 of them outstanding on the books. Lyndhurst residents don't see a policeman and not a single burglar has been arrested in the last three years.

Instead of phoning 999, in Lyndhurst they contact their own WhatsApp or Facebook groups. They give car registration numbers, if seen, and descriptions of the offenders and the crime they committed.

One shopkeeper said, "We very rarely bother the police – we don't need them. We have developed our own little systems to replace them." An antiques dealer had two valuable plates stolen in plain sight. The dealer mounted a Facebook campaign, demanding to know where the plates were. This made the stolen goods hot property. It only took two days to get the plates back. The antique dealer said, "The police only wanted to look into it after we had located them through our own efforts. We declined their help."

Hampshire Constabulary, along with other police forces, have had their budgets squeezed since 2010. A 25% drop in police funding has caused places like Lyndhurst to become a burglar's playground. The Home Office figures show only 4% of theft offences result in anyone being charged. Just 5.7% of all crimes were solved last year. 2.4 million cases were dropped without a suspect being found.

A shopkeeper in the centre of Lyndhurst who estimates he has had at least 250 thefts in the last 15 years said, "We just want a presence. Officers walking around, chatting to people - old-school."



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EMERGENCY FIRST AID TRAINING COURSES **OFFERED TO PUBLIC AND BUSINESSES**

Between September 2023 and January 2024, the Health & Social Care Portfolio will be offering a range of accredited courses focusing on first aid skills, in partnership with the St Helena Community College. These courses will benefit the community by ensuring first aid can be provided in a timely manner, helping to preserve life during medical situations both within the workplace and the wider community.

The approved training centre is accredited by Qualsafe, a UK training regulator. All qualifications are UK recognised and will be delivered by experienced employees from the Health & Social Care Portfolio.

Training sessions for SHG employees, charities, child-minders/crèche and other voluntary organisations will be free of charge.

For all other individuals wishing to undertake a training session, costs are listed below.

Training courses available

Principles of Safe Handling and Administration of Medication - £20.00pp

This qualification has been specifically designed for those working within a health and social care setting, such as support workers or care workers, and who have a responsibility for the safe handling and administration of medication. This qualification is also perfect for those looking to refresh their knowledge. Over this one-day course, learners will gain an understanding of the safe handling and administration of medication, current legislation and guidance, different types of medication, the storage and disposal of medication, and much more.

Qualification valid for three years.

Emergency First Aid at Work - £20.00pp

The qualification is designed for those who have a specific responsibility at work, to provide first aid in a range of emergency first aid situations. It is also ideal for people who have a specific responsibility to provide basic first aid in voluntary and community activities. During this one day course, learners will develop the skills and knowledge needed to deal with a range of emergency first aid situations, including managing an unresponsive casualty, CPR, choking, shock, wounds and bleeding, and minor injuries.

Qualification valid for three years.

Basic Life Support for Adults and Children (includes AED use) - £20.00pp

This qualification has been designed for anyone who wishes to learn basic life support skills for adults, children and infants. It is also ideal for those who are qualified in providing first aid and are looking to refresh or develop their existing first aid knowledge. During this half day course, learners will be given the opportunity to practise essential basic life support procedures, including assessing an incident, managing an unresponsive casualty, recovery position, CPR and choking.

Qualification valid for one year.

Combined Paediatric Emergency First Aid and Emergency First Aid at Work - £25.00pp

Streamlined perfectly to avoid the duplication of topics, the combined course has been specifically designed for those who work in settings that require both First Aiders and Paediatric First Aiders. This includes places such as schools, sports clubs or other childcare settings. Over one day, learners will develop the knowledge and practical competencies needed to provide effective first aid for adults, children and infants. Topics include CPR and AED use, choking, wounds and bleeding, unconscious casualty and more.

Qualification valid for three years.

First Response Emergency Care Level 3 (FREC3) - £100.00pp

The qualification is a regulated and is a nationally recognised qualification amongst ambulance services, ideal for those looking to work or volunteer as a first responder.

Among the first to arrive at a scene, first responders typically include police officers, firefighters, and those providing medical cover at events as well as those working in high risk environments. This can include places such as construction sites, power stations, agriculture and manufacturing.

This informative, hands-on five day course fulfils the competencies set out in the Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical skills framework at descriptor level D. It provides the knowledge and practical skills needed to deal with a range of prehospital emergency care situations, such as administration of emergency oxygen, CPR and AED use, choking, wounds and bleeding, unconscious casualties, management of trauma patients, major illnesses and much more.

