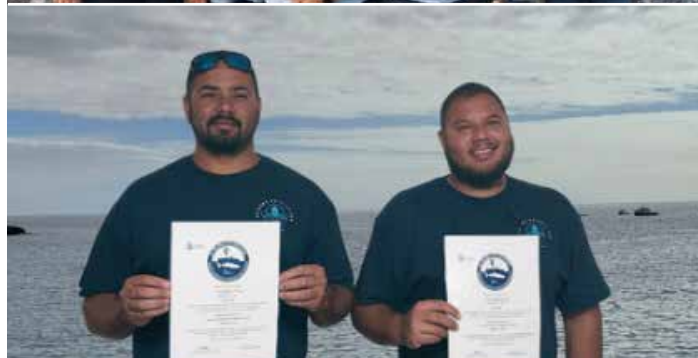


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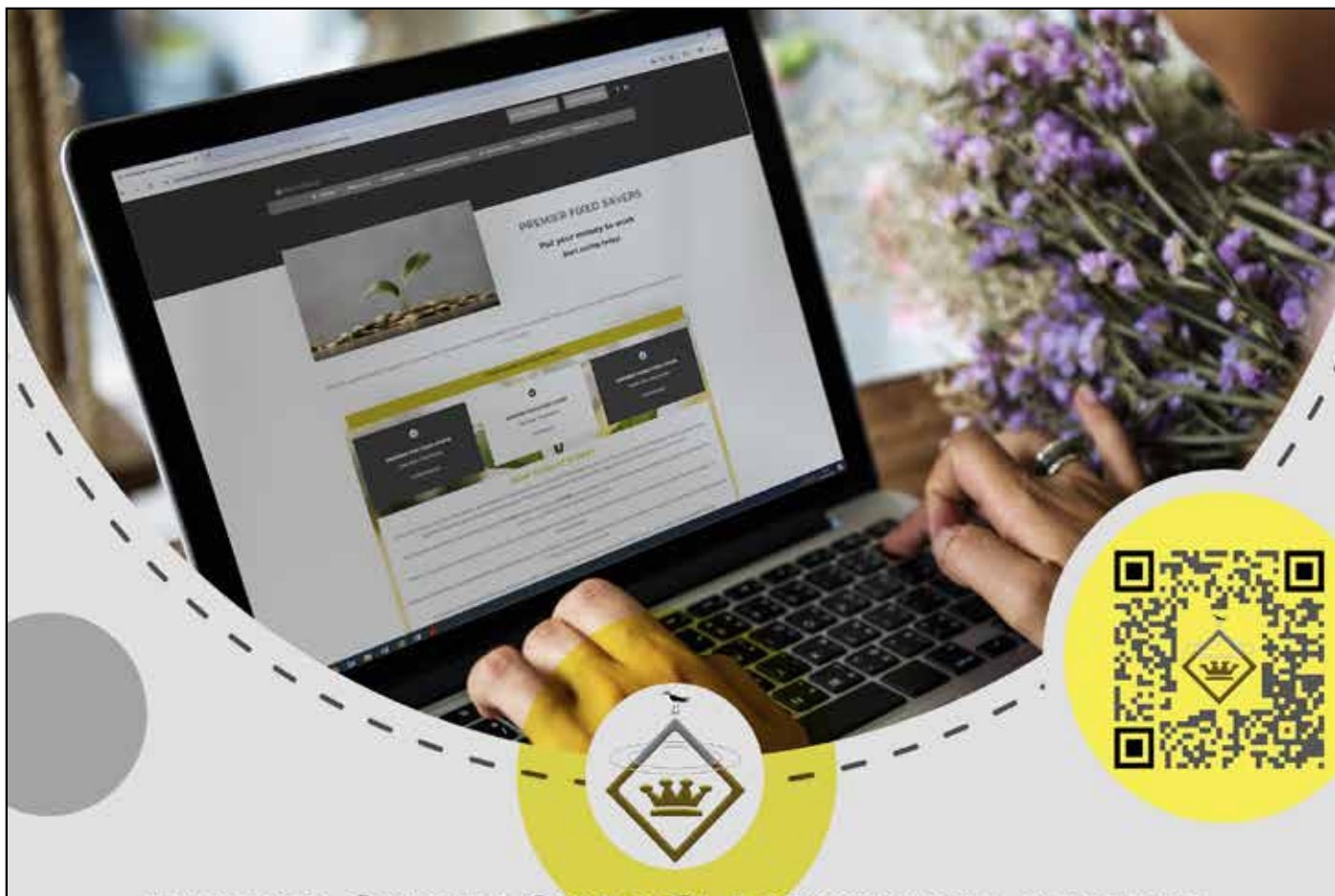
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Holding Islands Hostage - The Saga Concludes?

