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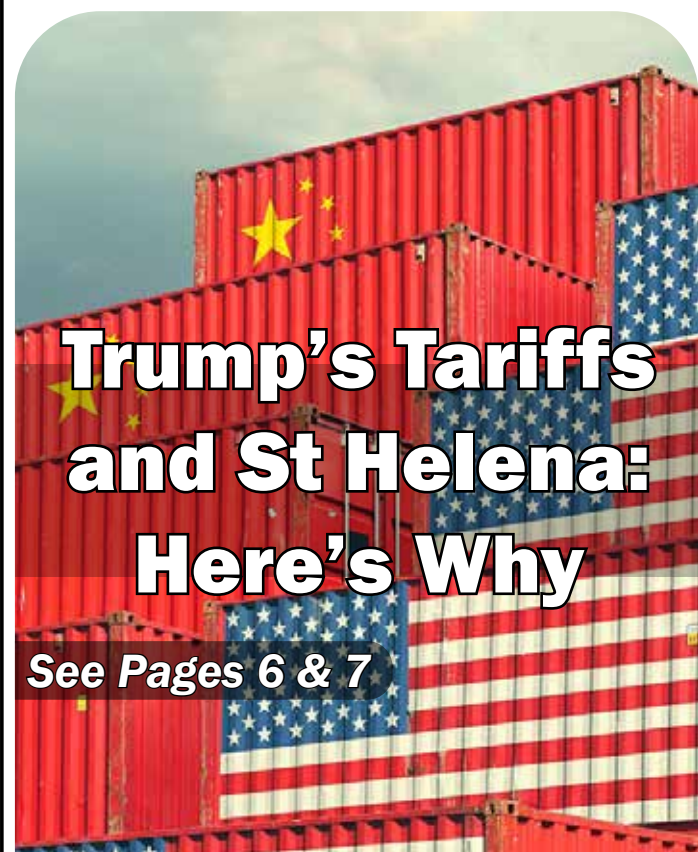
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Speaker Lindsay Hoyle Hosts Another St Helena Event

On Monday this week Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the House of Commons hosted a joint RSPB-SHG reception in the State Rooms of his official residence, Speaker's House.

Kedell Worboys organised the whole thing and Will Stone MP and Andrew Rosindell MP sponsored the event.

Other attendees included Dr Ronan Cormacain who was in St Helena last week as part of the Governance Review Team, members of the Overseas Territories parliamentary group and RSPB officials. Pat Harris, Chair of the St Helena Association was there, as was Vicky Beal, Chair of the Friends of St Helena. FCDO and Defra officials and UK Representatives from Tristan, Falklands, Gibraltar and Turks & Caicos. Councillor Gillian Brooks attended and Environment Minister Christine Scipio was one of those who made a speech.

In all, there were about 75 guests who attended to celebrate the Cloud Forest Project, one of the largest environmental projects undertaken in St Helena. Lasting four years, the project was funded by several UK government sources.



Those attending included Sarah Hulton, Interim Director of Overseas Territories at FCDO (extreme left), Kedell Worboys, SHG UK representative, Will Stone, MP for Swindon North, Katie-Jo Luxton, Global Conservation Director – RSPB, Sir Lyndsay Hoyle and Andrew Rosindell MP, Chair of the Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories Parliamentary Group. Photo-David Jeremiah



Councillor Gillian Brooks and Kedell Worboys join a group gathered around the St Helena flag in a State Room at Speaker's House



Andrew Rosindell MP presents a commemorative certificate to Lucy Buckett with David Jeremiah OBE KC in attendance

SHG to upgrade its internal computer systems

The government representing the world's most remote fully inhabited island – whose population is served by one flight per week and a monthly “supply ship” – is looking to engage with tech consultants to help inform a potential digital transformation strategy.

The St Helena government has published on GOV.UK a commercial notice alerting potential suppliers to its interest in working with tech strategy experts.

“The St Helena Government (SHG) is seeking to engage a suitably qualified digital transformation consultancy to develop a corporate digital and information and communication technology (ICT) strategy and implementation plan,” the notice says. “The consultant will work with key stakeholders to understand business requirements across all portfolios, inclusive of service delivery to our customers. This will entail a comprehensive approach to analysing current ICT environments, identifying areas for improvement and aligning potential technology solutions with business strategies.”

Prospective providers have until 29 April to bid for the opportunity, and SHG estimates that the chosen supplier will be appointed to a four-month contract, running from the start of June to the end of September. In order to take part in the procurement, bidders must register on Saint Helena's online procurement portal.

The opportunity notice provides an overview of the responsibilities of the government, and reinforces the remoteness of the place it represents.



Saint Helena, as viewed by astronauts



EDITORIAL

During the last week or two I've had good reason to ponder upon the importance engineers have on the way we live, the quality of our lives and their almost magical ability to make seemingly big problems disappear. But the appreciation of a skilled, experienced and innovative engineer has been lost among the advanced technologies of today.

The best thing about it all is a good engineer can see and understand things the rest of us mere mortals don't even know exist. The other day I was looking into the back of a printing machine alongside a capable, knowledgeable engineer. What could I see? Hardly anything. There was a lot of metal plate which hid the view of the moving parts inside the machine. I saw a big spring, lots of wire, some metal rods and one or two other bits which were a complete mystery.

What did the engineer alongside me see? From seeing what he was able to see between the metal plates that supported all the mechanisms further inside the machine, he knew how just about everything worked. I was open-mouthed in amazement. Not only did he know how it worked, he knew what the problem was and fixed it. Completely amazing. Fixing it included making a small part to replace a worn out bit of something. My amazement turned to bewilderment.

One list of the best and most well-known engineers has a top ten with seven of them born in the 19th century. Most of the names are unfamiliar to me and to most people today. But the fact is, they changed the world, mostly for the better. Still transforming our lives today. Civilisation today would be in a miserable state without the revolutionary inventions of these wonderful people. Inventions based on proven and practical applications of theory and with a clear reason and purpose for working on whatever improvement they were striving for. These engineers gave us electricity, motor driven power of all kinds and advances in medicine. They built tunnels and bridges. They found ways to carry water, electricity and people across, through and under hills and mountains. To describe everything engineers have achieved I would need to write a book. Many people have done exactly that.

Call me old-fashioned, but I do long for the bygone days when if any bit of machinery failed it was always possible to take it to bits, find the fault and fix it. I may be very slightly prejudiced here but it seems to me that everything is stuffed full of unnecessary computer bits and pieces and these bits cannot be fixed with what's in your tool bag. So often there is no tool bag of any kind that can be used to fix the fault. The only solution is to throw away some bit of board stuffed with miniature chips, resistors, capacitors, transformers, integrated circuits, oscillators and the Good Lord only knows what else. And then you buy another. Often that bit of faulty board is so expensive to replace you might as well buy a complete new car, washing machine or some other bit of domestic kit which has become so indispensable these days. Washing machines, microwaves, not so Smart TVs and of course mobile phones. This list is almost endless; dishwashers, burglar alarms, central heating and air conditioning controls and it just goes on.

Right at the back of all this throwing away and buying another, are yet more millionaires, billionaires and zillionaires. Bring back the spanner, screwdriver and the real engineers.

*Another weekend of blue sky and sunshine seems to be on its way.
Will it be another weekend when I decide it's too hot for the physical
work needed in the garden?*

Vince

NEWS FLASH – You may not be aware, SHG have one or two office closures today. Legislative Council staff office, Statistics, the IT Section, Human Resources and Organisational Development, GIS, Administration Support, Archives, the Transport Section and the Comms Hub will not be there.

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Sure or Starlink – High Stakes in Falklands Telecoms Debate

The Falklands Government announce the public consultation on Starlink is extended - Starlink Petition Group respond, saying they're getting impatient

8th April 2025: A press statement from the Falkland Islands Government.

