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By Working Together...

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Chagos Money Brings Big Benefit for Hearing Care

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Volleyball Saints in Falkland Team



**Helena Bennett
Chosen for
Overseas Territories
Conservation Council**

Candlelit Vigil in the Market Tomorrow



A Candlelit Vigil to honour victims and survivors of domestic violence will take place tomorrow, Saturday, 3rd May, at 7 pm at the Jamestown Market.

This solemn event is part of St Helena's ongoing commitment to raising awareness for White Ribbon Day, a global movement dedicated to ending violence against women and girls.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the vigil to light a candle in remembrance and solidarity. The event will serve as a poignant reminder that everyone has a role to play in creating a future free from fear, violence, and abuse.

The White Ribbon Campaign is a global movement which began as men and boys working to end male violence against women and girls. It was established in November 1991 by a group of men in Toronto, Ontario, as a response to the École Polytechnique massacre of female students by Marc Lépine in 1989. The campaign is intended to raise awareness about the prevalence of male violence against women, with the ribbon symbolising "the idea of men giving up their arms". The campaign has spread to over 60 countries, which each White Ribbon chapter operating as a separate entity with its own governance.



MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



| | LILAC ROLLER 251209 | BRIGHT SKY 251211 | GREEN MOUNTAIN 251213 |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Immingham | 12-Apr | 10-May | 07-Jun |
| | KAROLINE 251705 | KAROLINE 251706 | KAROLINE 251707 |
| Cape Town | 19-May | 14-Jun | 16-Jun |
| Rupert's Bay | 27-May | 22-Jun | 24-Jun |
| Ascension Island | - | - | 29Jun |
| | KAROLINE 251805 | KAROLINE 251806 | KAROLINE 251807 |
| Cape Town | 09-Jun | 05-Jul | 14-Aug |

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Chagos Related Funding Helps Hard-of-Hearing

Last October the agreement between SHG and the UK Government was finalised, allowing people who seek refuge on the Chagos Islands to be accepted by St Helena subject to various conditions. In connection with that agreement the Chief Minister announced “the UKG has agreed to one-off funding of £6.65 million to accelerate the work we have started in health, education and internal IT, including funding to clear our current overseas medical referral waiting list.” The funding allocated for improvements to the health service has recently resulted a significant improvement in care for people requiring treatment and care for hearing difficulties; an area of healthcare known as audiology.



Community Nurse, Kamella Buckley, testing some of the equipment

The improvement package includes training of a local staff member, the provision of new equipment (including loanable hearing aids), and specialist support to modernise the island's hearing healthcare. The modernisation includes the procurement of advanced diagnostic tools, including digital audiometers and tympanometry devices, (devices used to test how well the ear is functioning) leading to more precise hearing assessments and better-fitting hearing aids for patients. SHG has also partnered with the Hearing Aid Supplies and Services (HASS) Group and Phonak to support service delivery and training.

Community Nurse, Kamella Buckley, has begun audiology training, ensuring future self-sufficiency in hearing care from 2026 onwards. Once qualified, she will handle diagnostic assessments, hearing aid fittings, and ongoing maintenance, reducing the need for visiting audiologists. The first phase of service has already begun, with clearing the backlog of assessments and fittings for very urgent cases. The improved service will ensure that all patients receive modern digital audiograms, replacing outdated paper-based methods, and helping to inform a priority list for future visits.



Marinda Uys demonstrating how some of the equipment works, on Minister Martin Henry

Martin was clearly very pleased with the advances that can be made by using the new equipment. He said, “This investment from the BIOT fund represents a major step forward in ensuring accessible and high-quality hearing care for our community. Many residents have been waiting for interventions for an extended period, and with this extra funding, we can now provide life-changing support, restoring hearing function and preventing further health deterioration.”

DIY Mental Health Check Now Available Online

It may sound a bit strange, but it isn't. A website was launched this month which is designed to give mental health support to young people. Called www.mindingmymind.sh, the website has been designed specifically for young Saints. Dr Tara Murphy was in St Helena 2019-22 to complete a study and to set out the groundwork for accessible mental health support and self-help designed for young Saints..

The website is offered as a vital first step in learning about mental health and to offer resources for self-help to young Saints. It is not a substitute for existing healthcare services – more a useful add-on and introduction to understanding and managing mental health.

Key Features of Minding My Mind

- Saint-friendly mood management: A range of self-help strategies designed to enhance mood and well-being, reflecting the local context.
- Curated local and international resources: Access to trusted resources, both local and international, that have been tested and proven effective.