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Prior to the switchover to the Fibre Optic Cable, members of the public were ordering their own Starlink Satellite Dishes. At the time, it was “good for your

buck”. Even though the charge was expensive, the speed that it provided thanks to Low Orbit Satellites proved to be far, far superior than what Sure was providing. Unfortunately, St Helena Government received this information and reminded the public that SURE’s service is the only telecoms service to use thanks to the exclusive licence agreement. That meant that there was a crackdown on personal Starlink systems and the public were told that, legally, they should no longer use it.

Now there’s a new saga to this story, but one with roots miles away. The Falkland Islanders submitted a petition for the use of their own Starlink terminals through a licence that is cheaper than what it was previously. Just like St Helena, the Falkland Islands has Sure running their Telecoms monopoly. Now things might be changing for the better, and through OpenFalklands news, they released their final part of the “Holding Islands Hostage” series.



“[...] highlighting a recurring pattern: ageing infrastructure, slow improvements, limited competition, and a single company, Sure South Atlantic and its subsidiary company, Sure Falkland Islands, continuing to dominate through exclusive licensing arrangements. Across the board, the result has been underwhelming service, high prices, and delayed innovation.

While Sure’s presence has historically been justified by geography and scale, the situation in 2025 is different. New technologies, particularly low-Earth orbit satellite services like Starlink, have shifted the balance. For the first time, remote regions have alternatives. And that means monopoly models must now be questioned seriously and urgently. The expiration of Sure’s exclusive licence in December 2027 presents a rare opportunity to rethink how telecommunications are delivered in the Falklands. It opens the door to a more open, competitive, and accountable model. But that opportunity will only be realised if action begins now. Waiting until late 2026 or beyond to explore alternatives would repeat the mistakes of the past – delayed preparation, limited options, limited public input, and reactive policymaking.

The two core issues identified in this series remain unresolved:

- There is still no clear explanation for the delay in launching promised services like Starlink or unlimited broadband for all.
- There is growing concern that Sure is using future investment as a bargaining tool to secure continued exclusivity, rather than delivering improvements as part of its existing obligations.

At the same time, FIG and the Legislative Assembly are reviewing the options for what comes after 2027. Taken seriously, this could lead to a modernised regulatory framework based on a public/private arrangement; one that welcomes new entrants, separates universal service obligations (USOs) from monopoly licensing, and holds providers accountable for their performance, not just their promises.

The critical next steps are relatively clear:

Transparency – The stakeholders deserve access to accurate information on Sure’s performance, future plans, and financial claims.

Engagement – Islanders, businesses, and community groups must be part of the discussion on what kind of telecoms model will serve the Falklands best in the long term.

Regulatory Capacity – FIG must strengthen its ability to evaluate providers, enforce service standards, and manage a competitive licensing environment, including mechanisms to support USOs without relying solely on cross-subsidisation under a monopoly model.

Market Testing – Alternative providers should be actively encouraged to participate in the Falklands market. The Starlink licence is a promising first step, but other options should be explored to avoid dependence on a new single supplier.

A Clear Roadmap – A timeline should be published outlining how FIG intends to transition away from exclusive licensing, including criteria for future service delivery, funding mechanisms for Camp connectivity, Stanley fibre upgrades, and how competition will be introduced or managed.

The goal is not to punish any specific company. It is to ensure that all residents of the Falklands, whether in Stanley or in Camp, have access to affordable, reliable, and modern digital services. That cannot happen without systemic change. And it will not happen without political will.

**Dear Editor**

I refer to the government planning application for twenty three, two foot square slate plaques on the Terrace Wall of the Castle in Jamestown.

