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Belfast lawyer appears in human rights case in St Helena



Darragh Mackin

Phoenix Law partner Darragh Mackin has appeared before the St Helena Court of Appeal in a case concerning access to justice for citizens of the British overseas territory.

The Belfast lawyer has been instructed by St Helena's Equality and Human Rights Commission, which is intervening in the case, *Peters v Attorney General of St Helena & Another*.

Around 4,000 people live on St Helena, an island in the south Atlantic – famously known as the location of Napoleon's exile after his final defeat.

The court case concerns an issue arising from medical negligence claims initiated on the island relating to the ability of a citizen to recover their costs when they instruct legal teams from outside the island.

The St Helens Equality and Human Rights Commission applied to intervene in the instant proceedings to make submissions on the wider ramifications and the importance of the principle of access to justice for islanders.

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Mr Mackin was instructed by Catherine Turner of the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

Phoenix Law appeared with international expert counsel team Hugh Mercer KC and Naomi Hart, both of Essex Court Chambers in London.

Busy Week in James Bay

This past week has been a busy one for James Bay, on Friday at approximately 15:20 the bulk carrier Katagalan Brave which is en route from Argentina to Mauritius made a brief but notable stop to discharge an injured crew member before departing shortly after 17:10.

On Saturday at 00:51, the 107-year-old Dutch registered three masted tall ships schooner oosterschelde arrived after being at sea for 13 days, en route from Cape Town to Azores calling into our sister island Ascension. The Oosterschelde (West River) is 38.08m long with a beam of 7.52m and a draught of only 3m and on a circumnavigation which the ship does once every 10 years and she is due back in her home port, Rotterdam, in September.

Finally on Monday afternoon the pleasure craft Storm, arrive from Cape Town en route to Cabo Verdes, she is a Pleasure Craft and is sailing under the flag of Malta with an overall length of 32 meters and her width is 8 meters.



Pictures courtesy of Mark Caswell



Sergio Compensation Becomes International Human Rights Issue

Last Thursday, 8th May, the claim made against the St Helena Government for clinical negligence in the treatment of Mario Peters by Sergio Villatoro was heard in the St Helena Court. No decision was made, far from it. The extent of the proven criminal negligence of ex-doctor Sergio has taken a backseat while other considerations are argued in court. The case is bogged down in legal arguments about money, perceived bias within the judiciary and whether Saints should be 'allowed' to access independent legal advice. The Mario Peters claim is seen as a test case because all the other claims against ex-doctor Sergio will proceed according to how this first case is decided.

The St Helena Government has retained a new barrister named Andrew Roy KC. Last Thursday, the Mario Peters test case was used in an attempt to limit the amount of money which SHG will be liable to pay out in costs to around 140 claimants who have suffered as a result of Sergio's proven negligence. Barrister Andrew Roy KC made an accusation in court that Hugh James Solicitors, who are making the case in court for the 140 civil claimants, are trying to bankrupt the St Helena Government. This argument in court is based on Hugh James claiming costs for their services which are higher than SHG are willing to pay. Hugh James on the other hand say their costs reflect the additional expense incurred representing clients in St Helena where travel costs and the time required to adequately advise and represent clients is greater than normal. Furthermore, SHG pay the UK lawyers they have instructed more than the amount they say Hugh James should be paid.

An additional complication in an increasingly complex situation is that Chief Magistrate Duncan Cooke has recused himself from any further involvement in the Sergio claims. This means the Chief Magistrate has withdrawn from the proceedings because of a "perception of bias" and potential conflict of interest and lack of impartiality. Supreme Court Judge, Rupert Jones, is due to make a statement shortly on whether he will recuse himself from another group of cases. In the midst of this additional complication, a new judge has been drafted in to preside over the Mario Peters case.

The legal representatives acting for the St Helena Government are also making the case in court that in St Helena, all claimants in any case where an independent solicitor is involved under a 'no win no fee' agreement should first have made what they call a 'meaningful application' to the legal assistance fund.

It seems that all involved in this case, even SHG are not entirely sure what a 'meaningful application' is, exactly. It does involve going to the Public Solicitor Office to seek advice before retaining the services of an independent solicitor under a 'no win no fee' agreement.

It is thought, and feared, that making it compulsory for claimants in St Helena to make an application for legal assistance funds will provide a form of early monitoring and control in any future legal situations of this kind. It is argued the legal assistance fund is provided by SHG and any form of monitoring or control could threaten the independence of the judiciary. It is also argued this is a requirement which is not known to exist anywhere else and could be used as a way of denying Saints access to the legal system and ultimately to justice.

The outcome is of great interest to the international human rights community

The St Helena Equality and Human Rights Commission applied to intervene in the proceedings to make submissions on the wider ramifications and the importance of the principle of access to justice for islanders. They are represented in the case by an international expert council team of Belfast lawyer Darragh Mackin of Phoenix Law, Hugh Mercer KC and Naomi Hart, both of Essex Court Chambers in London.

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Weight loss jabs could halve risk of obesity-related cancers

Known as GLP1 drugs, Saxenda is one of the leading pharmaceutical brands



Some will remember Sarah Mattinson, the dietician who was here a year or so ago. When starting work here, Sarah described the problem she faced – “70% of adults are living with overweight or obesity, with approximately 1,000 living with type 2 diabetes. There are nearly 400 pre-diabetics on the island. Figures indicate that nearly half the diabetic population have diagnosed hypertension and a large number of people are living with chronic kidney disease.” Current numbers are not easily retrievable but despite Sarah’s energetic efforts at health promotion we can safely guess there is still a big health problem in St Helena with much of it centred on being overweight.

There is increasing evidence weight-loss drugs are effective and cost-effective. However, for St Helena, there are two problems: cost, and availability. The Health Department has been running a pilot project for a couple of years now with 15 people who were on high doses of insulin; the evidence suggests that the reduction in expenditure on insulin justifies the cost of the GLP1 drugs. It has to be accepted that experience elsewhere shows that when you expand from a small highly supervised group to a wider population the results are less good. The main problem though is supply. The Health Department have struggled to get enough drugs even for the pilot group. The bulk of the world’s supply is bought up by large private companies, and used through private clinics. The amount used in St Helena, even if rolled out as a larger programme, is too small for any of the wholesalers to be interested. The only option is to obtain supplies wherever possible in the retail market, paying grossly inflated prices in the process.

That doesn’t mean that nothing can be done. The Chief Medical Officer hopes that as newer and better drugs become available the current versions will fall in price. There is an ambitious metabolic/weight loss/diabetes management programme planned, to be funded out of the Chagos refugee money.

It is hoped it will be possible to move forward with this management programme from August when key healthcare personnel are back in place.

Another bonus with GLP-1 weight reducing drugs is that scientists’ research indicates that weight loss drugs give more effective protection against 13 different cancers associated with obesity than other ways of losing weight, such as diet and exercise.

Dear Editor Vince,

Thank you for the publicity in the latest The Independent and highlighting my potential singing career and ‘Cuddle a human’ campaign.

With **V E Day commemorations** only last week, I should add that I am being considered as the mascot of the Invictus Games as a recovering three-legged victim of animal road carnage.

In closing I gather Father David is re-thinking his singing future. With a grateful meow to you and Bow-wow companions,

‘Rondloper’ a St Nicholas gift



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The mountain tops of the island of St Helena, in the South Atlantic Ocean, are home to fragments of the UK's last natural cloud forest, containing approximately 250 species that exist nowhere else on earth, and are perfectly adapted to the cloud forest habitat. The cloud forest is also vital for capturing water from the mist, which contributes to around 60% of the island's fresh water.