Qualification valid for three years.

Venue/Application

All training sessions will be held at the St Helena Community College or at the Health Directorate Training Centre. Participants are to arrive at 8.30am, with a view to start each training session starting at 9am.

Applications for the individual courses need to be made to the St Helena Community College using the relevant application or online at [SHCC Online Registration Form \(https://form.jotform.com/223255646842359\)](https://form.jotform.com/223255646842359). For more information please contact Carley Peters via email: carley.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh or by telephone on 22607.

Feedback and certification

Following the completion of each course, participants will be required to complete an evaluation form and participants will receive a certificate confirming they have attended the individual training session. Each certificate number can be verified online.

Training Session Dates

Date	Course
12/09/2023	Basic Life Support for Adults and Children (includes AED use)
13/09/2023	Principles of Safe Handling and Administration of Medication
18/09/2023 to 22/09/2023	First Response Emergency Care Level 3
23/09/2023	Combined EFAW & Paediatric
04/10/2023	Emergency First Aid at Work
05/10/2023	Basic Life Support for Adults and Children (includes AED use)
09/10/2023 to 13/10/2023	First Response Emergency Care Level 3
11/10/2023	Principles of Safe Handling and Administration of Medication
16/10/2023	Combined EFAW & Paediatric
28/10/2023	Emergency First Aid at Work
06/11/2023 to 10/11/2023	First Response Emergency Care Level 3
14/11/2023	Basic Life Support for Adults and Children (includes AED use)
15/11/2023	Principles of Safe Handling and Administration of Medication
28/11/2023	Combined EFAW & Paediatric
29/11/2023	Emergency First Aid at Work
13/12/2023	Basic Life Support for Adults and Children (includes AED use)
14/12/2023	Basic Life Support for Adults and Children (includes AED use)
15/12/2023	Combined EFAW & Paediatric
18/12/2023 to 22/12/2023	First Response Emergency Care Level 3
22/01/2024 to 26/01/2024	First Response Emergency Care Level 3

For further information please contact Michael Gaga-Hale, Senior Paramedic, via email: michael.gaga-hale@sainthelena.gov.sh.

**SHG
7 September 2023**



International Football

By Leigh Richards

Son Heung-min scored a hat-trick as Tottenham recovered from a goal down to thrash Burnley at Turf Moor and continue their unbeaten start to the Premier League season.

Lyle Foster finished a lovely, flowing move to give the Clarets an early lead, but Son's delicate finish restored parity 12 minutes later and the visitors never looked back.

They dominated the rest of the half and Cristian Romero's curling effort from the edge of the box completed the turnaround on the stroke of half-time.

James Maddison continued his fine start to the campaign with a peach of a goal nine minutes into the second half, the former Leicester man curling beyond James Trafford after Burnley had gifted the visitors possession inside their own half.

Son side-footed past Trafford for his second of the game before completing his treble with a low strike after latching on to Pedro Porro's delightful through ball.

Josh Brownhill's neat finish pulled one back for Burnley in stoppage time, but it was no more than a consolation.

Spurs, who were knocked out of the EFL Cup by Fulham on Tuesday, move to ten points from their opening four games, while Burnley remain without a point this season.



Erling Haaland "was born to score goals" and capped a golden week by completing a second-half hat-trick as Manchester City extended their 100% start to the Premier League season with a win over Fulham.

On Tuesday, Haaland was named PFA Player of the Year. On Thursday, he got a similar award from Uefa.

Man City's assistant manager Juanma Lillo was effusive in his praise of the striker saying it is "no surprise" that he reaches high goal-scoring figures.

"He's great at providing for other players, he gave one assist today, he has this importance to other players, it's not just about scoring goals," said Lillo.

"I'm more impressed by other figures as well, not just if he ends up scoring. I always looked at his intelligence as well as his goal-scoring."

Here, he was back doing what he does best - putting the ball into the net, as he took his tally to six for the campaign.

Haaland had set up the opener for Julian Alvarez - and with the score at 2-1 going into the second half, the favour was returned, as the Argentine sent him charging into the box with a fine first-time pass for City's third.

The Norwegian then kept his nerve to score City's fourth from the penalty spot after Issa Diop had fouled Alvarez.

Haaland had already been named man of the match when he applied the superb first-time finish to Sergio Gomez's cut-back to claim yet another match ball.

Arsenal scored twice in stoppage time to secure a dramatic victory over Manchester United at Emirates Stadium.