The applicant, St Helena tourism, seems not to have appreciated the historic value or integrity of the East India Company complex at Jamestown, which extends from the sea to St James Church and the Public Gardens.

The Island's Land Development Control Plan (its planning policy) points out that, "Built heritage is one of the key assets of the island and a cornerstone of tourism development potential. Its conservation is therefore critical (2.14)."

And that, "Conservation of the historic built environment is critical to the success of tourism growth on the Island, as well as being appropriate in conserving an internationally important resource (25.5)."

St Helena's charm, attested-to by numerous visitors, lies in its genuine experience. How can a manufactured tourist attraction, that physically damages the integrity of the Island's most important historic monument, be claimed as sustainable tourism?

Why has the government spent money on this, when it is supposed to be protecting the Island's cultural heritage and developing sustainable tourism?

Kind regards
Andy Pearce

Dear editor,

Today I am writing to formally announce my intention to stand for re-election to the St Helena Legislative Council.

Over the past four years, I've had the privilege of representing our community during times of great challenge and change. I've approached that role with honesty, determination, and the belief that public service should mean just that—serving the public.

But I know as well as you do that something has gone missing in our politics.

In the last few years I have spoken to an increasing number of people who feel unheard, sidelined, and disillusioned. I've stood in living rooms, local shops, schools and out on the street, listening to what people have to say and again and again, I hear the same concern: that the voices of the people are not being heard in the halls of Government.

This needs to end now.

I'm running on the basis of "our island, our say". That means putting people back in control of their future. I believe our island doesn't belong to politicians. It belongs to all of us. Decisions should be made with you—not

for you. I want us to reclaim that promise together.

This campaign is not about me—it's about us. It's about our right to be heard, our role in shaping our Island, and our power to demand better. Not just better representation, but better outcomes. Not just promises—but participation.

With your support, I truly believe we can build a government that listens and a leadership that delivers.

Let's take the wheel. Let's have our say. Let's shape our future—together.

"Our Island, Our Say"

Yours sincerely, Andrew Turner

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Alleged Asylum Seekers Rumours Answered.

Rumours have circulated on island as well as on social media about alleged “asylum seekers” on island. Before we reported on it, the St Helena Independent sent an email to SHG’s Press Office regarding whether the rumours were true or false. Shortly, they responded stating that, under their policy and law, they “*will not release information about the identity or specific circumstances of individuals. Everyone is entitled to have their privacy respected. Everyone is entitled to the protection of the law. These protections also serve to protect community safety and security.*”

They went on to say “*We take this opportunity to remind the media and the wider public of their legal and ethical obligations when publishing information about potentially vulnerable individuals. Identifying them, or providing details that could lead to their identification or their whereabouts, may compromise their safety, the safety of their families (both locally and in their countries of origin), and their fundamental and privacy rights under our law and Constitution.*” This was followed by “*We can confirm that the Customs & Immigration Department provides and is providing appropriate support in line with the needs of all cases that come before it.*”

Reporting on this is difficult as we have to tread really carefully not to give out the wrong information or provide too much information and there are dire consequences to those involved if that information falls into the wrong hands. On the other hand, the public needs to know what is going on. They too need to feel safe, and **if** somebody comes in that causes a threat to the public, not only would it cause dramatic effect on their lives, but also question the vetting process of such individuals and ruin the trust of our “trusted” leaders more.

Though we won’t report on this any further this week until an official announcement comes through, there is one thing that remains puzzling: How did it all happen?

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marvinandmichelle2909@gmail.com

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Saints shine in Orkney 2025

The 20th International Island Games commenced on Saturday in Orkney with a vibrant opening ceremony.

It was estimated that more than five thousand athletics and supporters representing the 24 participating islands were present at ceremony to include our small St Helenian team.

Andy Cant, one of the officials for Team St Helena and Orkney resident added extra buzz to the team during the ceremony by parading playing the bagpipes.

Once all Officials and the Princess Royal Princess Anne took to the stage, hosts Lorraine Kelly and Stuart Bain welcomed everyone to Orkney 2025, where a few official short speeches followed.