However, invasive plant species are a constant threat: they outcompete endemic plants, which causes degradation and fragmentation of the habitat. The St Helena Cloud Forest Project, where the RSPB is an international partner, works to remove invasive plant species from key areas, restore areas of the cloud forest, connected fragmented sections, and create new areas of habitat. Thank you to the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office for funding this project.

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One of the most remote labs on earth

A guided tour of St Helena's clinical and public health laboratories

Dr Jannas du Plessis 2 May 2025

BIOMEDICAL SCIENTIST



- St Helena's labs serve a population of just over 4000 people.
- The Clinical Lab processes 30,000 tests annually.
- The Food and Water Lab handles 2500 microbiological tests per year.
- Only a few blood units are stored; donors are called in as needed.
- The Food & Water Lab is UKAS accredited (ISO/IEC 17025).
- Students are offered placements; MLAs are encouraged to pursue degrees.
- The labs have diagnosed and responded to imported infectious diseases.

St Helena is a British Overseas Territory in the South Atlantic Ocean – one of the most remote inhabited islands on Earth. If one were to drive the equivalent of London to Ukraine in any direction from the island... you'd still find yourself in the ocean. Known historically as Napoleon's place of exile, the island is home to just over 4000 people. In recent years, the 2017 opening of St Helena Airport ended its maritime isolation and brought air access for the first time. It lies over 1200 miles from Angola and 2500 miles from Brazil.

The island is famous for Jonathan, the 192-year-old giant tortoise, and Jacob's Ladder – a 699-step staircase rising sharply above Jamestown. In this unique setting, two laboratories quietly deliver critical clinical and public health diagnostics to keep the island safe and healthy.

The Clinical Laboratory processes around 30,000 tests each year across biochemistry, haematology, immunology, microbiology, serology, transfusion science and molecular diagnostics. Samples requiring advanced testing – such as histology and cytology – are sent to South Africa biweekly.

"I am most proud of our adaptability and the uniqueness of being multidisciplinary in this profession," says Justine Yon, Lead Biomedical Scientist. "Knowing that I've helped a patient who I likely know personally makes it even more special."

The lab runs with a tight team: one Senior Biomedical Scientist, one Lead Biomedical Scientist, two Biomedical Scientists, and one Medical Laboratory Assistant (MLA). Phlebotomy training is provided in-house and internal upskilling is encouraged, with MLAs supported to pursue further study.

The island's public health microbiology work happens in a second lab, performing around 2500 tests a year, which are mainly water samples. It holds ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation and contributes to island-wide food safety.

"It's incredibly satisfying to train my team, pass on my experience and watch them grow," says Kudzi Nayoto, Head of Microbiology. "We do everything from preparing our own media to running the IDEXX system. It's full-on, but rewarding."

Testing includes: water (total viable count, coliforms, *E. coli*, Enterococci, *Legionella* and *Pseudomonas*); food (aerobic plate count, *Staphylococcus*, *E. coli*, *Salmonella* and *Listeria*); and swabs (aerobic colony count, *Staphylococcus*, Enterobacteriaceae). Staff include a Senior Microbiologist, Designate Microbiologist, Quality Manager, Technician and Lab Support. All receive structured in-house training.

With no biomedical engineers on the island, analyser failures must be managed in-house. Traditional manual methods are still used for microbiology. Blood transfusion operates with a walk-in donor system, with just a few blood units stored at any time.



Stephen Doughty MP – UK Minister for Europe, North America and the Overseas Territories



I wish to draw your attention to one facet within the third area of your responsibilities – St Helena. In some ways probably the most problematic component within all three areas of your responsibilities. St Helena is known as an island where geological movement has made it uniquely beautiful and where sociological circumstances have produced a famously friendly people. Beyond that and overall, human intervention has not, so far, brought with it a similarly happy result.

Our Chief Minister has made a point of publicly acknowledging the attention you and other UK Government (UKG) officials give to St Helena and the financial support provided; originating from various UK public funds and for diverse purposes. The basic point I make here is that the processes used for allocating a large part of these public funds has been the same for many decades but the ultimate aim, to facilitate the growth of a viable island economy, has not advanced to any significant degree. As we all know, if things are always done in the same way, we can only expect to achieve the same results. Consequently, the young leave to find a better life overseas, leaving the aging generations to carry on as best they can.

It is clear there needs to be a fundamental change in the whole approach to facilitating St Helena's economic growth. I'm using the responses to recent written questions put in your name but, I assume, scripted on your behalf. In the various written responses we are told, development of energy generation and employment opportunities, commercial and subsistence agriculture, opportunities to reduce onerous freight costs and reducing the high income tax rates are all the responsibility of the St Helena Government (SHG). UKG undoubtedly wants to take a back seat on all these matters. Is it really the case UKG wants to remain resolutely at arm's length from governmental spending decisions taken in St Helena. Is their no interest in Westminster and Whitehall in how effectively the money is spent? We are often told St Helena is a self-governing territory. UKG persistently takes this stance and in so doing challenges credibility.

Your response to one of the questions is "The St Helena Government is responsible for its employment portfolio". Recruitment includes the Technical Co-operation posts funded by UKG at £8 million plus. The purpose of this fund is to make available SHG personnel recruited from overseas to fill voids in what is locally available. Can SHG be responsible for recruitment to posts where the requirements of the post are inevitably unfamiliar?

SHG are currently embroiled in a complex legal battle over compensation claims for proven negligence of a now departed doctor. Would this have been avoided if a different approach to recruitment and selection had been in place? A recently published Report on the Education Review is the most damning official report I have ever seen. There are several damning official reports to choose from. Over the years, head teachers have been recruited from overseas to fill the local skills gap. This report reveals inadequacies which make any reasonable person question the worth of previous overseas head teachers and overseas heads of the education department. There is ample evidence to challenge UKG's insistence on maintaining an arm's length stance. There are many other examples across St Helena governance.

This situation does cause inefficiencies and often to significant failures that cost an avoidable waste of £millions. All of it to the great disadvantage of Saint residents. Why was the still un-used £80 million bulk fossil fuel storage facility built when one of the first of several attempts was also being made for a big push with renewable energy? Why was a passenger shipping terminal built only a few years before

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Open Letter to Stephen Doughty MP – UK Minister for Europe, North America and the Overseas Territories

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the scheduled passenger ship was decommissioned? I could go on, and on.

I ask therefore that key personnel in UKG afford themselves time for important contemplation on what needs to change in order that the public money spent supporting St Helena is used more effectively. I believe it requires, in the first place, more ownership and accountability on the part of UKG. Also, more inclusiveness.

Capital spending also requires a better focus, continuity and commitment. This has to start with UKG initiative. Chosen projects need to complement each other, leading to long-term benefits that alleviate the economic disadvantages that burden all remote islands. This means the development of energy generation, so cheaper energy is the result. Developing commercial and subsistence agriculture requires the same strong focus in order to provide a degree of food security. Other benefits could result from this but making a significant improvement in agricultural production is a massive job, extremely necessary and requiring a new approach from UKG and SHG. There is a way to reduce onerous freight costs. St Helena needs the significant long-term benefits that can be gained from this if St Helena's two governments are really committed to economic development. Faster as well as cheaper telecommunications is another unfinished project which requires commitment. Several £millions have been spent on this project but the full benefit remains to be realised. It is also vital if economic development is a serious consideration.