In a chaotic finale to a largely scrappy game, United first thought they had snatched three points only to see Alejandro Garnacho's 88th-minute finish ruled out for offside by the video assistant referee with the score 1-1.

The drama then switched to the other end in eight added minutes as Declan Rice's deflected shot gave Arsenal the lead before substitute Gabriel Jesus raced clear to wrap up the win as the stadium exploded in elation.

United had taken the lead in the 27th minute when Christian Eriksen's outstanding pass played in Marcus Rashford, who cut inside to send an unerring right-foot drive past Arsenal keeper Aaron Ramsdale.

The Gunners, who had already spurned a golden chance when the struggling Kai Havertz miskicked with the goal at his mercy, were level almost instantly when captain Martin Odegaard was given too much space and sent an emphatic finish into the bottom corner.

In an encounter that rarely hit the heights despite lots of effort, Arsenal - who had seen a penalty over-turned by the VAR after referee Anthony Taylor originally ruled Havertz had been fouled - missed a glorious late opportunity when Bukayo Saka shot straight at Andre Onana.

United saw celebrations cut short with two minutes left when substitute Garnacho raced clear to score, but the VAR ruled he was just offside - opening the door for Arsenal to produce two devastating blows.





International Football

Continued.....

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

**Table as
it stands
after
Week 4
matches**

RESULTS - WEEK 4

Luton Town	1	vs	2	West Ham United
Brighton & Hove Albion	3	vs	1	Newcastle United
Manchester City	5	vs	1	Fulham
Chelsea	0	vs	1	Nottingham Forest
Burnley	2	vs	5	Tottenham Hotspur
Brentford	2	vs	2	AFC Bournemouth
Sheffield United	2	vs	2	Everton
Arsenal	3	vs	1	Manchester United
Liverpool	3	vs	0	Aston Villa
Crystal Palace	3	vs	2	Wolverhampton Wanderers

FIXTURES - WEEK 5

Saturday 16th September

11:30	Wolverhampton Wanderers vs Liverpool
14:00	Aston Villa vs Crystal Palace
14:00	Fulham vs Luton Town
14:00	Manchester United vs Brighton & Hove Albion
14:00	Tottenham Hotspur vs Sheffield United
16:30	Newcastle United vs Brentford

Sunday 17th September

13:00	AFC Bournemouth vs Chelsea
15:30	Everton vs Arsenal

Monday 18th September

18:45	Nottingham Forest vs Burnley
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LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

NAME	TEAM	GOALS
Erling Haaland	Manchester City	6
Evan Ferguson	Brighton & Hove Albion	4
Bryan Mbeumo	Brentford	4
Taiwo Awoniyi	Nottingham Forest	3
Jarrod Bowen	West Ham United	3
Solly March	Brighton & Hove Albion	3
Son Heung-min	Tottenham Hotspur	3
Odsenne Édouard	Crystal Palace	3
James Maddison	Tottenham Hotspur	2
Mohammed Salah	Liverpool	2
Darwin Núñez	Liverpool	2
Moussa Diaby	Aston Villa	2
Rodri	Manchester City	2
Julián Álvarez	Manchester City	2
Bukayo Saka	Arsenal	2
Dominic Solanke	AFC Bournemouth	2
Callum Wilson	Newcastle United	2
	Wolverhampton	
Hwang Hee-chan	Wanderers	2
Lyle Foster	Burnley	2
Luis Díaz	Liverpool	2
Eddie Nketiah	Arsenal	2
Alexander Isak	Newcastle United	2
Michail Antonio	West Ham United	2
Yoane Wissa	Brentford	2

#RWC2023



The 2023 Rugby World Cup will be the tenth men's Rugby World Cup. It is scheduled to take place in France from today 8 September to 28 October 2023 in nine venues across the country and is the first to take place entirely in France. The opening game and final will take place at the Stade de France, north of Paris.

Originally, the tournament was scheduled to last the usual six weeks, but in February 2021 World Rugby added a week to provide additional rest days for player welfare. This means that teams will have a minimum of five days' rest for all matches. It will be the third time France has hosted the Rugby World Cup, having previously done so in 2007 and co-hosted the 1991 Rugby World Cup with England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. It precedes the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris and will take place less than a year before the Olympics opening ceremony.

The defending champions are South Africa, who defeated England in the 2019 Rugby World Cup Final and Chile will make their first appearance and Portugal will return for their second appearance, 16 years after their first appearance in 2007, also held in France.