VSAT Public Consultation Period Extended

The public consultation period on the proposed changes to the policy that guides the issuing of VSAT licences and the associated fee level has been extended by a month. VSAT means Very Small Aperture Terminal – or Starlink

The proposed changes were considered by Executive Council earlier this year in response to the community petition and Select Committee process that took place last year. The Falkland Islands Government has agreed to a request for an extension to the current public consultation to ensure that the consultation process is as complete and inclusive as possible.

The original public consultation period was due to conclude on 11 April 2025. This has now been extended to Sunday 11 May 2025, with Executive Council now due to consider the matter on 3 June 2025.

9th April 2025: The response from the Starlink Petition Group (edited)

The government indicated it was 'minded' to support the petition

In light of yesterday's press release from the Falkland Islands Government, the Starlink Petition Group wishes to respond formally. Given the significance of this matter, we believe it is necessary to express the views of our group clearly.

The public consultation period has been extended. The consultation will now run until the Executive Council (ExCo) meeting on June 3rd, 2025. It is our assumption that Sure Falkland Islands requested this extension, and are likely to ask again.

We want to reaffirm our continued support for the process followed by MLAs and FIG in response to the petition. We appreciate the careful consideration and understand the importance of ensuring due process is observed. We also acknowledge that the principal reason for the thoroughness of this approach is to reduce the risk of potential challenges from Sure Falkland Islands.

The Starlink Petition Group's efforts began in May 2024 Key milestones include:

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| • August 1st, 2024: | First Select Committee meeting |
| • September 5th, 2024: | Second Select Committee meeting |
| • October 3rd, 2024: | Final Select Committee meeting |
| • November 18th, 2024: | Completion of a public survey conducted by Cambridge Management Consulting |
| • February 25th, 2025: | ExCo meeting where the government indicated it was 'minded' to support the petition |
| • March 10th – May 11th, 2025 | Current public consultation period – three months! |
| • Parallel consultations: | Conducted by the Communications Regulator with selected stakeholders |

We have engaged in nearly ten months of continuous consultations. While we understand the importance of this process, we must question whether these repeated consultations yield new insights or are simply revisiting the same ground.

While we are disappointed by this latest delay, we have received it in good faith. However, we remain deeply concerned that this will not be the last. With the pattern of delay becoming harder to justify.

To provide a sense of accountability and closure from a community standpoint, we plan to hold a public meeting at the Town Hall on **July 11th, 2025**, exactly one year after the petition was formally submitted.

We thank the MLAs and FIG for their continued engagement and hard work, but we respectfully urge:

1. No more delays. No more consultations.
2. Let us move forward.

Starlink Petition Group

Why Treasury Minister Mark Brooks Does Nothing About St Helena's \$11 Million Drop in Exports to the United States

The US government's very own trade figures, available to all at <https://usatrade.census.gov/> shows exports from St Helena to the US have dropped alarmingly, from \$21.6 million in 2022 down to £10.6 million in 2024. Happily, for the US, exports to St Helena from the US have remained much the same at around \$9 million. Where they get these figures from defies the imagination. The CIA Factbook also includes an impressive array of data in its file on St Helena. Likewise, the CIA manage to get many things very wrong.

We can safely assume if St Helena's data is a jumbled mess of make-believe, the same applies to many, in not all, other countries in the US trade census data.

If official US export/import figures are only good for their amusement value, another data source used in the US is guaranteed to have you helpless with laughter. Called the Observatory of Economic Complexity (OEC), the detail available is almost overpowering – the errors in it certainly are. To give everyone confidence in the data, the OEC give trend data which is exactly opposite to the US government's trade census. Both datasets are figments of the imagination.

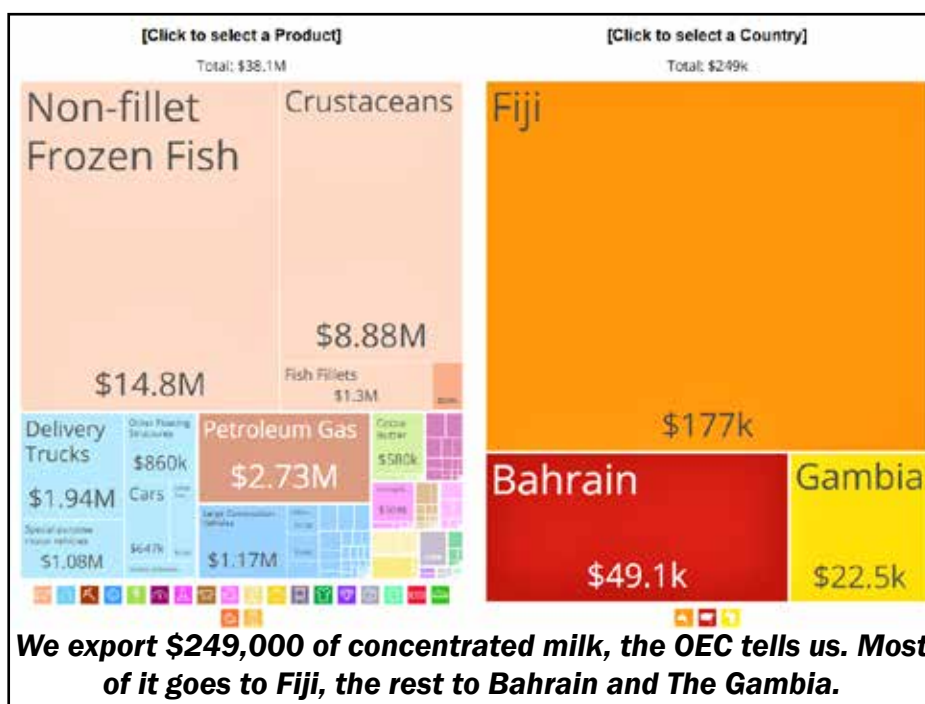
The OEC starts its St Helena analysis with, "During the last five reported years, the exports of Saint Helena have increased by \$13.9M from \$24.1M in 2018 to \$38.1M in 2023." Didn't we do well. In just 5 years this little Island has made inroads into US trade markets by increasing the value of exports by 50%. No wonder we all have back pockets bulging with cash as we go to town on a Friday or Saturday night. No wonder none of us give a damn about the cost-of-

living increases. Dax Richards and Mark Brooks must have their feet up on their desks just watching money flow into the SHG 61000003 account.

And there is more, much more, in the OEC extensive detail on St Helena's global trade. We export \$14.8 million on unfileted frozen fish. But still the Saint Tuna Corporation complain. Most if it goes to Singapore, unbelievably, while Thailand, Japan and Malaysia take most of the rest. The US take \$567,000 worth of our frozen tuna. No wonder the shops here are short of fish much of the time. But MACS Shipping must be over the moon. The Karoline is filled to the gunnels with imports and exports to the US.

We do a good trade in crustaceans too, about \$9 million worth. Most of that goes to the United States, they cannot resist our crab, lobster and shrimp.

The best is yet to come. The Observatory of Economic Complexity is so good, they know about things on this Island none of us knew ever happened.



Why Treasury Minister Mark Brooks Does Nothing About St Helena's \$11 Million Drop in Exports to the United States

We export petroleum gas; \$2.73 million in 2023, all of it to Senegal for some reason best known to OEC. There is also the \$1.94 million in exported delivery trucks. These too go to just one country, Turkey. I bet you did not know that, did you. The OEC know all about it. You too can learn about all these things happening around you by following this link - <https://oec.world/en/profile/country/shn>

Did you know about St Helena's very useful trade in large construction vehicles and special purpose motor vehicles? The OEC can tell you all about it. We export \$580,000 worth of cocoa butter too. It's shared between the UK and New Zealand. That one has been missed in the SHG Strategic Development Plans and all the rest. What Saints do with cocoa butter is truly remarkable; and no-one told SHG.