These and other projects should be parts of a bigger, wider and synergetic effort. The aim being to lay strong foundations to facilitate St Helena's economic development. All of these projects of course need to harmonise with a small remote island where capacities are inevitably limited. It also needs UKG to fully accept ownership, or sovereignty, of St Helena. The British Saints have no problem that.

Vince Thompson
St Helena

Rough Seas at Tristan da Cunha

The MFV Lance, originally scheduled to depart Cape Town in February 2025, faced significant delays due to mechanical issues that required overseas parts, unfortunately not available quickly. After a long wait, she finally departed on 30 April at around 8:00pm local time and arrived at Tristan at approximately 9:00pm on Friday, 9 May.

In the meantime, the MV Edinburgh stepped in and completed an extra voyage to deliver passengers and cargo. Saturday morning offered a small window of opportunity for the raft to head out and collect passengers. It was such a fast turnaround that not all luggage could be offloaded. Thankfully, the skies cleared and the sea calmed enough to allow offloading to continue.

At this time of year, we're reminded again that on Tristan da Cunha, the weather doesn't follow a schedule and the sea truly rules the roost.



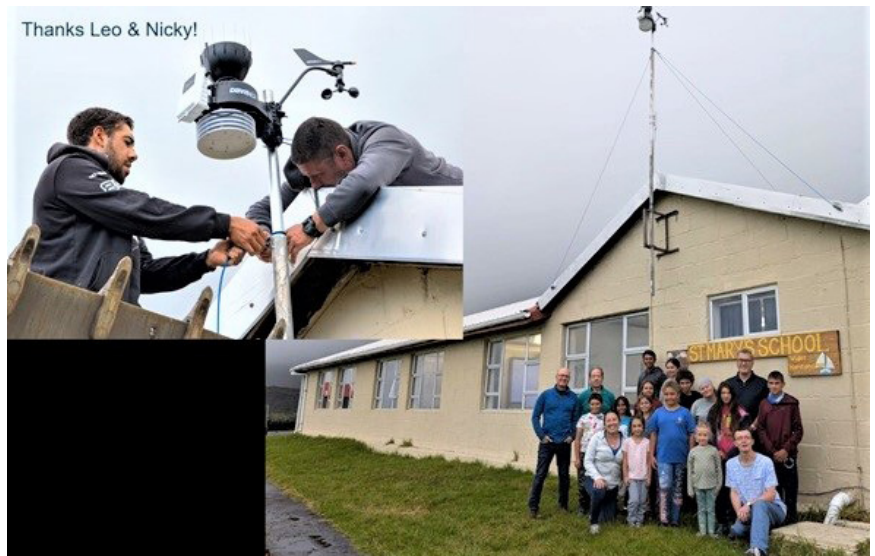
Tristan da Cunha Annual Gathering 2025

The UK-based Tristan da Cunha Association held their popular Annual Gathering for 2025 in April. The main event is on a Saturday but some like to make a weekend of it. The Gathering is always at a hotel in Southampton, this year the Association welcomed people from Italy, the Netherlands, South Africa, Sweden and Switzerland as well as several Tristan islanders now living overseas. Some people like to arrive on Friday to enjoy dinner, and drinks afterwards, chatting with other members of the Tristan da Cunha Association. They may have communicated regularly over the past twelve months but not enjoyed their company since the last Annual gathering. The Saturday event is an all-day occasion taken at a leisurely pace. The morning started with a browse around the stalls which included Tristan merchandise, the raffle and auction tables. There were also books and philatelic items from the estate of the Association's late President, Michael Swales, who passed away last December.

Next is the Association's AGM. As usual, this was fairly brief, with officers reporting a healthy state of affairs that has enabled the Association to fund several projects on the island. The Association's charitable fund was boosted by a generous donation during the year by the British-Belizean businessman Lord Ashcroft. He has a long-standing interest in the British Overseas Territories, and visited Tristan on the MS Ambience in April 2024, but unfortunately was unable to land.

The Weather Station Project

One of the projects funded by the Association was a new weather station for St Mary's School, which is now sending regular weather data to the Weatherlink website. The project was facilitated by member scientists Anna Hicks and Neil Golding, who were unable to attend, but sent a video report that arrived as the meeting was taking place! They gave a brief update on the new weather stations at the school and on The Base, and on their monitoring of Dockel Gulch, the source of rockfalls near the village after heavy rain.



A slide from the video report showing the new Association-funded weather station on St Mary's School

Chris Carnegy Up Next

Tristan's UK Representative, Chris Carnegy, gave an update on current Tristan matters. One of the more interesting prospective developments is that with the new fishing contract it is expected that the number of berths on the company's ships will be increased from 12 to 40, commencing 2027. This should enable more people to visit the island.

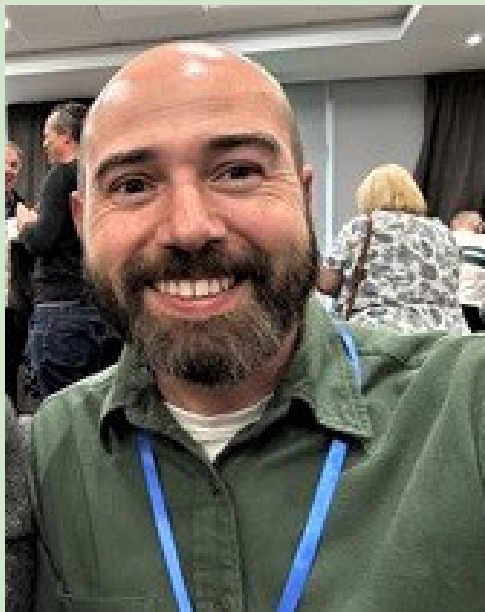
The internet on Tristan was significantly upgraded during the year by the introduction of the Starlink service and also improvements to wi-fi. Chris acknowledged the man mainly responsible for this work, Vodafone engineer Simon Butters, was present at the Gathering.

One of Chris's highlights of the year was helping to arrange for Owen Glass to address the Youth Parliament in the House of Commons, thus setting a record for the youngest person ever to speak there. We were shown a video of Owen giving his speech, which drew a round of applause from attendees.

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Tristan da Cunha Annual Gathering 2025

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UK Rep Chris Carnegy (far left) and 'Mr Internet' Simon Butters (left)

Following Chris, there was a short break and then films showing Tristan in the 1940s and footage of the 1961 volcanic eruption on Tristan. After that it was lunchtime.

The afternoon started with the Keynote Speech given by a writer and photographer who spent ten months working on various projects, with two descriptive films

shown on the day. Now, writer Nick Schönfeld and photographer Julia Gunther have taken on another project and are helping to digitise Tristan's archives; a project also supported by the Tristan da Cunha Association.

After the raffle draw and charity auction, people prepared themselves for the dinner-dance. With sure inevitability, the dinner finished and the dance started with the traditional pillow dance.



The pillow dance kicks off the evening entertainment – provided by Peter Millington and Mike Faulds



For the dedicated, it is a second night in the hotel followed by a leisurely Sunday morning breakfast and then final good-byes, until next year.

Next Annual Gathering

The 2026 TDCA Annual Gathering will be back at our usual venue, the VOCO Hotel in Southampton (formerly the Holiday Inn) on Saturday 7th March, subject to contract.

UNSATISFACTORY ANSWERS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

From our UK Correspondent

The 'MP's Guide to Procedure' in the House of Commons includes a section headed 'Unsatisfactory answers to written questions'. It states:

'Ministers are responsible for the speed and content of their answers. If you receive an answer that is late, inaccurate, incomplete or unsatisfactory, you should discuss your concerns with the Table Office. They can advise you on taking further action.'