- Self-guided mood and sleep monitoring: Tools to help users track their mood and sleep patterns, enabling them to identify when additional support may be needed.
- Tailored approaches to building resilience: Information and strategies developed through direct feedback from the St Helena community.

User privacy is paramount. No personal details or data are collected when using this website.

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**To ensure inclusion, please
submit adverts and copy
by 1pm on Wednesdays.
Later requests subject to
available space.**

National Trust Director, Helena Bennett, Chosen as Council Member of UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum



Helena Bennett

The UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum [UKOTCF] promotes the coordinated conservation of the diverse and increasingly threatened plant and animal species and natural habitats of the UK Territories Overseas.

It aims to do this by providing assistance in the form of expertise, information and liaison between non-governmental organisations and governments, both in the UK and in the Territories themselves.

This report is from the most recent publication of *Forum News*

Helena Bennett is a born and raised St Helenian or “Saint” as the people of St Helena refer to themselves. Growing up on St Helena Island surrounded by the ocean, marine conservation was Helena’s first love and she spent most of her earlier years volunteering in marine protection.

Helena is a qualified Internal Audit Practitioner and played a key role in St Helena’s auditing arena. Helena was central in setting up St Helena Government’s Internal Audit Office, introducing governance and ethical assessments, and the initial risk management framework. However, the ocean which is St Helena’s biggest tourist attraction remained a priority to Helena, and after 11 years of auditing, she joined the Economic Development Agency as its tourism manager, and later the Director of Tourism. Here Helena was able to work with the government and private sector in developing tourism industry best practices and had developed tourism products focused on St Helena’s natural, built and cultural heritage. When the economic development project came to an end, Helena was successful for the position as Director within the St Helena National Trust, an organisation with which Helena spent over 10 years volunteering as a council member.

With the remit of the St Helena National Trust being to promote, conserve, educate and advocate for St Helena’s natural, built and cultural heritage, Helena is focusing on ensuring longevity of project outputs, increasing the importance of the built and cultural heritage and developing a forum for youth advocacy in conservation.

Helena is also the Chairperson for the Liberated African Advisory Committee, who are working on interpreting the island’s role in slavery and the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade. She sits as a member of the St Helena Heritage Society Board, is a member St Helena Research Council whose purpose is to authorise and oversee research on St Helena, and a member of the St Helena Cloud Forest Project Strategic Board, a CSSF funded project, whose role is to ensure the multi-partner project adheres to the goals to improve the water security and wildlife for St Helena.

With a current Darwin Plus project combatting plastic pollution in the South Atlantic, Helena also supports the UKOT plastics pollution network.

C'mon, C'mon, Let's Work Together

The Moat was cleared a few weeks ago. SHG's Property Section did not invite tenders to get the work done, they combined with other parts of SHG and used resources already available to them.

A massive amount of vegetation had been allowed to grow wild in the moat. The manpower to clear it was provided by the prisoners through the HM Prison Service. The tonnes of cleared vegetation were taken off to Horse Point Tip by Waste Management Services. Together with the vegetation there were piles of bottles, cans and other litter thrown into the Moat.



The moat before the clearance work started



The section of the moat at The Coffee Shop after the clearance operation

After the job was finished, litter soon started to appear again as some people continued to throw bottles, cans, and packaging into the Moat once more.

It seems the Property Section have heeded the words of the song 'C'mon, C'mon, Let's Work Together' which was a hit for rock band Canned Heat in the late 60s. Now, it just needs people to not use the Moat as a litter bin. Maybe a few more litter bins along the seafront will help. The intention is for Property Services to organise the combined effort of various sections of SHG to maintain and improve other parts of the Crown Estate.

Would You Believe It!?

This abstract painting is valued at £42.5 million



It's called 'Grey, Orange on Maroon, No. 8'. There are EIGHT like this!

A small child felt the painting when with the mother in an art gallery. Some flakes of paint fell off. Onlookers shrieked; art gallery staff were horrified. The painting was ceremoniously taken away so experts could decide how they will repair it. "Conservation expertise has been sought in the Netherlands and abroad. We are currently researching the next steps for the treatment of the painting", the museum spokesperson said.

Harford Primary School Farm Yard Fun Day – April 26th, 2025: A – Mar- Ve- lous Affair



On Saturday, April 26th, under glorious sunshine, Harford Primary School proudly hosted its bi-annual Farm Yard Fun Day. The festivities kicked off with a vibrant Farm Yard Parade, beginning at Longwood Green and making its way to the school grounds. The parade was led by Mr. Nicholas Thomas in his tractor, followed by Mr. Austin Francis in his specially decorated Land Rover, drawing crowds of excited families and children.