Then there are the cars we export to Germany, the trade we have carved out in integrated circuits, office machine parts, insulated wire and semi-conductors is nothing but phenomenal. Why do some people import trailers from Lfor Williams when they are made here and exported to Turkey. Importing from Wales and exporting to Turkey makes no sense. Maybe OEC can help us sort this one out for us.

If the figures for St Helena are so unimaginably bad, there is no reason to be convinced any of the other data is better. Can it really be that this kind of data was used to decide who the US decides should pay what in the current chaotic tariff trade wars?

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7696	1993	7580	St Helena	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0
7697	1994	7580	St Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7698	1995	7580	St Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7699	1996	7580	St Helena	0	0.1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0
7700	1997	7580	St Helena	0	0	0.3	0.2	0	0	0.3	0
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7702	1999	7580	St Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0
7703	2000	7580	St Helena	0	0	1.1	0	0	0	0	0
7704	2001	7580	St Helena	0	0	0.5	0	1.4	0	0.2	0
7705	2002	7580	St Helena	0.5	0.8	0	0.4	0	0.9	0.1	0
7706	2003	7580	St Helena	2.302818	0.262439	0	0.179981	0.846356	0.304323	0.001211	0.0
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7717	2014	7580	St Helena	0.13103	1.610523	0.000146	0.497854	1.802945	0.000299	2.222403	1.9
7718	2015	7580	St Helena	0.541015	0.016349	0.00059	6.612931	1.359525	1.639713	0.524133	2.1
7719	2016	7580	St Helena	0.554282	0.08095	4.081472	4.422263	0.097922	0.353007	0.036598	2.9
7720	2017	7580	St Helena	0.010509	7.423717	0.08903	0.497105	0.511393	0.011023	0.025725	2.2

The data file used by the US government trade census number crunchers.



Dear Editor,

Like your 4 April comments, I was bemused to read that St Helena has apparently provoked a 15% tariff from the United States. To my knowledge, the island exports nothing more threatening than postcards of Jonathan the tortoise – and even those in limited quantities.

Then I consulted the U.S. Census Bureau's trade figures. According to them, over the past five years (2019–2024), St Helena has indeed run a surprisingly large trade surplus with America – exporting over 75 million U.S. dollars' worth of goods while importing only 37 million. It rather looks as though someone in Half Tree Hollow has been quietly exporting premium South Atlantic air and importing only the cheaper variety from the Land of the Free.

The explanation lies in the small print at the bottom of the Census Bureau's website. There, a downloadable spreadsheet provides month-by-month import and export data for every country and economic entity from 1992 to 2025 – including "Saint Helena". But look more closely: neither Ascension Island nor Tristan da Cunha appears anywhere on that list. Administratively, they are grouped under the single name "Saint Helena".

As a result, while it is true that American goods are undoubtedly exported to Ascension, and even more lobster is exported from Tristan to the United States, all of it is attributed – somewhat unfairly – to St Helena.

The Observatory of Economic Complexity confirms this confusion. It reports that "Saint Helena's" main exports include crustaceans and petroleum gas. One can only guess where these valuable items were found on the island.

Although St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha have each had their own separate governments for over a decade, international trade systems continue to record all imports and exports under the umbrella name "Saint Helena", the formal designation of the territory.

So, far from running an impertinent trade imbalance with America, St Helena simply has the misfortune of sharing a name in the dropdown menus of U.S. customs officials with its oceanic neighbours.

Ian Bruce
(Huddersfield, UK)



Cruise Ship Days on Tristan

Silver Wind – Europa and now Hondius - Three Cruise ships in twelve days

On the 4th of April, while enjoying my morning cuppa, I got—it was a “good to go” day! The Hondius was off Nightingale, and conditions looked perfect for a landing on West Side.

Back at the Tourism Centre, we were still buzzing from Bark Europa’s visit the day before. The team was busy restocking the shop and café, and prepping fresh Tristan lobster for the Saturday visit from the Hondius. Hans, the Expedition Leader, raved about their spectacular day on Nightingale and praised our conservation guides, Kieran and Tristan! Saturday arrived with a bang; zodiacs were in the water by 7:30am!



Before long, smiling passengers were stepping onto Tristan soil. First up, as always, this season, was the Volcano & Thatched House Tour from the harbour, while others strolled the settlement, shopped, and soaked in the island vibes.

Two crew members visited our top-notch dental department early on. Whatever was done clearly worked—they were soon spotted sunbathing and enjoying a sandwich before heading back aboard!

At 1pm, many joined Uncle Stan for a walk through the settlement, asking questions and diving into Tristan’s rich history. By 2pm, the island was buzzing!



Mr Peter Foster gave a brilliant school tour (lots of smiles there!). Shane took a mum-and-son duo harbour fishing—it quickly turned into a fun competition between the two! A group enjoyed a round of golf, with Chris and Ceddie (father and son) acting as caddies. After the game, the caddies were invited for a well-earned bevvie at the Albatross Bar—cheers!

Meanwhile, Hondius crew and islanders were hard at work loading potatoes and frozen goods bound for St Helena. A big thank you to everyone involved—we know how much those goodies are appreciated!

The vessel also gave the students of St Mary’s School a selection of fruits (which was much appreciated as we have not had a supply ship in for almost 2 months!) They also baked the children a spectacular cake! Thank you, Oceanwide Expeditions,

This was the last cruise ship visit of the season... but we’re already excited to welcome everyone back next season!

The adventure wasn’t quite over yet...

Our top guides Kieran and Tristan joined the ship that night, hoping for a landing on Inaccessible the next day. Sadly, the weather had other plans, but guests enjoyed a beautiful zodiac cruise around the island instead. Not a bad way to wrap up a wonderful weekend!

A Busy Wednesday for St Helena

On Wednesday 9th April, the *MV Bolette* arrived in James Bay.

Shortly after 8am, the ships tenders could be seen full with passengers heading to the landing steps where many transport operators await to take them on their pre booked tours around the island.

The *St Helena Independent* took the opportunity to speak to a few stall holders and passengers which gave an overview that the day was successful with approximately 800 passengers and crew coming ashore during the day and the weather was on their side even if the sea wasn't in the afternoon.

As with any cruise ship visit there's always the positive with the negative and the positives received were, a passenger who went on the island tour said she used every public toilet at the following stops and she comment they were clean and well equipped. Another commented on the how beautiful the town looked and how friendly the people were and many spoke about the customer services, peacefulness and variety of foods in some of the outlets, naming the Coffee Shop, Anne's Place, Mantis and Consulate Hotel.



Susan Knipe of Jacs took advantage of the cruise ship visit by locating six pop-up stalls, stocking a selection of souvenirs, drinks, chocolate bars, and much more at various locations across the island where tourist would likely stop to browse. She said she was pleased with how everything went on the day and what made it smooth was UK Debit Cards could be accepted at the main shop and the pop-up stalls for easier payments.

A few passengers we spoke to said this wasn't their first visit to the island and spoke about the changes around the island, most for the

better. One lady who's travelled to the island before and plans to return in 2027, talked about the wonderful experience she had previously and talked about her bad experience this trip as she tried to booked a tour operator via names posted on the Tourism website only to received nil response from any of them, she then contacted Tourism which their reply was sorry they must be outdated.

Another couple went to the Star to get themselves a bite to eat and some coffee, hoping to pay by UK Debit Card, only to be told "sorry we don't accept them". Luckily, they had some cash.

Another couple was looking for a pharmacy, they were told to go to Greenlands. They commented how helpful and generous the shop assistant was but unfortunately didn't have what they required.