Twenty teams from five regions are set to compete in this years' tournament to include South Africa and Namibia from Africa, Japan from Asia, France, England, Ireland, Italy, Scotland, Wales, Georgia, Romania and Portugal from Europe, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Samoa and Tonga from Oceania and Argentina, Uruguay and Chile from South America.

The opening game will be between the host country France and New Zealand.

Competing countries were divided into four pools of five teams (pools A to D). Teams in each pool play one another in a round-robin, with the top two teams advancing to the knockout stage.

See fixtures for game below:

POOL A

8th September	France	vs	New Zealand
9th September	Italy	vs	Namibia
14th September	France	vs	Uruguay
15th September	New Zealand	vs	Namibia
20th September	Italy	vs	Uruguay
21st September	France	vs	Namibia
27th September	Uruguay	vs	Namibia
29th September	New Zealand	vs	Italy
05th October	New Zealand	vs	Uruguay
06th October	France	vs	Italy

POOL B

9th September	Ireland	vs	Romania
10th September	South Africa	vs	Scotland
16th September	Ireland	vs	Tonga
17th September	South Africa	vs	Romania
23rd September	South Africa	vs	Ireland
24th September	Scotland	vs	Tonga
30th September	Scotland	vs	Romania
01st October	South Africa	vs	Tonga
07th October	Ireland	vs	Scotland
08th October	Tonga	vs	Romania

POOL C

9th September	Australia	vs	Georgia
10th September	Wales	vs	Fiji
16th September	Wales	vs	Portugal
17th September	Australia	vs	Fiji
23rd September	Georgia	vs	Portugal
24th September	Wales	vs	Australia
30th September	Fiji	vs	Georgia
01st October	Australia	vs	Portugal
07th October	Wales	vs	Georgia
08th October	Fiji	vs	Portugal

POOL D

9th September	England	vs	Argentina
10th September	Japan	vs	Chile
16th September	Samoa	vs	Chile
17th September	England	vs	Japan
23rd September	Argentina	vs	Samoa
24th September	England	vs	Chile
30th September	Japan	vs	Samoa
01st October	Argentina	vs	Chile
07th October	England	vs	Samoa
08th October	Japan	vs	Argentina



LOCAL FOOTBALL

Match Report by New Horizons

Falcons	3	Rumblers	8
Joel Peters	2	2	Joshua Crowie
Hugo Richards	1	2	Talem Francis
		2	Dirk Benjamin-Peters
		1	Cruz Williams
		1	Brydon McDaniel
MOM	Joel Peters	Talem Francis	MOM
Hurricanes	3	Terminators	2
Riley Yon	1	1	Levi Williams
Robson	1	1	Jude Jacobs
Om Fowler	1		
MOM	Sam Benjamin	Elijah Young	MOM
Guardians FC	6	Young Rebels	5
Kayden Scott	5	Dillion George	4
Tyrell Timm	1	Louie Fowler	1
MOM	Kylen Piek-Williams	Louie Fowler	MOM



TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Guardian FC	4	4	0	0	35	19	16	12
Young Rebels	4	2	0	2	34	16	18	6
Rumblers	4	2	0	2	32	18	14	6
Falcons	4	2	0	2	22	30	-8	6
Megalodons	4	0	0	4	6	56	-50	0

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Next week fixtures

Sunday 9th September

9am— Megalodons vs Rumblers

9am— Troopers vs Terminators

10am— Falcons vs Young Rebels

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Troopers	3	3	0	0	16	8	8	9
Terminators	3	1	0	2	10	8	2	3
Hurricanes	4	1	0	3	13	21	-8	3

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

Kayden Scott	Guardian FC	16
Hugo Richards	Falcons	15
Dillion George	Young Rebels	13
Jamal Peters	Young Rebels	11
Joshua Crowie	Rumblers	9
Joel Peters	Falcons	6
Dirk Benjamin-Peters	Rumblers	5
Louie Fowler	Young Rebels	4
Talem Francis	Rumblers	4
Own Goal		3
Cruz Williams	Rumblers	3
Alexis Williams	Rumblers	2
Kaiden Leo	Megalodons	2
Kaiden Glanville	Guardian FC	2
Luton Yon	Megalodons	1
John Espinosa	Guardian FC	1
Kylen Piek-Williams	Guardian FC	1
Scott Constantine	Megalodons	1
Brydon McDaniel	Rumblers	1
Tyrell Timm	Guardians FC	1

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

Lebron George	Troopers	7
Zach Francis	Troopers	5
Lukas Robertsee	Troopers	4
Lewis Thomas	Terminators	3
Riley Yon	Hurricanes	3
Callum O'Dean	Terminators	2
Ryan Stevens	Troopers	2
Levi Williams	Terminators	2
Om Fowler	Hurricanes	2
Elijah Young	Terminators	1
Robson	Hurricanes	1
Jude Jacobs	Terminators	1



LOCAL FOOTBALL

Match Report by Mikee Williams

FIRST DRAW

Saturday saw the start of the second round with the first draw of the season, with Harts and Ballerz playing out an entertaining two all draw.