Stephen Doughty MP, Minister for Europe, North America and Overseas Territories, has answered five questions concerning Saint Helena during the last week. All were answered late. Three which were due for answer on 6 May were answered on 9 May and a further one also due for answer on 6 May was finally answered on 12 May. The answer to one which was actually due for answer on 12 May had not been answered at the time of writing this article on 14 May. So, we have five answers that are all classed as 'unsatisfactory' under the House of Commons Guide to Procedure by reason of being late. We will now consider the answer to one of the questions seeing what else in it meets the test of being 'unsatisfactory'.

'Question: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the (a) pay and (b) benefits of (i) UK and (ii) Saint Helenian police officers of the same rank serving in Saint Helena are comparable.'

Answer: In St Helena, locally recruited Police Constable's starting salary is £12,049 per year, which is above the national average salary (£9,970). The St Helena Government has responsibility for setting pay and benefits levels for members of the Royal St Helena Police Service, including those appointed as technical cooperation officers.'

I am not sure what he means by 'national average salary', as Saint Helena is not a nation, it is a British Overseas Territory. Perhaps more importantly, the figure he gives is actually the 'median' salary on the island, not the average. In giving the median salary figure he is actually referring to the amount below which the salaries of half of those in employment on the island fall. The median figure does not include the salaries of TCOs. The Chief Statistician deliberately omits these. To include them and calculate an average would give a misleading impression of generally higher salaries on the island than is the case. £9,970 is the median income on the island disregarding TCOs, not the average including them. It is incorrect to refer to it as the average and this comes, therefore, within the second category of unsatisfactory answer, it is inaccurate. We should now look at the third category of unsatisfactory answer, that the answer is incomplete. The question did not ask for a comparison between the pay of a Saint Helenian Police Officer and median pay on the island which is the answer given (albeit that it termed it average pay), it asked for a comparison between the pay of Saint Helenian Police Officers and TCO Police Officers, which the answer did not give. The answer is, therefore, incomplete. Overall, the answer was given late, is inaccurate, is incomplete and is therefore unsatisfactory. A Westminster insider tells me that there is very little that the Table Office can actually do about this, in spite of what the Guide for MPs says. It seems that pursuant questions, i.e. asking further ones flowing from the answer given, is the only recourse. Let us hope that Andrew Rosindell and those who assist him are prepared to persist on behalf of the island.

The issue of disparate pay in the Police Force is an important one. It is not simply a matter for the Saint Helena Government as suggested in the answer. Under s.44 of the Constitution, the Governor has 'special responsibility' for both the Police and finance. An independent inspection of the Saint Helena Police Force was conducted in 2020. One of the conclusions in the Report that followed was that, contrary to the impression given in the recent written answer, the starting pay for locally recruited officers was 'relatively low'. The Report went on to state: 'As a result, officers have left to earn higher wages in other sectors on St Helena and overseas, or for regular hours and a similar salary working for other government departments. Officers have also left St Helena Police after their probationary period, attracted by higher salaries (approximately £30,000) from the Royal Falkland Islands Police Service. The high attrition rate has profound consequences for the force.' Put simply, most locally recruited officers do not stay in the force long enough to progress to the levels of rank and experience for which TCOs are recruited, and the reason for this is the low pay they receive.

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UNSATISFACTORY ANSWERS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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Two of the remaining answers that were given too late for publication in last week's Independent are as follows.

'Question: To ask, how many people are employed as technical cooperation officers to support the Government of Saint Helena, and what the total cost of those posts is.

Answer: The St Helena Government employs technical cooperation officers across its portfolios including health, education, legal chambers and the police where it is not possible to recruit locally. The St Helena Government has responsibility for the recruitment of its human resources and the remuneration provided.'

In fact, under s.96 of the Constitution, 'The Governor, acting in his or her discretion, shall approve (and may from time to time amend) a Code of Management by or under which the terms and conditions of employment of the St Helena Public Service, or any branch of it, shall be determined.' In addition, it is the Governor who makes public service appointments. The Minister could consider asking him for the information necessary for answering the question.

'Question: To ask how many and what percentage of visitors have experienced delays in their (a) inward and (b) outward flights of more than twelve hours in the last two years.

Answer: The St Helena Government and Airlink collate data on flights. During 2023 and 2024, the proportion of weather-delayed flights was around 25 per cent. The F.C.D.O. is supporting technological improvements at the airport to support operations, including to enhance weather modelling.'

So how many were delayed for more than twelve hours? Losing a day or more (sometimes three), rather than an hour or so, from a one week dive holiday rather takes the shine off it.

More next week.



Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 18th May 2025– 4th Sunday after Easter

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| 8.00 a.m. | Eucharist | Cathedral |
| 9.30 a.m. | Eucharist | Cathedral |
| 3.30 p.m. | Eucharist | St Peter |
| Wednesday 21st May | | |
| 11.00 a.m. | St Helena Day Service | Grand Parade |

The Parish of St James

Sunday 18th May 2025 – 4th Sunday after Easter

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| 9.30 a.m. | Eucharist | St James |
| Thursday 22nd May | | |
| 7.00 p.m. | Eucharist with Healing | St John |

Sunday 18th May 2025 – 4th Sunday after Easter

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| 11.15 a.m. | Eucharist | St Mark |
| 3.30 p.m. | Eucharist | Barnabas, Levelwood |
| Tuesday 20th May | | |
| 7.00 p.m. | Alpha | St Mark |

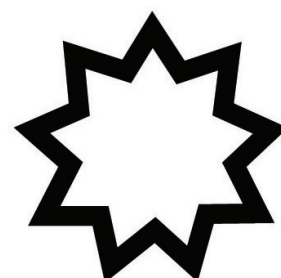
Baha'i Faith

'My love is My stronghold; he that entereth therein is safe and secure, and he that turneth away shall surely stray and perish.'

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



St Helena and the Nicene Creed, the Christian Charter – the 1700th anniversary

By the beginning of the fourth century, Emperor Constantine, the son of St Helena was supreme ruler of the greater part of both western & eastern Europe, common called the Roman Empire though in fact also embracing the 'twin' Byzantine Empire (Constantinople later Istanbul).

Though he had declared Christianity free of persecution soon after becoming emperor and later the state religion, he would only personally be baptised on the eve of his death on 22nd May 337. Constantine is honoured (i.e. his feast day) in the Churches of the former Byzantine Empire and several in the Roman on 21st May, the day of his baptism, to which his mother's name is since included. His mother Helena had died several years before and probably as she wished, in the Holy Land long associated with her numerous findings of religious sites, objects & relics of which the True Cross of Jesus is renown to this day. (Such a very tiny sliver is held here on the Island).

Christian historians and others are of the opinion that it was Constantine who encouraged his mother to become a Christian, despite he himself being unbaptised.

Yet despite Constantine's sole unassailable position as emperor, of both the Roman & Byzantine empires, as a strategy and stabilizing the twin empires he was also personal concerns of the various interpretations (heresies) of Just who IS Jesus ? that continued to buffet and trouble the Church. Consequently, Emperor Constantine called together a council of all known bishops of the empires to a conference to the town of Nicaea (now Iznik in Türkiye) from 20th May to 19th June 325. In fact, this was his second attempt, earlier – this first ended in more confusion and uncompromising opposing factions... briefly, a failure.