Credit: Saint Vibes Photography



Saint Vibes Photography

A Busy Wednesday for St Helena

The couple ask about another pharmacy, only to be told they probably had less than Greenlands.

Just after lunch, as passengers on pre-arranged tours arrived back in Jamestown, it was reported that the sea conditions had picked up and using the ship's tenders would be re-assessed at 2:30pm to see if they could recommence taking passengers back to the ship. Many enjoyed the cool areas such as Public Gardens, the Canister, the Consulate and the Standard as they waited. Shortly after 2:30pm, passengers on-board were told they could not come ashore and those ashore needed to check in at 4pm, where another assessment of the sea conditions would be made. 4pm arrived and seas conditions were no better. The passengers were taken to Rupert's to join the ship from there.



First Time Parents at 100 years old

There is no birth certificate, but the mother is confidently estimated to be about 100 years old – maybe more, could be a little less. The mother, appropriately named Mommy, gave birth to quadruplets on 27th February. Later, more hatchlings were born.

The hatchlings weigh between 70 and 80 grams and being given constant care behind the scenes at Pennsylvania Zoo. On 23rd April the new arrivals, the first in the 150-year existence of the zoo, will make their public debut to



The proud mother



One of the four hatchlings at Philadelphia Zoo

coincide with the 93rd anniversary of their mother's arrival at the zoo.

Abrazzo, the father, is a much newer arrival at the zoo and is thought to be 96 years old. The parents are Galápagos tortoises of the subspecies Santa Cruz. They exist only on the southwestern slopes of Santa Cruz Island in the Galápagos, in an area of around 141 kilometres. They are an endangered species, with a population of about 3,400 in the wild.

The hatchlings are part of the US Association of Zoos and Aquariums' breeding programme, aimed at the survival of species and genetic diversity.

A Before and After Story



Before. . .



After. . .

The Difference. . .

The word 'Plantation' is out; cast aside after criticism by anti-racism campaigners. Thames Clippers, who manage the pier, have been in consultation with stakeholders and residents from the surrounding area after an 'outcry' to change the name in 2021.

Having claimed victory in the Pier Re-naming Battle, the campaigners are now advancing towards a bigger prize. The MP for Battersea, Marsha Chantal de Cordova, wants a housing development known as Plantation Wharf to be renamed.



The Plantation Wharf housing development is converted dockside warehouses; part of London Docks which thrived there 100 years ago. Now, you can pay £500,000 for a three room flat in a small corner of the former massive warehouses. A small bedroom, a kitchen and living room combined and a poky bathroom for just £500,000. Only available leasehold.

Marsha Chantal de Cordova MP believes, "The term 'plantation' carries highly offensive connotations, does not serve the wonderful diversity of Battersea's residents and makes a mockery of the violent history of chattel enslavement."

How long will it be before the tour guide introduces Plantation House to visitors with words like those? What will happen with Plantation Square and Plantation Stables? Probably absolutely nothing.

C'mon Marsha, focus on the tougher battles here and now. What about the exploitation of innocent civilians forced to pay £half-a-million for a glorified bedsit. Get out there girl! Tell the property developers it is modern slavery.



Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 13th April 2025– Palm Sunday

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist with Procession	Cathedral
	Wednesday 16th April	
5.00 p.m.	Confession	St Swithin
	Maundy Thursday 17th April	
9.00 a.m.	Chrism Mass	Cathedral
7.00 p.m.	Mass of Lord's Supper/Vigil	Cathedral
	Good Friday 18th April	
12.00-3.00 p.m.	Devotions, Liturgy & Veneration	Cathedral
	Easter Eve 19th April	
7.00 p.m.	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter/Confirmation	Cathedral
	Easter Sunday 20th April	
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Peters
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Helena

The Parish of St James

Sunday 13th April 2025 – Palm Sunday

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist with Procession	St James
	Wednesday 16th April	
5.00 p.m.	Confession	St James
	Maundy Thursday 17th April	
7.00 p.m.	Mass of Lord's Supper/Vigil	St James
	Good Friday 18th April	
12.00 p.m.	Mattins	St James
	Easter Sunday 20th April	
6.00 a.m.	Vigil/Mass	St John
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 24th April	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John

The Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 13th April 2025 – Palm Sunday

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist with Procession	St Mark
	Wednesday 16th April	
5.00 p.m.	Confession	St Mark
	Maundy Thursday 17th April	
7.00 p.m.	Mass of Lord's Supper/Vigil	St Mark
	Good Friday 18th April	
12.00 p.m.	Mattins	St Mark
	Easter Sunday 20th April	
6.30 a.m.	Vigil/Mass	St Mark
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthew
	Tuesday 22nd April	
7.00 p.m.	Alpha	St Mark

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Luke 19:40 [AMP]

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Saturday 12th April,
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GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 18th April,
10:00am

Good Friday Service starts at 10am, remembering Jesus' sacrifice for us, followed by bring & share fish fry

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 18th April,
11:00am

Resurrection Sunday Service starts at 11:00am, remembering how Jesus defeated sin and death.

FOR MORE DETAILS:



VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: @RCFStHelena



TEL: 24224/23240 or 62388/51810



EMAIL: trcf@helanta.co.sh

Baha'i Faith

'Love Me, that I may love thee. If thou lovest Me not, My love can in no wise reach thee. Know this O servant.'

Baha'u'llah

7pm on Thursdays
at the St. Helena Gumwoods
Baha'i Centre.
You are invited to consider the
Revelation of Baha'u'llah
in the 19th Century
and its application today.

Light Refreshment



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc

Main Street, Jamestown, Island of St Helena, STHL 1ZZ
Tel: 290 22380, Email: generalenquiries@solomons.co.sh
Web: www.solomons-sthelena.com

Prosperity Through Partnership

FOR SALE BY TENDER

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for "sale by tender" a Ford Fiesta Formerly registered as vehicle number 5027

This vehicle has been damaged as a result of a road traffic accident and will be offered on an "as is, where is basis", with no warrantee given or guarantee implied.

Viewing has been set for Wednesday 16 April 2025 at 10am and persons interested in viewing should, in the first instance, contact Solomon's Insurance Office on telephone number 22860.

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 Wednesday 23 April 2025.

08 April 2025

Registered Office: One St Peter's Square, Manchester, M2 3DE, England
Registered in England and Wales, Reg No. 496276

JOIN HARFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

**FARM DAY
26 APRIL 2025**

**FARM YARD PARADE STARTING
12 NOON @LONGWOOD GREEN,
ALONG THE AVENUE TO THE
SCHOOL PREMISES**

**helena.twyning@sainthelena.edu.sh
24719
TO BOOK STALLS**



**!! CASH PRIZES !!
For Best Dressed
Farmer or
Animal Character**



**A MOO-VELOUS DAY ON THE
FARM FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

Our Journey with Autism

Our Journey with Autism began on the 18th July 2015 when our son Nathaniel was born, in Great Western Hospital in Swindon. Nate is a very intelligent, friendly boy with a passion for tech, especially video games and wrestling.

He loves to read and create his own comics and other story books as well as anything related to arts and crafts. He has ADHD and is at level 2 on the autism spectrum due to his behavioural, emotional and sensory needs, but that doesn't define him. Many adults who meet Nate quickly grow to like his bubbly personality and that he enjoys asking questions about anything he can think off, which certainly keeps us on our toes.

Nate struggles making friends over the years due to his lack of social skills and the inability to control his saliva which often puts children off being his friend or encourages them to bully him. As a parent watching your child struggle in at school is very painful we all want our children to be popular and do well in school.