During which the traditional raising of the International Island Games flag took place, after an inspiring speech, Princess Royal Princess Anne officially opened the Games.

Flag bearer James Peters who also made his debut of Squash for St Helena led the way for the team from the park through the centre of town, whilst young Athletic Tyler Anthony was the water carrier and took part in the water pouring ceremony.



First to take the stage on Day 1, Sunday morning was James in squash who lost against the host nation's Andrew Moar in sets 11-1, 11-4 and 11-5.

Later that afternoon young Tyler took to the track for his 100m heats which he came in 5th position but achieving his personal best of 11:82s.



Day 2 saw both of swimmers taking to the pool to start their competition, were William swam his 1500m and overall came in 11th position with a time of 17:56.26 and Stefan who swam his 50m back-stroke with a time of 30:35 securing him 19th place overall, both setting a new personal best in their events.

Later that morning, James took to the Squash court again taking on Bermuda's Neil Pohlman and loss 11-4, 11-4 and 11-3.

Saints shine in Orkney 2025

Day 3 was a busy day for Team St Helena as James headed back to the Squash Court in the morning to go up against Bermuda's Brian Darling which he won 9-11, 9-11, 11-1, 11-8, 11-7 and later the afternoon against Shetland Islands Wayne Leask where is loss 4-11, 7-11, 3-11 which completed James matches at Orkney 2025 and gave him an overall position of 24th Position.

Stefan and William headed back to Swimming Pool to compete in event. Stefan stepped up first in the 50m Breaststroke, setting another personal best for himself of 00:30:90 giving him an overall position of 23rd and William, also setting another personal best and I believe a new record for St Helena with a time of 02:06:25, giving him an overall position of 16th place.

Tyler took to the track for his last event of the games, the 200m in Heat 1. The determination and commitment continued to show through for him as he came 5th position in a time of 24:00 and yet another personal best set during these games.



Also present at the Orkney 2025 Games is St Helenian Clayton March and his wife Lizzie who is representing the Falkland Islands in Badminton and Liz Roberts from Falklands Radio who presented many shows on Saint FM relaying the games back to the Falklands which I hoped Team St Helena had a chance to meet.



With James and Tyler events completed, it was now left to support and push the swimmers along to continue to beat their personal best and even bring a medal home.

Day 4 Stefan participate in 100m Individual Medley 01:06.15, giving him an overall position of 21st position, 100m Freestyle in 00:59.71, giving him a 22nd position and the 50m Butterfly in 00:29.20 also giving him 22nd position.

William participate in 100m Freestyle in 00:57.71, giving him 18th position and the 800m Freestyle Morning Heat with a time of 09:13.52 giving him 1st position but overall in 11th Position.

At the time of writing this, the swimmers still have another event each to participate in.

Wishing them all the best.





THE MARINE AND FISHERIES CONSERVATION SECTION QUARTERLY CATCH

APRIL - JUNE 2025

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Submitted by SHG

The Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section (MFCS) team, in line with the vision of the Marine Management Plan 2023-27, aim to conserve, protect and restore the rich biodiversity and unique natural ecosystems of St Helena's Marine Protected Area (MPA) with use of its natural resources managed in accordance with its International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Category 6 sustainable use principles now and for future generations. This quarter has been both exciting and productive at the Marine Centre, with several highlights from MFCS's active work areas:

New staff joins the MFCS team!

We're very excited to welcome our new Marine and Fisheries Conservation Officer, Adam Riggs, and Marine Fisheries and Conservation Assistant, Cerys Joshua!

Cerys was originally the marine apprentice here on the island before she left for Ascension, where she worked with the Marine Conservation Team to support Ascension Island's MPA and several Darwin Plus Projects. On Ascension, she contributed to shark research, aided plastic pollution mitigation, and supported seabird and marine biodiversity monitoring. Assisted with fish stock assessments and climate change studies, gained experience in otolith analysis, and enhanced her data analysis and zooplankton identification skills. She has now returned to St Helena to share all of these skills with the SHG Marine Team.

Cerys said:

"So far, I've been enjoying the office-fieldwork balance and being out on the boat with grouper and ichthyoplankton work. I'm looking forward to continuing to learn new things in the marine field and growing my marine career."