This declaration of the Council at Nicaea or Nicene Creed is the concluding document issued and attested to by the assembled bishops.

As biblical scholarship develop with greater insights, came later additions & clarity, the understanding of the Holy Spirit, baptism as the essential of Faith & forgiveness of sin, a greater awareness of the role of the Church resulted in a further council in 381 to the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed; this is the one commonly used today though modern languages still struggle to convey in part the more precise definition & meaning of classical Greek words & terms.

Over the following centuries to the present this Creed is accepted by the majority of Christian Churches of various traditions and religious communities; it is treasured as a Common declaration of the Christian faith and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, (only) begotten of the Father. Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father. By whom all things were made.
Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down and was incarnate and was made man; he suffered, and the third day he rose again; ascended into heaven; from thence he shall come to judge the quick (living) and the dead.
And in the Holy Ghost.

[But those who say: 'There was a time when he was not;' and 'He was not before he was made;' and 'He was made out of nothing,' or 'He is of another substance' or 'essence,' or 'The Son of God is created,' or 'changeable,' or 'alterable'— they are condemned by the holy catholic and apostolic Church.]

*We believe in one God
the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth
all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ
the only Son of God
eternally begotten of the Father
God from God Light from Light
true God from true God
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again*

*in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord
the giver of life who proceeds
from the Father and the Son
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped
and glorified
who has spoken through the prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.*

Amen.

Annual Property Auction: Disposal of a number of Residential Properties, Building Plots and Land For Sale by Public Auction 29th July 2025 at 6pm, The Market, Jamestown, STHL 1ZZ

Listed for Entry:

- Residential Property Near Hutts Gate
- Part Built Residential Property at Bottomwoods
- Four building plots near New Ground
- Land in Sandy Bay
- New Entries will be added shortly

New Entries Are being accepted until 30th June 2025.

Property Information Packs Available 30th June 2025

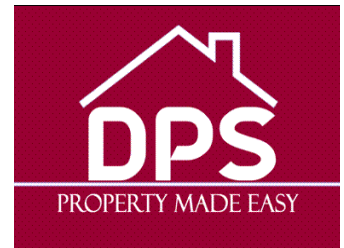
All enquiries please contact us:

By email: derek@dps.co.sh

or Telephone: 00 290 25836

or WhatsApp: 00 290 67022

or visit us at The Market,
Jamestown, St. Helena,
STHL 1ZZ



Disposal of Restaurant Equipment For Sale by Public Auction 31 May 2025 at 10am, at Tasty Bites Ladder Hill

Listed for Entry with no reserve:

- Tables and Chairs
- Catering equipment
- 2006 Ford Ranger Pick Up Truck
- Office Equipment

Entries Are being accepted until 21 May 2025.

All enquiries please contact us:

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STHL 1ZZ



APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application has been received in respect of the following proposals:



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1. **Application 2025/23:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of External Stairs**, Blackfield, Longwood on Parcel LWN0102 & LWN0103. Applicant: Delmarie Hopkins-Caesar

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Administration Assistant on Telephone 24724 or email rea.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect

Any person who wishes to make Representations on any of the above Applications should make them in writing to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email rea.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Representation Closing Date: 4pm – 30 May 2025

Patricia Coyle, Head of Planning & Building Control



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PUBLIC NOTICE HEARING

Application 2024/13 – Retention of the Fence installed at the Coffee Shop, Jamestown on Parcel JT020034

The Appeal Hearing against the decision to refuse development application 2024/13 by the Governor in Council at its meeting on 23rd July 2024, and to serve an enforcement notice or as to the terms thereof issued on 20th February 2025 will be held at the Court House, Jamestown on Wednesday, 4th June 2025 at 10am.

Patricia Coyle
Head of Planning & Building Control

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 AM



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...



**St Helena
Government**

EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT PORTFOLIO – NURSERY PROVISION

The Education, Skills and Employment (ESE) Portfolio is offering non-compulsory nursery education for all children between the ages of three and four years.

ESE will be in contact with parents/guardians of those children born on island and who are eligible to enter nursery education in the school year September 2025 – August 2026. This is to offer a place and provide details of school placement and date of admission.

It would be appreciated if parents/guardians of children who were not born on St Helena could submit the following information in writing to the Assistant Director of Schools, Kerry Lawrence, so that an offer of placement can be made:

- The child's full name and date of birth
- Name and address of parent or guardian
- Telephone number and email address (if applicable)

Once all required information has been received, parents/guardians will be advised of their child's nursery placement.

It should be noted that ideally a child should attend the school within the catchment area where he/she is residing. However, for non-compulsory schooling, exceptions will only be made for regular attendance outside the identified catchment area should numbers in the requested school be low enough to accommodate the extra intake or if there is a valid reason for this, such as child care.

Parents/Guardian who wish for their child to attend nursery schooling outside of their catchment area, must apply in writing to the Assistant Director of Schools, stating which school they would like their child to attend and the reason for the placement outside of their catchment area. In such cases, parents are obligated to take responsibility for transporting their child to, and from school if required.

All correspondence pertaining to this matter can be sent to the Assistant Director of Schools, Kerry Lawrence, at the Education and Learning Centre, Jamestown, by email to: kerry.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh.



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PROVISIONAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS PUBLISHED

The Provisional Register of Electors for 2025 was published on Friday, 9 May 2025. The final register, effective from 1 July 2025, will be the register which is used for this year's General Election. To participate in the general election process—whether by sponsoring, supporting, standing as a candidate, or voting—your name must be included in this register. No further additions will be permitted after the final register is published.

Remember it is your responsibility to check the Provisional Register to make an application to amend it if you wish to – this includes adding your name if it is not already listed. To be eligible, you must have St Helenian Status as defined in the Immigration Ordinance, 2011, are ordinarily resident on St Helena and aged 17 years or over.

Eligible persons will have until 16:00 on Friday, 23 May 2025 to submit applications using Form 'A' to amend the provisional register. Persons who are ordinarily resident on the island but who are currently absent can apply to amend the register by using the prescribed Form 'B'.

Both Form 'A' and Form 'B' can be obtained via The Castle Reception and Customer Services Centre, or accessed on the SHG website at www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/elections/.

Completed Forms 'A' and B can be submitted to any of the following officers at the Castle, between 09 and 23 May 2025 in hard copy or via email: Carol Henry: carol.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh; Anita Legg: anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh; Gillian Francis: gillian.francis@sainthelena.gov.sh; Connie Johnson: connie.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh or any of the Assistant Registration Officers available here.

You can access the Provisional Register online or by contacting any of the Assistant Registration Officers. Alternatively you will be able to view the register in person at: Public Library; Customer Services Centre; ENRPP Offices Scotland; Longwood Supermarket; Allsorts Shop Sandy Bay; Mrs Cecily Williams, Blue Hill; Red Hill Shop; Mrs Lillian Williams, New Ground; Half Tree Hollow Supermarket; Mr Melvin Benjamin's shop, Opposite Barracks Square; Silver Hill Supermarket; Stephen McDaniel Shop, Cleugh's Plain; A&D's Mini Mart; MTB's Half Tree Hollow

Remember, if your name is not on the Register of Electors you will not be able sponsor or support a candidate, nor to stand or vote in the 2025 General Election.