The parade marked the official start of the main event, which drew record-breaking attendance. The highlight for many—especially the children—was the Farm Yard itself, featuring a wonderful array of animals, including cows, pigs and piglets, chickens, and guinea pigs.



Beyond the animals, there was something for everyone. The popular 'Chicken Run' game and a variety of stalls and other activities kept guests entertained throughout the day. A delicious selection of refreshments, including hot food, teas and cakes, ice cream, popcorn, and a mocktail bar, ensured no one went hungry or thirsty. Adding to the lively atmosphere, our much-loved DJ, Mr. Colin Peters, provided music throughout the event, while the Harford Primary School cheerleaders delighted the crowd with their energetic performance, reprising their routine from the recent Athletics Day. The event was a fantastic celebration of community spirit, with families and friends coming together to relax, connect, and enjoy the sunshine. Farm Yard Fun Day 2025 was a resounding success—and a day to remember.



Three fires started at Table Mountain National Park on Friday – 30,000 Acres Destroyed



Two fires were successfully contained overnight on Friday 25th- Saturday 26th, but the third fire remained active. It was Tuesday this week before it was under control.

Fire crews worked overnight to prevent the blaze from spreading and a helicopter was launched at first light on Saturday morning, to support the ground teams.

Trails and footpaths in the affected areas of the national park were closed and hikers were specifically advised to avoid the area above the fire zone for their safety.

By Sunday the fire burning in the Silvermine area of Table Mountain National Park intensified due to shifting wind direction and increased wind speed.

By this time, three helicopters and multiple firefighting teams were deployed, including the Table Mountain National Park firefighters, City of Cape Town Fire & Rescue Services, Enviro Wildfire Services, Volunteer Wildfire Services (VWS), NCC Wildfires, Provincial Disaster Management and more.

With the fire continuing to spread, a further warning was put out for all to evacuate immediately as the fire continued to advance rapidly.

Efforts to contain the wildfire burning in the central and south sections of Table Mountain National Park (TMNP) continued overnight, with approximately 250 firefighters from multiple agencies working tirelessly throughout the night.

While winds were calm during the early evening, they picked up around midnight, requiring intense firefighting activity to manage flare-ups.

It was reported that fresh crews were deployed on Monday morning to relieve those on the ground, and four helicopters are on standby to resume water-bombing operations as soon as low mist and lingering smoke lift. Cooler temperatures and lower wind speeds forecast for Monday assisted firefighting efforts but the fire remained uncontained.

The right flank of the fire stretched several miles but firefighters continued to focus on preventing the fire from reaching nearby communities including Tokai, Zwaanswyk, Noordhoek, and Clovelly.

No structural damage had been reported up to Sunday, although around 30,000 acres of vegetation have been affected.

Monday night, a flare-up started and slowly burnt down towards the road. Another flare-up occurred in the early hours of the morning and was advancing towards Hout Bay. Four helicopters were once again launched Tuesday morning to focus on containing the two areas.

The fireline above was said to have been managed well with much of the active fire from the previous night extinguished. Crews remain in the area to ensure flare is addressed swiftly if it occurs.

On Monday afternoon members of the community who were evacuated on Sunday as a precaution could returned to their homes.

Late on Tuesday afternoon it was confirmed that the fire which destroyed large sections of Table Mountain National Park had been successfully contained. Firefighters remained on site throughout the evening to monitor the areas burnt and conclude with mopping-up operations.

Although no active fire lines remain, the burnt areas remain volatile and hazardous because hidden hotspots, weakened trees, and smouldering roots present serious risks.

A spokesperson from the National Park extended their gratitude to the public, community groups, and organisations who generously supported the firefighting teams with donations and supplies, also sincere thanks also go to the brave firefighters, volunteers, and aerial support teams who worked around the clock to manage the fire across approximately 30,000 acres of parkland.

Cape Town International – Best Airport in Africa, for Three Reasons

Cape Town International chalked up three awards at the recent Passenger Terminal Expo in Madrid. The 2025 awards, sponsored by Skytrax, handed Cape Town: -

**Best Airport in Africa,
Best Airport Staff in Africa
and the
Cleanest Airport in Africa.**

The Skytrax awards are based on an extensive survey conducted with insights from passengers of over 100 nationalities, who evaluated their experiences across more than 575 airports worldwide. The survey, conducted from August 2024 to February 2025, assessed key performance and presentation across the entire passenger journey, from check-in and arrivals to shopping, security, and gate departures.