Nate has always made us proud and always finds ways to keep excelling either from his art or from his education he is constantly achieving awards which is a huge turnaround from the child that kept getting suspended for his outbursts. I'm also happy to say that since moving to Pilling primary school Nate has made a number of good friends and has been getting on well in school due to his needs being met with sensory corners and outings, and sensory swim sessions I'm pleased to say he is now loving school.

When we arrived on island 3 years ago Anita Bradshaw met him and started the diagnosis process and after confirming that he was on the spectrum we felt relieved. No parent wants to hear that their child has a disability but we felt validated we now knew what we needed to do to help our son and I spent time researching and doing different courses to help us create a better life for him. It isn't easy now our lives are filled with routines, visual calendars and social stories and sensory bins but it is all worth it as it makes his life easier.

We love you Nate keep being the star that you are, we are immensely proud of you. The same day we received Nate's diagnosis was 15th March 2022 the day our second son Kayden was born. Apparently there's a one in a million chance that both of our kids would be on the spectrum and after Kayden's second birthday we could tell that he is also on the spectrum although he is awaiting an official diagnosis he has all the traits. He flaps his hands, tip toe walks, repeats behaviours, head taps and once triggered takes a long time to calm down. He's a happy boy who loves Motorbikes, cars, bubbles, harassing his big brother and hiding in small spaces like cupboards and under furniture. He doesn't like loud noises or environments that cause over stimulation so festivals and big crowds are something we have to avoid or use noise cancelling headphones to get through. He struggles with his speech and gets frustrated when he can't communicate what he wants to us. We feel we are more equipped to handle our situation after looking after Nate so we have incorporated the things that help Nate into Kayden's routine it can be difficult at times but we wouldn't change our two boys for anything. They are our reason for living we love them and they mean the world to us and we're sure that they will do great things in life



MAUNDY THURSDAY SAFETY ADVICE FOR MARITIME ACTIVITIES

As Maundy Thursday and the Easter holiday approaches, it is anticipated that many residents will engage in the traditional fishing activities at various locations around the island.

The Sea Rescue Service urges the community to exercise caution and adhere to fundamental safety protocols during this period. It is vitally important that everyone remains safe, and acts responsibly.

Regrettably in the past there have been incidents which could have been avoided. Some of these were serious in nature and threatened lives. It is important to recognise that unsafe practices not only jeopardise the well-being of those directly involved, including vessel occupants, but also endanger the personnel tasked with providing assistance and rescue.

If planning a fishing trip, inform family members and friends of your intended location and expected time of return. If you are likely to be late returning home, inform friends and family as soon as possible. Similarly, if you are concerned about someone that has not checked in or returned as planned, please contact the emergency services.

It is strongly recommended to avoid fishing alone. Fishing alone places you in greater danger if you find yourself in an unexpected situation and reduces your chances of being able to alert others that you need help.

When going fishing, consider taking the following items with you:

Essential Equipment:

- VHF Radio, mobile phone or other means of communication
- Life Jacket or buoyancy aid
- Any prescription medication you might need
- Adequate food and water
- Appropriate weather-resistant clothing, including high-visibility apparel
- First aid kit
- Adequate lighting for night time navigation



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Coxswain and Skipper Responsibilities:

- Coxswains and skippers of fishing and pleasure boats, exercise vigilance when navigating in the dark, ensure your routes are safe if you are not familiar with the coast line and keep a good distance from the shore to avoid dangerous reefs and obstacles.
- If a crew member is helming your vessel ensure they are competent to do so, use search lights, lookouts and any other means for the safe passage of crew and vessel.
- Conduct thorough safety briefings for all passengers, including life jacket usage and emergency procedures.

The Sea Rescue Service team will be patrolling the various fishing areas throughout Maundy Thursday night. For assistance, contact emergency services by dialing 999 or utilize VHF Channel 16 (Call Sign ZHH, St Helena Radio). Alternatively, signal patrolling vessels with flashing lights.

The tides over Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are as follows:

Days	Times	Heights (metres above chart datum)
Maundy Thursday 2025	High Tide - 05:05	0.73
	Low Tide - 11:10	0.19
	High Tide - 17:16	0.71
	Low Tide - 23:33	0.17
Good Friday 2025	High Tide - 05:48	0.69
	Low Tide - 11:54	0.23
	High Tide - 18:00	0.66

The Safety, Security, and Home Affairs Portfolio extends its best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Easter holiday to all community members.

EASTER WEEKEND WASTE COLLECTION CHANGES

Please be advised of the following change to waste collection days over the Easter weekend:

- Residents of Jamestown, Briar's, Rupert's, Sea View, Gordon's Post, Longwood Road, and all Longwood areas whose bins are normally collected on Mondays will have their waste collected on Sunday, 20 April 2025.
- Friday collection remains unchanged. Bins will be collected on Good Friday, 18 April 2025.

Normal weekly collection will resume on Tuesday, 22 April 2025. We appreciate your cooperation and apologise for any inconvenience.

General Reminder to the Public

Waste Management Services (WMS) would like to remind the public that one of their Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCVs) is currently non-operational due to mechanical issues, and there is no confirmed date for its return to service.

To minimise disruptions to the domestic waste collection, the WMS team will be continuing to provide the collection without mechanical assistance which will make the process longer and more labour-intensive for our refuse collecting team. To make this process easier, the team kindly requests the public's cooperation. Please assist by:

1. Placing domestic waste in litter bags before placing them into your bins. This will help prevent loose items from being blown away and makes it easier for the team to empty bins by hand.
2. Ensuring waste is placed out by 06:00 on your designated collection day.

Please note that some delays or disruptions to the normal waste collection schedule may still occur due to operations being done by hand.

As WMS operatives are handling black bags by hand in some cases, to ensure their protection, please do not place sharp items within your bin bags.

Recycling collection will continue as normal from both communal recycling hubs and commercial businesses.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Environmental Officer – Risk Management, Karl Martin, on 24724 or WMS Supervisor, Shane Williams, on 66380.

The Waste Management team would like to thank the public in advance for their support and cooperation during this time.



Nestled in the heart of St Helena, this property awaits a new chapter. Brimming with untapped potential, this is a unique opportunity to craft your dream family home. Featuring generous space and stunning views all in a peaceful setting, it's the perfect canvas to imagine family memories unfolding in this idyllic rural retreat-perfectly placed to blend country charm with modern comforts, all tailored to your vision.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SOLOMON & COMPANY (ST HELENA) PLC
INVITES 'EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST' (EOI)
FOR A PROPERTY AND LAND
ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF ST HELENA,
NAMESLY THE BLUEMAN'S FIELD AREA
OF THOMPSON'S HILL

PROPERTY FEATURES:

- formerly used as a dwelling building footprint of approx. 300m²
- total landholding including property is approx. 9 acres, most of which is developable
- services in close proximity
- quiet and secluded, yet easily accessible
- spectacular 180° views of the Island
- surrounded by greenbelt, in an area of outstanding natural beauty



Interested persons should contact Ian Gough for further details or to arrange a site visit:

- 📍 Solomons Main Office, Jamestown
- ☎ +290 22380
- ✉ gm-services.properties@solomons.co.sh

Interested persons should submit their EOI in a sealed envelope, addressed to:
Ian Gough, General Manager (Services & Properties), Solomons Main Office, Jamestown
Envelopes should be marked 'EOI Blueman's Field' and submitted by 30 April 2025



House for Sale

Three Gables, West Lodge, Blue Hill



**Overlooking Barren Ground, High Hill & the Sea.
Land 0.3 acre. Access shared track.
House has attached garage with mechanics pit.**

Ground floor:

Large open plan living room, dining room with laminated flooring.

Bathroom : suite with separate shower, fully tiled.

Bedroom 1: fitted wardrobe, laminated floor.

Bedroom 2: fitted carpet.

Kitchen: fitted units with solid wood doors, fully tiled.