#StHelena #ProvisionalRegisterOfElectors #RegisterToVote
www.facebook.com/StHelenaGovt/ www.twitter.com/StHelenaGovt

SHG
13 May 2025

'Restoring a globally significant Cloud Forest'

News from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project

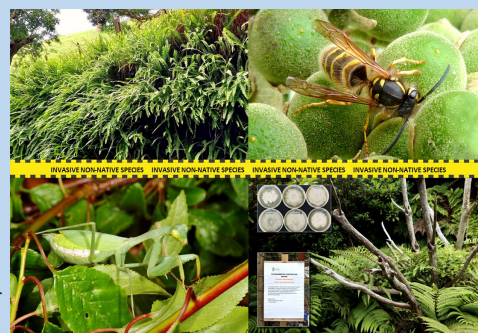


Welcome to the another 'news bite' from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project!

This week 12—18 May is Invasive Species Week, an annual event to raise awareness of invasive non-native species and their impacts.

Our project aims to protect our Island's natural heritage and a key part of this work is combatting the threat posed by invasive non-native species.

SHG's teams at the Peaks regularly carry out invasive plant clearance with the aim being to replace these areas with endemic species. Two of the most notorious invasive species of particular nuisance is the New Zealand flax and the Pheasant Tail fern. Both have taken over areas that would previously have been endemic cloud forest habitat.



The St Helena National Trust are also tackling invasive invaders. The Common Wasp in particular presents an ever-present risk to our own unique endemic invertebrate species, as they are generalist predators who feed on our endemics.

Additionally, in recent years invasive plant pathogens were identified within the Peaks National Park and are thought to be responsible for the deaths of multiple endemic trees. This has required access restrictions to be put in place for sensitive areas of the Park to avoid the further spread of pathogens, and to better protect our endemic cloud forest while research continues.

We have been posting information on these key invasive species to our social media channels, so be sure to check them out and learn more about how you can support efforts to combat invasive non-native species during Invasive Species Week 2025.

Be sure to follow the St Helena Peaks National Park on Facebook, and @StHelenaPNP on X, to stay up to date with all the latest news and information on the FCDO-funded St Helena Cloud Forest Project

Scan the QR Codes below for quick access to:

Website



Facebook



Twitter/X



UK Government



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public is advised that the VIEWING DECK at the ST HELENA AIRPORT will be unavailable for viewing flight operations until further notice. This closure is to allow essential maintenance to be undertaken.

The Restaurant will still be available to the public on flight days.

THE ROCK
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

PRAYER MARGINS CAMPAIGN



DATE: **24 MAY 2025**

VENUE: **HIGH KNOLL FORT**

TIME: **09:30 - 15:00**

THEME:

**Gather
My
People
to
Pray**



Zechariah 8:20-22

"Many peoples and the inhabitants of many cities will yet come, and the inhabitants of one city will go to another and say, 'Let us go at once to entreat the Lord and seek the Lord Almighty. I myself am going.' And many peoples and powerful nations will come to Jerusalem to seek the Lord Almighty and to entreat him."

REGISTER TO VOTE

ST HELENA ELECTION 2025

MAKE ST HELENA GREAT

JOIN #MSHG

YOUR VOTE COUNTS – REGISTER NOW!

Be part of the change. Support #MSHG and help shape St Helena's future.

IF YOU'RE ON ISLAND – USE FORM A

Are you a Saint or just gained Saint status?

Not yet registered to vote?

→ ■ Add your name to the voter register TODAY!

Complete Form A (available at the Public Library)

Or register online:

sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/elections

Deadline: Mid-May (15 May)

IF YOU'RE TEMPORARILY AWAY – USE FORM B

Are you ordinarily resident on St Helena but currently off-island?

Still eligible to vote if you've been away under 30 months for:

- Education
- Employment
- Training
- Medical reasons

■ Complete Form B at the Library or online to remain on the register.

Need Help?

Contact:

Carol George or Anita Legg at The Castle

Tel: 22470

VOTE FOR CHANGE. VOTE FOR #MSHG
Your Island. Your Voice. Your Future.

JOB VACANCY

RETAIL, MARKETING & CUSTOMER SERVICES ASSISTANT

- Proven experience within a Customer Services environment
- GCSE Maths & English Grade C/4 or above
- Good level of computer literacy
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Well organised and methodical, prepared to work in a fast-paced environment
- A flair for technology
- Cash handling experience desirable

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a satisfactory police disclosure.

Salary will be dependent on qualifications and experience.

For further information, interested persons can contact Penelope Bennett, Retail, Marketing & Customer Services Manager on tel. +290 22004 or email: Penelope.Bennett@sure.com

Application forms can be obtained from and submitted to Keirah Wade, HR & Finance Administrator at Bishop's Rooms on tel. +290 22800 or email: Keirah.Wade@sure.com

Closing date for applications: 29 May 2025



FIREFIGHTER ADVERT



JOB VACANCY WITHIN THE ST HELENA AIRPORT

The St Helena Airport is looking to recruit an experienced professional in firefighting/aircraft ground handling.

The successful applicant will be a member of the Rescue and Fire Fighting Service and will be trained in the use of Aircraft Ground Service Equipment to support aircraft turnarounds at St Helena Airport. Applicants will be expected to work at height and achieve a rope rescue certification of Level 2 or higher within the first year of employment.

Other duties will include Environmental Officer support tasks such as:

- Wildlife monitoring
- Maintenance of the Airport precinct gardens
- Inspections of Airport buildings and surrounding areas
- Inspection and maintenance of the Sewage Treatment Plant.

Other duties will include maintenance tasks such as:

- Corrosion control of various machinery and buildings

Applicants must be of a professional manner and achieve the following:

- A full medical assessment
- Pass a narcotic and Alcohol test
- Pass a fitness assessment and agility test
- A clean driving license (J4)
- Able to pass a Criminal Background Check and Employment Verification Check in accordance with the Overseas Territories Aviation Requirement (OTAR) 178.

All applicants will be viewed with preferred experience and certifications in the following:

- Experience within a firefighting service
- Experience within an airport environment
- Firefighter 1 and 2 or equivalent
- Driver/pump operator.

The Aviation environment is primarily driven by safety; as such, applicants must be:

- Safety conscious
- Willing to undergo and actively participate in continual training
- Able to work as part of a team and support their colleagues
- Have a professional and level-headed demeanour.

The starting salary for this post is between **£16,922.93** and **£17,554.87** per annum, depending on qualifications and experience plus a transport allowance of £1,020 per annum and a 12.5% company pension contribution.

If you believe you have the relevant qualifications and skills to suit this role, or you would like more information, you can contact Marc Fowler, Rescue & Fire Fighting Service Manager on email marc.fowler@sthelenaairport.aero or Telephone number 25180 Ext 135 or to receive the job description and application form please contact Mandy Peters, Business Manager at the St Helena Airport on Telephone number 25180 Ext 132 or email address recruitment@sthelenaairport.aero.

The closing date for this position is **Friday 30 May 2025**.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



St Helena Airport Ltd is inviting **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST** from interested parties, to operate the **LANDSIDE GIFT SHOP** at the St Helena Airport on flight days; with effect from **16 July 2025**.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted to Mandy Peters, Business Manager; at St Helena Airport Ltd, via email to mandy.peters@sthelenaairport.aero by **1600 hrs on Friday, 30 May 2025**.



Expressions of Interest for the 2026 Commonwealth Games

The National Sports Association of St Helena (NSASH) are inviting athletes to submit their Expressions of Interest (EOI) to compete at the next Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland. The event is being held from 23rd July to 2nd August 2026.

Closing date for the EOI is 4pm UTC on Tuesday 20th May 2025.