Jo' burg's OR Tambo Airport did not receive any awards.



Cape Town International check-in hall

Cape Town airport to begin major upgrades in 2026

Cape Town International Airport will undergo extensive renovations from 2026 to 2029 as part of Airports Company South Africa's (ACSA) £955 million investment programme.

The upgrades will include construction of a new runway, expansion of both domestic and international terminals, and additional aircraft contact stands. The airport will also get enhanced security features including full-body scanners and expanded self-service boarding facilities.

Starlink Now Offers Local Telecom Providers Fast Connectivity

Starlink has grabbed a 35% market share of the global satellite internet provision since it became operational in early 2019. It has done this by offering the popular direct-to-customer satellite link. It is popular because it is high-speed and low-cost. Starlink's direct-to customer innovation has turned the worldwide telecommunications market upside down. Eutelsat/OneWeb who also have their own satellite communication constellation, but connect to end users through internet service providers, such as Sure South Atlantic, have only a 4.85% share of the global market.



All the South Atlantic islands have different situations for internet connectivity. Despite the fibre-optic cable, St Helena probably has the most difficult situation. This is due mainly to legislation passed 35 years ago which gave St Helena's internet service provider a protected monopoly and committed the government to paying 100% compensation for all telecom assets if the monopoly provider is no longer required. This clearly puts the brakes on any incentive there may be to invest in fast-moving advances in new technology.

There is now a possible opportunity for that to change. Starlink have introduced a package called the Starlink Community Gateway. It is targeted at Local telecom providers or ISPs in under-served regions, like St Helena. Local internet providers can use a Community Gateway to connect their broadband customers to the 'internet backbone'. The 'backbone' is usually centred in Europe or the USA, so high speed communication is considered essential these days. Starlink can offer this. Chris Gare on his Open Falklands website describes what the Community Gateway can provide. Internet speed can be up to 10 gigabits per second for both upload and download with system reliability claimed to be 99%. Some hardware is needed, such as four small antennas. There are initial installation costs and monthly capacity charges. These are open to negotiation.

The Starlink Community Gateway is described as a fundamental shift in how remote and under-served regions can connect to the global internet. Performance is similar to fibre-optic cable (when it works properly) and is seen as a core piece of digital infrastructure for forward-thinking governments and telecom operators. The Gateway offers immediate capacity gains and can be adapted in the long-term according to demand. It can support everything from economic development to digital education and public services.

Will the Starlink Community Gateway be seen in St Helena as an opportunity or a problem? The telecoms legislation of 35 years ago which is still in force gives no incentive to St Helena's internet service provider, whoever it may be at any given time, to innovate and invest in the fast-moving communications technology.

We have an excellent fibre-optic cable connection but still have inadequate telecom infrastructure on-island that slows communications to snail pace. Links have been established with Eutelsat/OneWeb; they are falling further behind the leading edge of communications technology and are reported to have big and increasing financial problems. Another Basil Read? Will the money spent on the fibre-optic cable fall into the same hole as the money spent on the Bulk Fuel Installation - still standing idle in Rupert's Valley?



The Parish of St Paul's

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| 9.30 a.m. | Eucharist | Cathedral |
| 9.30 a.m. | Eucharist | St Peter |
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| 9.30 a.m. | Eucharist | St James |
| 3.30 p.m. | Service to commemorate the birth of the Community of St Helena and the island's community involvement in the abolition of the Slave Trade | St Michael Ruperts |

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| 11.15 a.m. | Eucharist | St Mark |
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| | Tuesday 6th May | |
| 7.00 p.m. | Alpha | St Mark |

Baha'i Faith

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.

‘Restoring a globally significant Cloud Forest’



Welcome to the first 'news bite' from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project following the exciting announcement that we are receiving a one-year bridging grant from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office – who also funded Years 1 through 4 – ensuring the continuation of this vital work here on St Helena!



HARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE MULTI RAFFLE

The amount raised was £500.00

A big THANK YOU!! To the person who organised and donated the prizes for the raffle on behalf of the community centre

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| Digital Scale | Fred Thomas | Longwood |
| Bluetooth Selfie Stick | Wyatt Francis March | Ladder Hill |
| Shoe Rack | Roman Maggott | Ruperts |
| Set of Sandwich Tins | Daryl Phillips | Longwood |
| Brandy Warmer | Phylliss Stevens | New Ground |
| Rice Strainer | Barbara Clingham | Longwood |
| Gift Set | Bulelwo Athonna | Briars |
| Charlie Perfume | Carmen Yon | H.T.H |
| Silicone Set | Anthony George | Thompson Hill |
| Set of Loaf Pans | Benji Lawrence | Cow Path |
| Bottle of Wine | Vera Joshua | Longwood |
| Duo Cover | Hannah Duncan | H.T.H |
| Vanilla Candle | Angela Yon | Jamestown |
| Cinnamon Stick | Di Roberts | Sapper Way |
| Body & Bath Treat | Eileen Hudson | Cow Path |



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ENRP ASSETS FOR LICENSING

ANRD wishes to advise the public that the following assets are available for licensing from May 2025:

- Arable Land at Ropery Field
- Arable land at SpringBok, Levelwood
- Arable land at Millfield
- Arable land at West Lodge
- Produce Unit at Ex ADA Field
- Equipment storage unit at Ex ADA Field
- Poultry Unit at Farm Buildings

Application forms can be collected from the Reception at the ENRP Office or by contacting the Farmers Support Officer, Frederick Green, at frederick.green@sainthelena.gov.sh or the Farmers Support Assistant, Martina Leo, at martina.leo@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Closing date for application is Friday, 16 May 2025 at 16:00.



We would like to advise all of our valued customers on St Helena, that we are currently looking at all route options for our air freight service to the Island, and we have been working to establish why there are issues arising in Joburg. We have been in contact with our agents in South Africa, along with Airlink and SHG, to discuss the unacceptable timeframe for our consignments arrival on Island, and to push for a resolution to this situation as quickly as possible.

There have now been numerous RJI consignments bumped from the flights, and we are receiving cargo notices from Airlink advising that this is due to "space restrictions". When we investigate further, we are advised that passenger numbers are the main cause of these delays.

The order of cargo priority means that passengers, passenger luggage, perishables and medical take priority over commercial cargo, so there are plausible scenarios where other cargo would be pushed up the queue, however, there is no explanation that we can see, as to why other commercial cargo may be arriving before ours.

It completely defeats the purpose of sending, and paying more for an air freight service, if it is taking several weeks to arrive. We fully understand and appreciate the frustration of our customers that are having air freight arrive much later than expected. We cannot provide an effective and reliable air freight service with these unacceptable delays.

We are pushing for the teams in Joburg to get this resolved as soon as possible and in the meantime, would like to apologise to all of our customers who have had air freight delayed.

Sincerely,
The Managing Directors of Richard James International

A & D's MINIMART REVISED OPENING HOURS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SHOP WILL NO LONGER OPEN ON SUNDAYS WITH EFFECT FROM 11TH MAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

SHOP OPENING HOURS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS MONDAY THROUGH TO SATURDAY 9AM TO 6PM.

WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVEINCE THIS MAY CAUSE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED CUSTOM.

St Helena's Day 2025

ST HELENA & THE SEA

Come celebrate our National day! Join the St Helena Football Association and friends for a meaningful event to celebrate our heritage, culture and connection to the sea

£1 adults
50p kids



Wednesday
21st May



From 11 AM
to 12 PM



Grand Parade
Jamestown

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



FLOAT
PARADE



FIREWORKS



LIVE
MUSIC



BAR & HOT
FOOD



INCLUDING

Traditional Service
Little Mr & Miss St Helena
Local Stalls
Fish Fry & Sushi Bar

MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED...

Community Development Organisation

A New Committee Has Been Formed

The Community Development Organisation (CDO) was established in 2013 to support St Helena's civil society through a Community Grant Scheme.

SHG funding for the Grant Scheme was suspended in 2020. Nonetheless, the organisation continued to operate, offering match funding grants up to £1,000 from reserves. These grants acted as a vital source of support for local organisations, many of which are solely reliant on volunteers.

Those elected are

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| Chairperson: | Mia Henry |
| Vice Chairperson: | Lori Pinter |
| Treasurer: | David Brown |
| Secretary: | Emerald Newman |
| Committee Members: | Tracey Williams |
| | Shayla Ellick |
| | Kenickie Andrews |
| | Vince Thompson |

The Community Development Organisation has £22,818.44 in funds available for allocation to voluntary sector organisations for small projects and improvements. As soon as the new committee has reviewed and finalised the processes used for inviting applications and setting out the criteria for awarding funds further information will be published.

For more information please contact Mia Henry on 22699 / mia@helanta.co.sh

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 **08 May 2025**.