Ballerz took the lead in the first five minutes of the game when a double save from Owen rebounded of his own defender into his goal.

Harts had a few chances to equalise but failed to get their shots on target.

Then, with ten minutes remaining, Ballerz goalie was caught on the ball, then took out Matt Stoten to give Harts a penalty. Sam Collins stepped up and rifled the ball home for the equaliser.

Half-time Ballerz 1 v 1 Harts

The game got a bit scrappy in the second half, with Harts having the best chances to take the lead. A Ballerz counterattack saw a Ballerz player chop down in the box with the referee giving the second penalty of the game.

The penalty kick was well saved by Owen in goal, but Ethan Harris was first to the ball to smash it home to put his side back in the lead.

With ten minutes remaining Ballerz were penalised for a back pass. Matt Stoten pass the ball to Harts goalie who had gone up for the free-kick, and with the whole Ballerz team on the goal line fired it into the bottom corner. Harts had the best chances to win the game but once again failed to get their shots on target.

Final score Ballerz 2 v 2 Harts

Goals for Ballerz - Ethan Harris, own goal

Goals for Harts - Sam Collins (p), Christopher Owen

MOM - Matt Stoten of Harts

YPOM - Jaydee Caswell of Harts



STAYING IN THE RACE

The first game on a wet and cold Sunday saw Chop Shop took all three points against a much improved Axis team.

Although only registering one shot on target, Axis showed great resilience to just go into the break one nil down, with man of the match Jason Conga putting in a number of crucial tackles. A mistake at the back from Axis saw Shane Stroud given the goalie no chance with a brilliant shot. Chop Shop had multiple chances but failed to hit the target.

Half time score Chop Shop 1 v 0 Axis

The second forty-five mirrored the first with Chop Shop with the majority of the ball but wasteful in front of goal. Axis themselves got into good positions but lack that final pass in the final third. Chop Shop's second goal came with a save from Scott Crowie in goal but the rebound fell into the path of Blake for a easy tap in.

Final score Chop Shop 2 v 0 Axis

Goals for Chop Shop - Shane Stroud, Blake Peters-Benjamin

MOM - Jason Williams of Axis

YPOM - Blaine Bennett of Axis



BELLBOYS HANG ON FOR BIG WIN

The final game of the weekend was one of the games of the season so far.

Rovers started of the brightest, winning the midfield battle and settling on the ball first, having a few half chances at goal.

As the game went on, Bellboys started to get a foothold in the game and started finding their strikers more regularly. A brilliant through ball found Taylan Phillips, whose shot was well saved by the Rovers goalie, but Brady was there to tap in the rebound to break the deadlock with fifteen minutes remaining in the half. Before Rovers could settle themselves from going a goal down, two minutes later, they were two nil down. A dangerous free-kick caused havoc in the Rovers box, which saw Taylan at the back post with an open goal to tap in. Bellboys were on top of the game, but Rovers were still a threat on the counter. With two minutes remaining before half time. A fantastic cross from out on the right

wing from Tyler Benjamin found Ronan Legg in the Bellboys box. Ronan, with an outstanding touch, killed the ball after smashing it in to get his team back into the game just before the break.

Half-time score Bellboys 2 v 1 Rovers

Rovers again started the brightest with Bellboys abit slow out of the blocks. Then a quarter of the second half played. Bellboys took a quick corner that caught the Rovers sleeping, after some ping-pong in the box, Taylan was once again in the right place to restore Bellboys two goal cushion against the run of play. Rovers threw everything at Bellboys but found Andrew Yon hard to beat with some important one on one saves. With three minutes of normal time of the game remaining Blaise Baldwin was there after a save from the goalie to tap in to set up a nerve-wracking final few minutes for Bellboys. A rocket of a shot from Tyler Benjamin was on its way in if not from a acrobatic save from Yon. Rovers pushed for an equaliser and should have scored but were wasteful in front of goal. Time eventually ran out for the champions who went the whole of last season undefeated, suffered their third lost of the season. Bellboys on the other hand are still yet to drop points this season.