Please email the following details to nsash@helanta.co.sh

- Your full name
- Your current address
- Date of Birth
- The sport you would like to compete in

The list of disciplines for which Team St Helena is eligible to compete in are: Athletics, Artistic Gymnastics, Bowls, Boxing, Judo, Swimming and Track Cycling.

Join us! We are recruiting...



**St Helena
Government**

Driver (Social Care) (£7,960 per annum)

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is currently seeking to recruit a Driver (Social Care) who will be responsible for the transporting of service users which includes to and from day care, hospital appointments and social outings. The Driver will support staff in helping service users to safely get in and out of vehicles including those who have mobility needs, sensory impairment, learning disabilities and those with limited or no verbal communication skills. This requires the post holder to be caring, compassionate and flexible.

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

Enquiries: Rosalie Brown on Tel No 22920 or
Email: Rosalie.brown@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 23 May 2025

2x Accounts Assistants (£7,960 per annum)

Are you a highly motivated individual with good teamwork and problem-solving skills? If so, Central Finance has an opportunity for you to join their team. You will ensure efficient and accurate entry of financial data through the government accounting system and the effective monitoring of St Helena Government's transactions.

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

Enquiries: Charmaine Murawu on Tel No 22470 or
Email: charmaine.murawu@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 30 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...



**St Helena
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Housing Officer

(2 month Fixed-Term Contract to commence 9 June 2025)

(£9,781 per annum) (Available for local interest only)

If you are a highly motivated individual with excellent communication skills, then here is an opportunity for you to join the team at the Property Section, where you will provide an effective and high quality administrative support to the Housing Management Service.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Nikita Crowie on Tel No. 22270 or Email:
nikita.crowie@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 28 May 2025

General Teaching Assistant (St Helena Secondary School) (Starting at £8,725 per annum)

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

Contact us for more information and a discussion

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

Closing date: 30 May 2025

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Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

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

Training and Development

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**St Helena
Government**

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: 30 May 2025

Sea Rescue Crew (Coxswain) (£9,197 per annum)

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 an opportunity for you to join their team.

Applicants must be 18 years of age, Must be able to swim and pass a fitness test.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Leeroy Caswell or Mark Caswell on
Tel nos. 25215 or
Email: leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh
Email: mark.caswell@helanta.co.sh

Closing date: 30 May 2025

Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

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

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Marine Protected Area Officer

Total Package value £24,248 per annum

(comprising salary of £15,710 per annum + food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits – details below)

About the role

The Conservation Directorate of the Ascension Island Government is currently looking for a passionate, suitably qualified and experienced marine conservationist to join our Marine Protected Area (MPA) Management Team. The Ascension Island MPA was designated in 2019 and is one of the largest areas of protected ocean in the world.

What you'll do

As a member of the small MPA Management Team of marine scientists you will work with us to help protect the unique ocean environment around Ascension Island and develop and grow partnerships with research organisations and NGOs across the globe.

What you'll bring

We are looking for someone with a strong background in marine conservation and with experience of conducting field work in sometimes challenging conditions. You will require a good knowledge of marine eco systems, threats to marine biodiversity and sustainable management practices. In addition, you will have a strong grounding in the biological sciences and have the ability to translate the results of monitoring and research into programmes of practical conservation action. You will also need to have experience and certification in outboard motor powerboat handling. Ascension Island is a challenging environment to live and work in, so you will need to be resilient and adaptable in order to thrive here.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of £15,710 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a single status two-year contract and the following additional benefits:

- Rent free accommodation valued at up to £2,400pa (taxable benefit)
- A single status food allowance £3,840 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance paid in kind worth £938 pa
- A single status water allowance paid in kind worth £1,360 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 the 2-year contract
- 30 days paid 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
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance

Closing Date: 01 June 2025 Interviews: Week commencing 02 June 2025 (via video call if off island).

For more information, job descriptions, and to apply visit: <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/>

VACANCY



WATER RESOURCE MONITORING TECHNICIAN

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking to employ a Water Resource Monitoring Technician to support all water resource data collection tasks associated with St Helena Cloud Forest Project (SHCFP). Other tasks include maintenance and operation of the SHCFP surface water and ground water monitoring network. Organise and plan weekly data collection. Assisting with the drafting of project reports and supporting stakeholder consultation objectives with the project team at Saint Helena

EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES



- Computer literate in Microsoft Office
- Health & Safety Awareness
- Experience of working with Desktop publishing Software
- Basic knowledge of GIS
- A Level in Science, Math, or Geography or equivalent
- Driving Licence A & C

QUALIFICATIONS



- GCSE in English, Maths at Grade C or above or equivalent

BENEFITS



- A competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- 15% pension contributions of the base salary and 25 days annual leave.

For further information contact Mercy Ncube on +290 22255 or email Mercy.Ncube@connect.co.sh. Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: Annalisa.Young@connect.co.sh by 9:00am on Wednesday, 04 June 2025. To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.

www.connect.co.sh/vacancies.html



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<https://www.linkedin.com/company/connect-saint-helena-ltd/>

VACANCY



PROJECT MANAGER

Connect Saint Helena Ltd (Connect) is seeking to employ a Project Manager to deliver Connect's Capital Programme and provide hands on delivery of individual projects. This is a management position within the company and the post holder is responsible for ensuring that projects are developed and delivered to international best practice.

EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES



- 5 years' experience in project management and delivery
- Experience of budget management and cost control
- Demonstrable experience of managing a capital expenditure programme
- Experience of donor budgetary and project management requirements
- Health & Safety awareness
- Driving Licence

QUALIFICATIONS



- Prince 2 Practitioner (or equivalent)

BENEFITS



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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Non-Executive Board Director



Bank of St Helena Ltd is seeking Expressions of Interest from persons to serve as a Non-Executive Director on the Board.

Non-Executive Directors are required to act with a degree of independence from the operational activities and have a role in providing strategic vision, monitoring the Bank's performance, advise on the financial reporting process, review risk and controls, and ensure good governance. Proven knowledge and skills in the following areas will be an asset:

- Commercial Lending
- Credit Risk Management
- Compliance Risk Management

Interested persons should submit their Expressions of Interest and CV to the Assistant Managing Director, by email asst.managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com or in person at Bank of St Helena Office in Market Street, Jamestown.

Closing date for Expressions of Interest is Wednesday, 21 May 2025



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

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Market Street, Jamestown



Bank of St Helena Ltd



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Independent Member of the Audit & Risk Management Committee



Bank of St Helena Ltd is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to sit as an Independent Member on our Audit & Risk Management Committee.

The successful candidate will be a full member of the committee and will work with the committee to provide clear direction and challenge to steer the organisation, and continue to operate to the highest standards of probity, integrity and scrutiny.

The Bank anticipates a time commitment of 12 days per year, including attendance at Audit & Risk Management Committee meetings and other bank events. In addition, you will be expected to devote appropriate preparation time ahead of each meeting and be available to deal with matters relating to the Audit & Risk Management Committee, and at other Bank events, if needed.

For further information about the role, responsibilities and remuneration please contact the Assistant Managing Director at Bank of St Helena either on email asst.managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com or on 22390.