Long hallway with real wood parquet flooring, wooden stairs with banister & rail.

First floor:

Potential for self contained attic flat. Open plan centre with one dormer, & two gables, new wood/t&g floor, stage one electrics, new fuse box. Access for plumbing. Also suitable for an office, storage, extra bedrooms, etc.

Outside:

Streme v solar panel & tank. Concrete drive with gates, concrete paths, two concrete plinths for water tanks, three concrete outbuildings, food garden, fruit trees, flower beds, septic tank system. Services - mains, electricity, water, landline telephone.

House has had extensive upgrade, painted & decorated inside & outside. Some furniture, fittings white goods, rugs, curtains are also included.

Photographs to view:

Visit St Helena Bring & Buy, www.propertyfinder.sh or listings@propertyfinder.sh

Reduced to £120.000
Open to Offers

Phone Anne Roberts on 23352 - View by Appointment



APRIL OPENING HOURS

Main Branch

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

Airport Kiosk

Flight days only	10:30 - 14:30
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Remote Banking

HTH Supermarket	Friday, 25 April	09:30 - 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Monday, 28 April	09:30 - 14:00



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Enjoy a

Spit Roast Pig Meal

At Harford Community Centre

On Friday 25th April at 7pm

£15 per person

*Bookings for the meal must be made by Friday
18th April*

*At 9pm Harford Community centre will be open to
everyone*

Music will be provided by KJ

Entrance Fee - £2

To book a meal, please call

Jenny - 24727 or

Cavell - 25756 or

Dulcie - 24341

This event is organised by St Matthews Parish



Vacancy

Accounts Clerk (Costing/Creditors)

Salary for the post will commence at £10,068 per annum (£839 per month)



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Finance Department for an Accounts Clerk (Costing/Creditors).

As the Accounts Clerk (Costing/Creditors) you will be responsible for ensuring a reliable and efficient service is provided for the costing of all goods imported for the Company, and processing of data into the Company's Finance data file.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess grades C or above in GCSE Maths & English or equivalent and desirably an Accounting qualification
- Be competent in the use of Microsoft Office applications, essentially in the use in Excel and desirably Access Dimensions
- Have the ability to multitask, organise workload and meet tight deadlines in a fast-paced environment
- Be analytical, with a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail
- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and the ability to liaise effectively with staff on all levels
- Be able to work independently and to use own initiative.

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:

Belinda Ellick, Senior Accounts Clerk (Costing) via ☎ 22380 📧 seniorcostingclerk@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by 24 April 2025.

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★ Pension Contributions

★ Staff Discounts



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CONTACT
22626

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
SPEAK WITH ANY OFFICER





VACANCY NOTICE

Trainee Communications Technician

Job Description

Encompass has a vacancy for a Trainee Communications Technician at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island.

The post holder will form part of the Transmitting Station's engineering team tasked with ensuring the BBC Atlantic Relay Station's transmitters and associated systems are maintained and kept operational, in order to carry out all scheduled transmissions.

Requirements

- A good standard of education with GCSE Maths, English and Science Grade C or above
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing, with internal and external customers
- Ability to maintain accurate technical and administrative records
- Strong self-motivation and the ability to work and study with minimum supervision
- IT Literate, particularly in use of Email, Microsoft Word and Excel
- UK passport holder
- Class A driving licence
- Ability and willingness to undertake studies in the UK for periods of time
- Ability and willingness to carry out call-out/standby duties and to work unsociable and flexible hours if required

Desirable Qualifications and Experience

- Good knowledge of safe working practices and safety procedures
- Recognised certification or education in any technical discipline (Electrical, Electronics, Communications and/or Radio Frequency)
- Experience in Electrical, Electronics, Communications, and/or Radio Frequency
- Workshop skills including hand and power tools
- High Voltage Authorisation or related experience

Remuneration and Package

The salary is dependent on competence and experience. We are offering a two year contract with either single or household status. In addition to a basic salary, you will also be entitled to:

- Rent-free accommodation
- A single food allowance of £3,905.00
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including a personal vehicle
- One paid return journey to country of residence during your contract period
- Utilities (Water, Electricity and Phone) Allowance

Please note that any offer of employment will be subject to satisfactory criminal and professional vetting, valid travel documents as well as satisfactory medical clearance.

For a **Job Application Form**, full **Job Description** and for any further information, please contact Administration Officer, Krystal Phillips at KPhillips@encompass.tv

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, no later than **Friday 25th April 2025**

VACANCY



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Bank Teller

Commencing at £8,796 per annum

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person on a full-time basis to fill the vacant position of Bank Teller.

This position will incur significant contact with the public and other Bank staff. The successful candidate must be flexible, demonstrate courtesy and provide excellent customer service at all times. They must have a keen eye for detail, exhibit high accuracy levels and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank team.

The main duties of the post include:

- Undertaking counter transactions for customers and posting these to the Bank's computer system;
- Cash handling and assisting customers in meeting their banking needs and queries;
- Providing assistance in the delivery of Remote Banking services;
- Any other duties.

Interested persons can contact Mrs Karen Buckley, Customer Service Manager on email csmanager@sainthelenabank.com or contact her on (+290) 22390 for more information.

An Application form and job profile is available upon request from the Bank and can be viewed on our official website. Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 18 April 2025.

Choose a career with Bank of St Helena and enjoy competitive benefits.



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Market Street, Jamestown



Bank of St Helena Ltd

Vacancy

Electrician, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic

Salary for the post will commence at £12,792 per annum (£1066 per month), depending on qualifications and experience



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Electrical Works Department for an Electrician, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic.

As the Electrician, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic you will ensure that in-house and private jobs are undertaken competently and in a timely manner whilst ensuring high standards of work are delivered at all times in accordance with Company requirement and local regulations.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess grade C in GCSE Maths or English, or equivalent
- Have at least 3 years proven experience in Electrical Engineering
- Be in possession of a current Wiremen's license
- Have experience of maintaining air-conditioning and refrigeration systems
- Possess Level 3 City & Guilds Diploma in Electrical Installations Course, or equivalent
- Be flexible to work out of normal working hours and be available to work as part of an on-call rota as and when required
- Have a customer focused approach with excellent customer service skills
- Have a valid drivers' licence
- Be aware of Health & Safety practises as well as be able to perform manual handling duties
- Be able to work as part of a team as well as independently
- Be willing to undertake any further training

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:

Mr Jason George, Electrical Supervisor via ☎ 22739 📧 jason.george@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 Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **17 April 2025**.

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- ★ Pension Contributions
- ★ Staff Discounts

Vacancy

Carpenter / Plumber

Salary for the post will commence at £12,780 per annum (£1065 per month), depending on qualifications and experience



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Building Works Department for a Carpenter / Plumber.

As the Carpenter / Plumber you will ensure that in-house and private jobs are undertaken competently and in a timely manner whilst ensuring high standards of work are delivered at all times in accordance with Company requirement and local regulations.

Interested Persons Should:

- Be competent in Maths & English
- Ideally have NVQ Level 2 or equivalent in Carpentry & Plumbing
- Have at least 3 years experience working in the Carpentry & Plumbing trade
- Have a Safety Awareness Certificate, or have undertaken Health & Safety on the worksite training and have the ability to carry out risk assessments
- Be knowledgeable of tools, equipment and materials common to the Carpentry and Plumbing trade
- Have the ability to operate power & hand tools
- Have skills in construction, repair, restoration & installation of wood or related materials, including cabinet-making techniques
- Be able to make assessments of job requirements, estimate material requirements and provide method statements
- Be able to follow technical drawing plans
- Have a clean & valid Driver's License in classes A & C

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:

Mr Michael Gutuza, Building Services Manager via ☎ 22739 📧 bsm@solomons.co.sh

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Lay Advocates Recruitment

Two Positions Open

Judge Brian Barker KC during a 2023 review of legal services on St Helena praised the role of the lay advocate:

"The Lay Advocate System is a tradition in the islands where highly regarded members of the community have rights of advocacy and can be asked to advise and sometimes represent St Helenians in both criminal and civil matters Their community knowledge often allows them to resolve issues without the need to come to court"

If you think you could be a lay advocate or would like some more information please contact the Public Solicitor's Office on 23008 or the Public Solicitor on walter.scott@publicsolicitor.com and you will be supplied with more information.