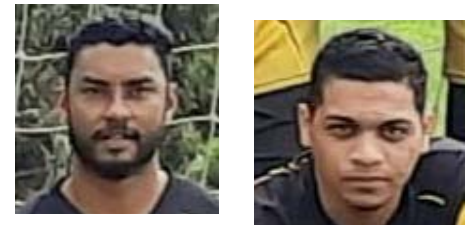
Final score Bellboys 3 v 2 Rovers

Goals for Bellboys - Taylan Phillips 2, Tyler Brady

Goals for Rovers - Ronan Legg, Blaise Baldwin

MOM - Ryan Benjamin of Bellboys

YPOM - Taylan Phillips of Bellboys



FIXTURES

Saturday 10th 2pm—Rovers vs Harts

Ref: Bellboys, Line: Chop Shop & Bellboys

Sunday 11th 1:30pm—Ballez vs Axis

Ref: Harts, Line: Rovers & Harts

Sunday 11th 3:30pm—Chop Shop vs Bellboys

Ref: Rovers, Line: Ballez & Axis



LOCAL FOOTBALL

Continued.....

TABLE STANDING AS OF WEEK 6

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Bellboys	6	6	0	0	27	4	23	15
Chop Shop Boys	6	5	0	1	15	7	8	12
Rovers	6	3	0	3	24	9	15	9
Ballez	6	2	1	3	5	29	-24	7
Harts	6	1	1	4	7	12	-5	4
Axis	6	0	0	6	4	22	-18	0

Team of the week



- Goalkeeper** - Andrew Yon of Bellboys
- Centre Back** - Blaine Bennett of Axis
- Centre Back** - Alex Osborne of Bellboys
- Centre Back** - Weston Clingham of Bellboys
- Left Wing** - Jaydee Caswell of Harts
- Midfielder** - Jason Williams of Axis
- Midfielder** - Ryan Benjamin of Bellboys
- Midfielder** - Matt Stoten of Harts
- Right Wing** - Ronan Legg of Rovers
- Striker** - Shane Stroud of Chop Shop Boys
- Striker** - Taylan Phillips of Bellboys

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

Shane Stroud	Chop Shop Boys	10
Tyler Brady	Bellboys	9
Blaize Baldwin	Rovers	8
Taylan Phillips	Bellboys	7
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Tyler Benjamin	Rovers	6
Ronan Legg	Rovers	5
Jordan Yon	Bellboys	4
Rico Benjamin	Rovers	3
Blake Peters-Benjamin	Chop Shop Boys	3
Toure Osborne	Ballez	2
Owen Richards	Axis	2
Lars Williams	Axis	2
Kyle Shoosmith	Harts	2
Joey Thomas	Bellboys	2
Alex Osborne	Bellboys	2
Sid Benjamin	Bellboys	1
Sean-Lee Thomas	Chop Shop Boys	1
Sanjay Clingham	Bellboys	1
Sam Collins	Harts	1
Ryan Benjamin	Bellboys	1
Ricardo Williams	Chop Shop Boys	1
Nico Benjamin	Rovers	1
Marc Williams	Chop Shop Boys	1
Ethan Harris	Ballez	1
Dodi Williams-Peters	Harts	1
Dane Wade	Chop Shop Boys	1
Christopher Owen	Harts	1
Brett Isaac	Rovers	1
Alistiar Buckley	Rovers	1



Edson Stevens	Harts	5
Taylan Phillips	Bellboys	4
Blaize Baldwin	Rovers	2
Toure Osborne	Ballez	1
Blake Peters-Benjamin	Chop Shop Boys	1
Eureeze Peters-Stevens	Ballez	1
Jaydee Caswell	Harts	1
Blaine Bennett	Axis	1

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST MAN OF THE MATCH AWARDS

Shane Stroud	Chop Shop Boys	3
Ryan Benjamin	Bellboys	3
Sam Collins	Harts	2
Weston Clingham	Bellboys	1
Rieedwaan Richards	Rovers	1
Rico Benjamin	Rovers	1
Tyler Brady	Bellboys	1
Tyler Benjamin	Rovers	1
Ronan Legg	Rovers	1
Matt Stoten	Harts	1
Jason Williams	Axis	1



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SAMS	14th September 2023, 9am
St FM	12th September 2023, 8:30am