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc offers an attractive benefits package to Employees which includes but are not limited to:

★ Pension Contributions

★ Staff Discounts



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Fire Fighter

(£10,167 per annum)

The St Helena Fire & Rescue Service has an opportunity for you to join their team as Fire Fighter. Within this role you will protect and save people and property from fire and other hazards, reduce risk and provide humanitarian services in the most competent and effective manner.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Jason Lawrence on Tel No. 23344 or
Email: stno.fire@helanta.co.sh

Closing date: 13 May 2025

Mental Health Support Worker

(£9,781 per annum)

The Health Directorate is seeking to recruit a Mental Health Support Worker who will be responsible for contributing to the care and support of patients within the Mental Health Service. You will work as part of an agreed plan of care under the supervision of qualified staff and to undertake duties specific to a defined client group in the community.

The post holder is required to undertake duties without direct supervision, working in partnership with patients, carers and other professionals/agencies in line with legislative frameworks, agreed standards and clinical policies. This involves working in a variety of home/near to home community environments and at times the hospital when an inpatient admission is needed. The Mental Health Support Worker will also need to be computer literate and take on a range of administrative duties as part for this role.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Ian Rummery on Tel No 22500 or Email
ian.rummery@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 07 May 2025

Handyman Driver

(£7,960 per annum)

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is currently seeking to recruit a Handyman Driver who will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the Health & Social Care premises and will have a vital role to play in making the environment safe and comfortable. You will also be required to perform driving duties to support the smooth running of the service.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Michael Gaga - Hale on Tel No. 22500 or Email
michael.gaga-hale@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 14 May 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 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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Environmental Risk Officer (£18,902 per annum)

The Environment and Natural Resources Portfolio is currently seeking to recruit a highly motivated individual with broad experience in one or more areas of environmental risk management to join their team as Head of Section for environmental risk management. You will be an integral part of providing the strategic agenda and direction for the core functions of climate change, waste management and environmental pollution management in order to protect St Helena's natural environments and you will play a key role in driving environmental sustainability initiatives. The role will require you to work collaboratively with a small group of Heads of Section in our core environmental protection and nature conservation subjects for effective environmental risk programme delivery.

Experienced in project management and staff management, you will also have excellent written, verbal communication and interpersonal skills to communicate with a range of audiences, including colleagues, senior managers, elected members, donor agencies and the public.

There is also an opportunity for this post to be offered on a secondment basis.

Contact us for more information and a discussion about the role.

Enquiries: Darren Duncan on Tel No 24724 or
Email
darren.duncan@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Fuel Infrastructure Project (FIP) Maintenance Worker (Fixed Term Contract until October 2026) (£8,878 per annum)

The Fuel Infrastructure Project within the Programme Management Office is seeking a Maintenance Worker. In this role, the Maintenance Worker will be required to work to the FIP's fuel facilities preservation and maintenance programme and keep accurate records of all preservation maintenance work. You will also be required to take responsibility for site maintenance, particularly relating to the SHAP fuel systems in Rupert's and at the Airport. From time to time this may involve work in other parts of the Airport Development Area.

If you are interested, please contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Darrell Clingham on Tel No 22289 or Email darrellclingham.fip@helanta.co.sh

Closing date: 9 May 2025

Licensing Enforcement Compliance Officer (£12,049 per annum)

The Royal St. Helena Police Service is currently seeking to recruit a Licensing Enforcement Compliance Officer who will be responsible to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by managing, monitoring and enforcing relevant licensing and regulatory matters.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Mark Coombe on Tel No. 22626 or Email mark.coombe@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 14 May 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.

Join us! We are recruiting...



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Support Workers (Social Care)

Fixed-Term Contracts or Permanent

(£8,113 per annum)

(Available for local interest)

Are you interested in the well-being of clients within the Learning Disabilities units, and providing high quality, holistic care directly to frail older people in full time residential and day care, enabling them to live as full and active life as possible? If so, Social Care is seeking support in the following areas of care; Deasons, Cape Villa and Piccolo Hill. Come join our team and help make a difference in the lives of our clients.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Hannah Herne or Latoya Thomas,

Tel nos. 22920/23151 or

Email: hannah.herne@sainthelena.gov.sh

Email: dcdeputymanager@helanta.co.sh

Nicole Hercules on Tel no. 25936 or

Email: piccolo.hill@helanta.co.sh

Closing date: 16 May 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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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Carpenter

Total package value up to £19,750.00 pa

(comprising salary up to £12,412.00 pa, plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits)

About the role

We're looking for an experienced carpenter to join our Carpentry Department within the busy Facilities Team of our large Facilities and Operations Directorate.

What you'll do

As part of the Carpentry team you will work on a range of different projects from routine maintenance and repair work to larger projects including building renovations and new build projects.