Written expressions of interest along with an up to date CV should be sent to the Assistant Managing Director by Wednesday, 21 May 2025



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Market Street, Jamestown



Bank of St Helena Ltd

LOCAL SPORTS

Cricket Results & Fixtures

St Helena Cricket Association

Saturday 10/5/25

Jamestown Heat 145/(20 overs)

Jamie Essex - 47(37)
Makyle Fuller - 39(30)
Rhys Francis - 2/21(4 overs)
Brett Isaac - 2/24(4 overs)

Sandy Bay Pirates 151/1(11.4 overs)

David Young - 79*(31)
Sanjay Clingham - 33*(19)
Lebron George - 1/32(3 overs)

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

Cricket Fixtures for the Weekend:

Saturday 17/5/25

09:30 (S1)

Challengers v Western A Mustangs
(Umpires: Gavin George and David Price)

13:30 (S2)

Sandy Bay Pirates v Levelwood Allstars
(Umpires: Jamie Essex and Andrew Yon)

Sunday 18/5/25

12:30

Winner S1 v Winner S2
(Umpires: Damian Burns and TBC)



St. Helena Cricket Association

Sunday 11/5/25

Levelwood Rebels 205/4(20 overs)

Weston Clingham - 84(58)
Delroy Leo - 55(40)
Blaze Baldwin - 2/42(4 overs)
Martin Cranfield - 1/20(3 overs)

Cobras 100/0(20 overs)

Patrick Crowie - 42*(56)
Michael Bedwell - 42*(69)

Player of the Match - Weston Clingham (Levelwood Rebels)

Levelwood Allstars 76/10(17.3 overs)

Kristian Leo - 18(20)
Brendan Leo - 16(25)
Joey Thomas - 3/12(4 overs)
Jordi Henry - 3/14(4 overs)

Challengers 80/2(7.5 overs)

Andrew Yon - 31(17)
Cliff Richards - 23(13)
David Francis - 1/13(2 overs)
Cormac Crowie - 1/20(1.5 overs)

Player of the Match - Jordi Henry (Challengers)



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc

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Web: www.solomons-sthelena.com

Prosperity Through Partnership

FOR SALE BY TENDER

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for "sale by tender" the following vehicles.

FORD TRANSIT BUS

Formerly registered as vehicle number 27
Damaged as a result of road traffic accident

VOLKSWAGON GOLF

Formerly registered as vehicle number 2356
Damaged as a result of a fire
These vehicles will be offered on an "as is, where is basis", with no warrantee given or guarantee implied.

Viewing has been set for Thursday 22 May 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 Monday 26 May 2025.

Golf Report: Stableford Competition

Report by the St Helena Golf Club

The Stableford Competition held on May 11th was a successful event, featuring a total of 17 players who participated in the day's activities. The format of the competition allowed for an engaging experience, as players aimed to accumulate points based on their performance on each hole.

The weather conditions were favourable, providing a pleasant atmosphere for the competitors. Out of the 17 participants, seven players scored over 30 points, showcasing a competitive spirit throughout the day.

Neil Joshua emerged as the standout player, finishing with an impressive score of 39 points, which secured him the title of winner for this competition.

Following closely behind was Keith Joshua, who achieved a commendable score of 38 points, earning him second place in the event.

A noteworthy moment in the competition was when Eddy Bowers scored the only two (2) during play, which allowed him to take home all the balls from the two-ball pool.

Additionally, special thanks were extended to Keith Joshua ("KJ") for generously sponsoring the prizes for this competition. His support played a significant role in enhancing the overall experience for all participants.

Upcoming Events

Euchre Drive 16th May (Friday Evening)

Please enter you team by contacting Keith Joshua "KJ" on 63698 or 25771.

GOLF Competitions

18th May: The Monthly Medal Competition

25th May: The Gwyneth Howell's sponsored "Cross Country Competition".

1st June: Furrows Competition Stoke Play (sponsored by Fox Motors)

The St Helena Golf Club Championship (SHGCC) the order of merit starts on the 11th May to 30 November 2025.

Starting with the points from the Stableford competition held on the 11th May will be added and a weekly list posted on the club's notice board.

To sign up for the above Golf competitions, enter your name on the entry list at the club house or leave your name on telephone 24421 or 25848.



MANAGER – POLICY AND SUPERVISION

The FSRA is the statutory regulator of the financial services industry in the British Overseas Territory of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha. The FSRA seeks to appoint an individual to the position of **Manager – Policy and Supervision**. This is a full-time, salaried position. The successful candidate will report to the Chair of the FSRA and will work closely with other members of the executive team.

The role provides excellent exposure to a wide range of regulatory matters and offers the opportunity to contribute to a range of financial services policy development initiatives in St Helena.

The role will be responsible for:

- Assisting in the regulation and supervision of FSRA-licensed firms
- Conducting research and analysis to support a programme of modernization of financial services regulation
- Providing input into FSRA policy consultations
- Supporting the delivery of high-profile SHG policy initiatives, such as the development of the St Helena Company Registry as a location for international company incorporation
- Assisting in the operational development of the FSRA
- Developing the FSRA website, other online media presence and external communication tools

Candidate profile:

- A graduate in a legal or business-related subject, or an individual with relevant professional experience in financial services or government
- An interest in financial services and a desire to progress a career in financial services regulation
- Strong and modern research skills, attention to detail and ability to distil and present research findings in a clear and accessible manner
- Strong command of English, with the ability to write material for consumption by a senior audience

The salary offered will be commensurate with the successful candidate's experience.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a CV and covering letter, including salary expectations, by email to info@fsra.sh by 30 May 2025.

Mental Health Fun Day

**Burdened, stressed, anxious, bored
or stuck in a continuous cycle?**

Come along and join us
in a relaxing, interesting,
feel better funday!
Bring your friends and
make new ones as we
tackle common problems
faced in everyday life
and discuss life hacks
to combat them.

There will be:

Games & activities



Face paints



Music



Funsized bites



The icecream truck



Regular activity breaks

Join us this Saturday 17/5/25

Jamestown Community Centre

from 10 am - 3 pm

lunch break at 12 pm to 1 pm

Bring packed lunch

St Helena
YOUTH PARLIAMENT



FIXTURES



Sunday 18th May

12:00

Everton v Southampton

14:15

West Ham United v Nottingham Forest

15:00

Brentford v Fulham

Leicester City v Ipswich Town

16:30

Arsenal v Newcastle United

Monday 19th May

20:00

Brighton & Hove Albion v Liverpool

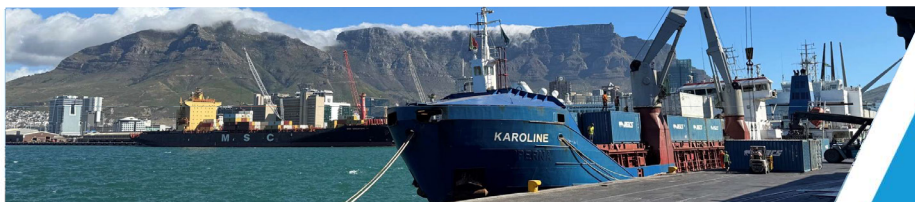
Tuesday 20th May

20:00

Crystal Palace v Wolverhampton Wanderers

Manchester City v AFC Bournemouth

MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



**WHATEVER
YOU NEED
TO SHIP**

| | LILAC ROLLER 251209 | BRIGHT SKY 251211 | GREEN MOUNTAIN 251213 |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Immingham | 12-Apr | 10-May | 14-Jun |
| | KAROLINE 251705 | KAROLINE 251706 | KAROLINE 251707 |
| Cape Town | 17-May | 14-Jun | 19-Jul |
| Rupert's Bay | 25-May | 22-Jun | 27-Jul |
| Ascension Island | - | - | 01-Aug |
| | KAROLINE 251805 | KAROLINE 251806 | KAROLINE 251806 |
| Cape Town | 07-Jun | 07-Jul | 17-Aug |

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