As self-employed advisors, lay advocates are supported in their important role by the Public Solicitor's Office but are independent of the PSO and enjoy the freedom of setting their own hours and working at their own pace.

The role is challenging and can be very busy. Lay advocates need to be available to attend the police station (often out of hours) and court for criminal matters.

The role is financially rewarded through the Legal Assistance Fund depending on experience and hours worked per month. Full details can be made available on request.

If you are interested in the role please send a Letter of Interest outlining why you think you would make a good lay advocate to walter.scott@publicsolicitor.com by no later than the 14 April 2025.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CHARITY COMMISSIONER

St Helena Government (SHG) is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the role of Commissioner of the Charity Commission of St Helena.

The Charity Commission operates under the Charities Ordinance 2005, which outlines its key responsibilities. Full details of the legislation can be found here: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislation/laws-of-st-helena/alphabetical-list-st-helena/.

As a Commissioner, you will play a vital role in:

- Encouraging and facilitating better management of charitable organisations
- Ensuring compliance with legal obligations, investigating mismanagement and misconduct of operations where required.

This is an opportunity to bring fresh energy and reform to the role, helping to revitalise the charity sector and further embed it within the island's social fabric and future development.

The appointment is for a three-year term. Commissioners receive a remuneration of £35 per meeting, along with a mileage allowance of 77p per mile for personal vehicle use when attending meetings.

The relevant form – "Expression of Interest" – Charity Commissioner can be obtained from Information and Research Support Officer, Linda Benjamin, at The Castle by telephone on 22470, via email at linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh or on the SHG website at <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/EOI-Form-Charity-Commissioner.pdf>

Completed forms must be returned to Information and Research Support Officer, Linda Benjamin by Friday, 25 April 2025.



INVITATION TO TENDER

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION CONSULTANT

St Helena Government has issued an invitation to tender for the Procurement of a Digital Transformation Consultant.

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

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

All communication, clarifications, general questions and submissions of your responses must be made via the e-Procurement Portal.

Please refer to the e-Procurement System for the key dates, including the tender submission date.

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We are recruiting...



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JOIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Administration Assistant (£7,960 per annum)

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Central Support team? If so we are looking to recruit an Administration Assistant. The Administration Assistant is responsible for completing straightforward administrative processes that support the smooth running of Portfolios and delivering a high quality, customer focused service. We are seeking a highly motivated individual who works methodically and has a keen eye for detail that can provide administrative support across the Portfolios.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Belinda Piek on Tel No: 22470 or Email:
Belinda.piek@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 16 April 2025

Receptionist (£7,280 per annum)

Based at the Jamestown General Hospital, the Receptionist will work on a shift basis and be the first point of contact for all visitors providing receptionist duties ensuring a positive and professional environment for the reception point. In addition to answering the telephone, directing and screening calls as necessary, you will be required to welcome visitors, direct them to their correct destination, maintain an awareness of staff movements in and out of the site, monitor visitor access and maintain security awareness.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Helen Lawrence on Tel No 22500 or Email:
Helen.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 16 April 2025

Administration Support (Inclusion) (£7,960 per annum)

Do you have good organisational skills with the ability to plan, prioritise work and can meet deadlines? If so, the Inclusion Section within the Education, Skills & Employment Portfolio has an opportunity for you to join their small team to provide an efficient and effective administration service.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Sharon Peters on Tel No. 25408 or Email:
Sharon.Peters@sainthelena.edu.sh

Closing date: 18 April 2025

Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum, 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 through the Director/Line Manager (where applicable) 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, vetting / 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.

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We are recruiting...



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JOIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Joint Emergency Services Control Centre (JESCC) Operator (£10,747 per annum)

Do you want to make a difference to your community and be of service when it is needed the most? The St Helena JESCC is looking to recruit a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual to form part of their small, but busy team. This role will require you to have excellent communication skills with the ability to deal with vulnerable and distressed members of the public.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Cheyenne Furniss** on Tel No 22626 or Email: cheyenne.furniss@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 18 April 2025

Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

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

Training and Development

Paid sickness absence

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Immigration/Customs Officer (18 years +) (£9,781 per annum) (Permanent)

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Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Juliette O'Dean** on Tele no. 22287 or **Emerald Newman-Yon** on 22236 or email: Juliette.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh or emerald.newman-yon@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 15 April 2025

1:1 Teaching Assistant (Prince Andrew School) (£8,419 per annum)

Do you have a passion for Education? We are seeking 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.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Carolyn Yon** on Tel No 24290 or Email: carolyn.yon@sainthelena.edu.sh

Closing date: 22 April 2025

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Staff Nurse (£12,049 per annum)

The Hospital Nursing team currently have opportunities for motivated individuals to join their team of nurses. You will be responsible for delivering a high quality evidence based nursing care within the hospital setting under the direction of the Hospital Sisters/Charge Nurses and the Chief Nursing Officer. The role requires you to provide an efficient and effective nursing service, through assessments, planning, implementation and evaluation of care. If you have good interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate effectively then we would like to hear from you.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Marilyn Essex on Tel No 22500 or Email:
Marilyn.essex@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 23 April 2025

Community Nurse (£12,049 per annum)

The Community Nurse will work within the community either at the District Clinics or in the patient's home. Deliver Nursing Care as part of a team. Supporting the Community Nursing Sister in the delivery of an efficient/effective nursing service and has responsibility for assessment, planning, delivery and evaluation of care. Management of a caseload of patients under the direction of the Sister or Chief Nursing Officer.

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Enquiries: Marilyn Essex on Tel No 22500 or Email:
Marilyn.essex@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 23 April 2025

Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

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

Training and Development

Paid sickness absence

How to apply

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

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Trainee Helmsmen (Sea Rescue)

(£7,700 per annum)

Applications will be considered from 16 years +

Sea Rescue Crew (Auxiliary)

(£5.37 per hour) 18 years + and must be able to swim and pass a fitness test.

The successful applicant will receive a monthly retainer of £70 on completion of basic training.

Are you keen to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by protecting and saving lives at sea? If you are a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual with the ability to remain calm under extreme physical and mental pressure, then the St Helena Sea Rescue Service has the above opportunities for you to join their team. Contact us for more information and a discussion on the above posts.

Enquiries: Mark Caswell or Leeroy Caswell on Tel No 25215
or Email: mark.caswell@helanta.co.sh or [Leeroy Caswell on leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh](mailto:Leeroy.Caswell@leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh)

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Declan Rice Aimed for 'where the owl sleeps' With Perfection



Arsenal midfielder Declan Rice's two goals from free-kicks in the Champions League against Real Madrid

Rice had never scored from a direct free-kick until Tuesday, when his two moments of brilliance helped Arsenal to a 3-0 victory against Real Madrid. The first was curled around the wall and past goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois to put Arsenal ahead after 58 minutes, before Rice sent the ball bending into the top right-hand corner again 12 minutes later.

Former West Ham and England goalkeeper Rob Green said "both were impossible to save". But which one was better? What were the walls doing? And why are fewer free-kicks scored in football now?

Which one was better?