You will also need to be willing and able to assist the marine team with ship work and stevedore duties when we have cargo ships in port (this will often involve 12-hour days and weekend work for which overtime is payable).

What you'll bring

We are looking for an experienced carpenter with good knowledge of building maintenance, safe operation of hand and power tools, good Health & Safety standards, excellent customer services and communication skills. You will need a clean and valid driver's license (Classes A & B in St Helena and Ascension).

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £12,412.00 pa (depending on experience and taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a two-year **single** status contract and the following allowances and benefits:

- Rent free accommodation valued at up to £1,200.00 pa (taxable benefit)
- A single status food allowance £3,840.00 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance paid in kind worth £938.00 pa
- A single status water allowance worth paid in kind worth £1,360.00 pa
- Relocation costs for your personal effects from your home country and assistance with shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- 30 days' annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free annual travel insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Basic Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical and Dental Clearance

Closing date: 25 May 2025

Interviews: from week commencing 26 May 2025 (via video call if off island)

Start date: As soon as possible.

For more information, a full job description, and to apply, visit:

www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/

If you have any questions about the role, email: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

Golf Report: Monthly Medals

Report by the St Helena Golf Club

Last Sunday, April 27, 2025, was indeed a splendid day for golf as the weather conditions were favourable and the course was in excellent shape. A total of 18 players participated in the Monthly Medal competition, which is a popular event that encourages competitive play among club members.

The competition saw some impressive scores being returned, reflecting both skill and strategy on the course. The outright winner of the Monthly Medal was Arthur Francis, who achieved a remarkable net score of 65. This score indicates that Arthur played exceptionally well relative to his handicap.

The race for second place was notably competitive. Three players—Jeff Stevens, Gerald George, and Peter Bagley—finished closely behind Arthur with Net 67. On the count-back Peter Bagley emerged to take the runner up spot.

A special mention to Gerald George for showing us he still has what it takes to be up there competing.

Jeff Stevens was the only one scoring a two on the 7th and claimed all the balls in the two-ball pool.

Upcoming Events

Looking ahead, the next event on the calendar is scheduled for May 4th featuring the “Tombstone Competition. Players are encouraged to prepare for another exciting day on the course. Signup sheet has been posted on the club’s notice board or you can leave your name and number on 24421

A Euchre Drive have been schedule for the 16th May (Friday Evening) Please enter you team by contacting Keith Joshua “KJ” on 63698 or 25771.

TEAM ST HELENA SELECTED FOR THE ISLAND GAMES IN ORKNEY 2025

The National Sport Association St Helena (NSASH) are pleased to announce the team that will represent St Helena Island at the Island Games from 12th to 18th July 2025. They are:

Athletes:

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| Tyler Anthony | Athletics |
| William Caswell | Swimming |
| James Peters | Squash |
| Stefan Thomas | Swimming |

Officials

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|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Anne Dillon | Team Leader |
| Christine Caswell | Team official (Swimming) |
| (To be confirmed) | Team official (Athletics) |



All athletes met the selection criteria and continue to train diligently in their respective sporting disciplines in preparation for their competition. We would like to thank those coaches, family members and other volunteers who have helped and supported the athletes on their journey thus far.

The Island Games Association does not provide any financing for attendance at these games, so all expenses are being met by team members and officials themselves. NSASH would like to take this opportunity to thank those generous individuals and organisations who have sponsored the team in various forms to date; it is very much welcomed and appreciated.

Finally, we wish the Team St Helena all the best with competition in Orkney.

LOCAL SPORTS

Cricket Results & Fixtures

St Helena Cricket Association

Saturday 26/4/25

Levelwood Rebels 97/8(20 overs)

Dane Wade - 33(25)
Delroy Leo - 16(28)
Gareth Johnson - 2/5(4 overs)
Barry Stroud - 2/22(4 overs)

Western A Mustangs 98/2(12 overs)

Scott Crowie - 31*(29)
Gareth Johnson - 21(15)
Kanye Samuel - 1/4(1 over)
Delroy Leo - 1/28(3 overs)

Player of the Match - Gareth Johnson (Western A Mustangs)

Cricket Fixtures for the Weekend:

Saturday 03/5/25

13:30

Cobras v Challengers

(Umpires: Rhys Francis and David Young)

Sunday 04/5/25

09:30

Sandy Bay Pirates v Levelwood Rebels

(Umpires: Gavin Ellick and TBC)

13:30

Western A Mustangs v Levelwood Allstars

(Umpires: Jamie Essex and Gavin George)



**St. Helena Cricket
Association**

Sunday 27/4/25

Jamestown Heat 162/10(18.1 overs)

Jamie Essex - 74(44)
Makyle Fuller - 20(13)
Trystan Thomas - 3/20(2.1 overs)
Sean-Lee Thomas - 3/28(4 overs)

Challengers 166/2(16.5 overs)

Andrew Yon - 74*(56)
Jordi Henry - 57(31)
Zach Francis - 1/31(3 overs)

Player of the Match - Jordi Henry (Challengers)

Sandy Bay Pirates 285/7(20 overs)

Ajay Bennett - 115(47)
Brooklyn Fowler - 93(30)
Kirk Lawrence - 2/22(4 overs)
Scott O'Bey - 2/51(4 overs)

Cobras 100/10(15.3 overs)

Mark Henry - 22(23)
Jamie Peters - 15(11)
Ajay Bennett - 3/15(3 overs)
Greg Coleman - 3/19(3 overs)

Player of the Match - Ajay Bennett (Sandy Bay Pirates)



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc

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Prosperity Through Partnership

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for "sale by tender" a **Chassis** for a **Landrover 110**. This will be offered on an "as is, where is basis", with no warrantee given or guarantee implied.

Persons interested in viewing should contact Denis Rainbow Autoshop & Transport Manager or Eric Henry Deputy Autoshop & Transport Supervisor on telephone number 22638.

Reasonable Offers should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating Landrover 110 Chassis on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Monday 12 May 2025.

30 April 2025

Two Saints in Falkland Team for Chile



Another sport that is picking up in the Falkland Islands is volleyball, and last Saturday a delegation with ladies and men teams left for an international three-day completion taking place in Punta Arenas, Chile, where the Falklands flag was flying.

Some twelve teams are involved in the competition in Punta Arenas, and although the group of players from the ladies is relatively new and include St Helenians Claire Fowler and Sarafina Yon, they are full of enthusiasm to face the challenge and reach an outstanding performance for the Falkland Islands.

Only a few days ago Falklands Governor Alison Blake CMG welcomed the Falkland Volleyball Club members at Government House and to wish them the best in their first international tournament. The delegation left on Saturday, a bit delayed in the flight to Punta Arenas and will have a full week of activities. They thanked all the support received and lovely comments on this first overseas incursion.

Their message was enthusiastic, "We are planning on streaming the tournament games (and maybe some of the friendlies) via our Facebook page so please keep an eye out for the game times as we confirm them. Let's go Falklands!

On Sunday ladies played friendly games with Británico and in an amazing display won two straight sets 25-16, 25-12.

The men faced a harder team and despite pulling some great rallies, ended with 19-25, 18-25.





It was almost 35 years to the day since Liverpool and their fans sampled the sense of triumph that comes with clinching a title in front of their own supporters, when Queen's Park Rangers were beaten 2-1 on 28 April 1990.

Liverpool's triumph came during the pandemic, so this was a celebration three decades in the making for many fans - and they celebrated in a style befitting the long wait.

Anfield was surrounded by fans hours before kick-off, the team coach emerging from plumes of red smoke on this landmark day.

And Liverpool delivered brilliantly, never settling for the one point they required, sweeping Spurs away in a manner that illustrated the remarkable work done by head coach Arne Slot in his first season.



In what many regarded as the impossible job, the calm and measured Slot has overseen the smoothest of transitions as Liverpool have claimed the title at a canter.

And the joy of the day was encapsulated by Salah's response to scoring Liverpool's fourth goal, dropping to his knees in front of the Kop before taking a selfie that will become a prized possession.

The second half was simply the build-up to the release of emotion and celebration at the final whistle following a victory that was every bit as convincing as the campaign that has led Liverpool to the Premier League title.

At the final whistle, red smoke came from all sides of Anfield as Liverpool as Slot and his staff congregated in the centre circle and the entire squad raced to the Kop.

Spurs, like Liverpool's rivals this season, could not get near them and now the celebrations has started through until they lift the cup on final day of the league

Premier League Fixtures

Saturday 3rd May

12:30pm

Aston Villa v Fulham

3pm

Everton v Ipswich Town

Leicester City v Southampton

5:30pm

Arsenal v AFC Bournemouth

Sunday 4th May

2pm

Brentford v Manchester Utd.

Brighton & Hove Albion v Newcastle Utd.

West Ham Utd. v Tottenham Hotspurs

4:30pm

Chelsea v Liverpool

Monday 5th May

8pm

Crystal Palace v Nottingham Forest