BBC pundit Green, who was at the Emirates for CBS, said it was the second. "There is a series of things that happen. First of all, it is Courtois in goal," said Green. "Secondly, when someone shoots at what is called 'the goalkeeper's side' (the part of the goal not covered by the wall)," like Rice did with the second free kick, "Well, this time Rice does that against the best goalkeeper in the world, and at no point has anyone mentioned that Courtois should get anywhere near it. "It is hard to think of how a right-footed player could have placed it any better, and with any more power than that. It was the definition of a perfect free-kick."

"It was just a pure strike, just a thing of absolute perfection and totally unstoppable no matter what the wall is doing."

That spot which is so close to the top of the upright and the cross bar is the spot many aim for when taking direct free kicks. So few get it absolutely right, in Brazil they call that spot 'where the owl sleeps'.

Premier League Fixtures

Saturday 12th April

12:30pm

Manchester City v Crystal Palace

3pm

Brighton & Hove Albion v Leicester City

Nottingham Forest v Everton

Southampton v Aston Villa

5:30pm

Arsenal v Brentford

Sunday 13th April

2pm

Chelsea v Ipswich Town

Liverpool v West Ham Utd

Wolverhampton Wanderers v Tottenham

Hotspurs

4:30pm

Newcastle United v Man Utd

Monday 14th April

8pm

AFC Bournemouth v Fulham

LOCAL SPORTS

Cricket Results & Fixtures

St Helena Cricket Association

Saturday 5/4/25

Challengers 241/2(20 overs)

Andrew Yon - 136*(62)

Cliff Richards - 64(51)

Kanye Samuel - 1/24(2 overs)

Delroy Leo - 1/33(4 overs)

Levelwood Rebels - 69/9(14.1 overs)

Kanye Samuel - 15(16)

Weston Clingham - 14(17)

Jordi Henry - 3/17(3 overs)

Jason George - 2/14(2 overs)

Player of the Match - Andrew Yon (Challengers)

Levelwood Allstars - 177/10(18 overs)

Clayton Leo - 94(40)

Kristian Leo - 28(23)

Hugo Richards - 5/31(4 overs)

Ellis Day - 2/25(3 overs)

Jamestown Heat 95/10(15.4 overs)

Jamie Essex - 28(22)

Dax Richards - 20(22)

Cormac Crowie - 2/16(3 overs)

Clayton Leo - 2/21(4 overs)

Player of the Match - Clayton Leo (Levelwood Allstars)

Cobras 133/5(20 overs)

Jamie Peters - 52(29)

Michael Bedwell - 37(53)

Gareth Johnson - 2/15(4 overs)

Barry Stroud - 1/8(4 overs)

Western A Mustangs 135/3(15.5 overs)

Scott Crowie - 79*(49)

Kyle Bennett - 19(32)

Mark Anthony - 2/32(4 overs)

Scott O'Bey - 1/32(4 overs)

Player of the Match - Scott Crowie (Western A Mustangs)

Sunday 6/4/25

Levelwood Allstars 201/7(20 overs)

Dane Leo - 42(26)

Chris Owen - 36(24)

Rieedwaan Richards - 3/29(4 overs)

Mark Anthony - 2/34(4 overs)

Cobras 65/9(18.3 overs)

Jamie Peters - 19(14)

Rieedwaan Richards - 14(25)

David Francis - 3/0(1 over)

Clayton Leo - 2/11(4 overs)

Player of the Match - David Francis (Levelwood Allstars)

Jamestown Heat 188/3(20 overs)

Dax Richards - 89(63)

Jamie Essex - 42*(24)

Weston Clingham - 1/21(4 overs)

James Andrews - 1/32(3 overs)

Levelwood Rebels 161/5(20 overs)

Delroy Leo - 87*(58)

James Andrew - 37(36)

Damian Burns - 3/20(3 overs)

Jason Thomas - 1/20(4 overs)

Player of the Match - Dax Richards (Jamestown Heat)

Sandy Bay Pirates 239/5(20 overs)

David Young - 94(47)

Brooklyn Fowler - 67*(27)

Gareth Johnson - 2/32(4 overs)

Barry Stroud - 2/35(4 overs)

Western A Mustangs 51/10(12.4 overs)

Kyle Bennett - 15(24)

Gareth Johnson - 11(6)

Greg Coleman - 6/6 (3.4 overs)

Rhys Francis - 3/8(2 overs)

Player of the Match - David Young (Sandy Bay Pirates)

Cricket Fixtures for the Weekend:

Saturday 12/4/25

13:30

Western A Mustangs V Challengers
(Umpires: Jamie Essex and TBC)

Sunday 13/4/25

09:30

Cobras v Jamestown Heat
(Umpires: Scott Crowie and Barry Stroud)

13:30

Sandy Bay Pirates v Levelwood Allstars
(Umpires: Delroy Leo and Ralph Knipe)



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	GREEN MOUNTAIN 251207	LILAC ROLLER 251209	BRIGHT SKY 251211
Immingham	08-Mar	12-Apr	10-May
	KAROLINE 251704	KAROLINE 251705	KAROLINE 251706
Cape Town	17-Apr	19-May	16-Jun
Rupert's Bay	25-Apr	27-May	24-Jun
Ascension Island	-	-	-
	KAROLINE 251804	KAROLINE 251805	KAROLINE 251806
Cape Town	08-May	09-Jun	07-Jul

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Golf Report: Texas Scramble

Report by the St Helena Golf Club

What a fantastic weekend it was for golf! With beautiful sunshine and hardly any wind, the conditions were perfect for a day on the course. Sixteen teams of two players each, totalling thirty-two participants, took part in a "Shot Gun Start Texas Scramble" format. This format encourages teamwork and strategy, allowing players to select the best shots from their team members

The Texas Scramble concluded with an exciting finish, the event was marked by impressive performances, particularly from the top teams.

The overall winners were Helen & Jeff Stevens with a total of 44 points. Their outstanding performance throughout the tournament secured them the top position.

The competition for second and third place was intense, requiring a count back to determine the final standings. Four teams finished with 43 points, necessitating this tie-breaking method.

Bramwell & Asa emerged as the runners-up after the count back.

KJ and Arthur Young claimed third place following the same count back process. During the tournament, there were only two "2" scores recorded:

Helen & Jeff scored a "2" on the 16th hole. Bramwell & Asa achieved a "2" on the 7th hole.

	Texas Scramble Results	Points	
1st	Helen & Jeff Stevens	44	
2nd	Asa & Bramwell Bushuru	43	Count Back
3rd	KJ & Arthur Young	43	Count Back
4th	Reuben & Blyth	43	
5th	Harry Seelbach & Peter Bagley	43	
6th	Keith & Laura Buckley	42	

Congratulations to Helen & Jeff Stevens for their victory, and well done to all participants who contributed to making this day special! The Club laid on snacks, teas & coffee which everyone enjoyed. A special mentioned to Neil "Joe" Joshua for handling a very busy bar.

The SHGC Championship 2024. The presentation was a fitting finale to the evening. Winners list below:

1st	Jeffrey Stevens	159	£125.00
2nd	Anthony Green	102	£100.00
3rd	Neil Joshua	102	£75.00
4th	Asa Bushuru	93	£60.00
5th	Bramwell Bushuru	90	£50.00



SHGC AGM meeting 6th April 2025 - New Committee.

President Christine Scipio
 Captain Bramwell Bushuru
 Ladies Captain Helena Stevens
 Vice Captain Neil Joshua
 Hon Secretary Ed Oyewo
 Hon Treasurer Dave Brown
 Games Manager Eddy Bowers
 Handicaps Manager Pat Henry
 Entertainment Manager Keith Joshua
 Course Manager Jeffrey Stevens

Next Week 13th April will be the 3 par Competition. Please enter your names in the usual way.

Happy swinging.....!