Adam was first introduced to the island through the St Helena National Trust (SHNT), where he volunteered as part of his Environmental Science degree. During his time with SHNT, he was involved in a variety of conservation areas including terrestrial, marine, and both built and natural heritage conservation. After returning to the UK to complete his degree, Adam knew he wanted to come back to St Helena.

When the Marine and Fisheries Conservation Officer role was advertised, he applied and was successful. Adam shared:

"It's great to be back on the island and seeing friends. I'm looking forward to getting involved in all the monitoring and management work of St Helena's beautiful Marine Protected Area."

It's fantastic to have such a talented and fully staffed team. We're looking forward to working together to conserve and protect our amazing MPA.



Zooplankton Surveys

For this project, we are conducting zooplankton surveys every other week, which will continue for a full year. There are 18 stations in total, spread across both the leeward and windward sides of the island. So far, the team has had a brilliant start, with favourable weather enabling successful sample collection. Using a plankton net tow, a method that involves towing a fine-mesh net through the water, the team collects samples of tiny marine animals, with a particular focus on fish eggs and larvae. These samples continue to yield fascinating specimens that the team is eager to process and study. By identifying

and analysing these early life stages, the project will help improve our understanding of fish populations and support sustainable fisheries management. Overall, it's been a strong and promising start to this year-long scientific effort!



Lobster Monitoring Survey Season Completed

The lobster monitoring surveys, which began in November 2024, have now been completed. This long-term monitoring tracks the brown spiny lobster *Panulirus echinatus* (“crayfish”) and endemic red slipper lobster *Scyllarides obtusus* (“stump”) to support sustainable fisheries management.

They took place at multiple sites around the island and included underwater dive surveys and targeted capture-and-release using lobster pots - circular baited traps that safely catch lobsters. These efforts collected valuable biological data, with around 600 tags deployed on lobsters collected from the pots and encountered during dives.

We observed a steady increase in breeding activity, with an unexpected spike in March, usually the end of the breeding season. This peak was a surprise and could indicate a shift in breeding patterns, prompting a follow-up survey that extended the monitoring season. Although the follow-up survey showed the spike had not continued, it raised exciting questions for future monitoring.

Underwater Visual Census (UVC): April Survey Complete

We have also completed our UVC's for April of this year, a long-term monitoring program used to observe and count marine life in underwater environments. These surveys monitor trends in fish, invertebrate, and plant abundance.

To carry out this work, the MFCS dive team uses a technique called transect surveys, where divers swim along a fixed path and record the number and types of different species they see. Our team surveys 22 permanent transects across 12 sites around the island. This project is an expansion of an earlier survey that began in 2002



and has been taking place since 2013, with dive surveys taking place every April and October. The data collected from UVCs helps inform conservation strategies, support fisheries management decisions, and provide a baseline for detecting long-term changes in marine ecosystems.

During our most recent survey, the team was pleasantly surprised by an unexpected visitor, a devil ray (*Mobular tarapacana*) that accompanied the divers for quite some time. It glided gracefully alongside the team, looping and flying through the water in what appeared to be a display of playful curiosity. This encounter was particularly special, as such inquisitive behaviour is not typically observed in rays. Moments like these are a beautiful reminder of the richness of St Helena's waters and the value of protecting its unique and thriving MPA.

Strengthening Ties Through eDNA

In May this year, we were able to strengthen collaboration and share knowledge between MFCS and AIG through eDNA training, led by a member of AIG's marine conservation team. Environmental DNA, or eDNA, refers to genetic material that organisms leave behind in their environment, like tiny fingerprints. In this case, these “fingerprints” are found in the ocean around St Helena. By collecting and analysing water samples, scientists can detect which species are present without needing to see or capture them directly.

Researchers extract eDNA from the samples using specialised methods, amplify it, and sequence the eDNA. By comparing these sequences to reference databases, they can identify the species the DNA belongs to. This training introduced the MFCS team to new scientific techniques, expanding their research capabilities, which is especially valuable for detecting elusive, endemic, deep-sea, invasive, or microscopic species.



MTO Training

To support the sustainable use of St Helena's MPA, it is essential that marine tour operators (MTOs) are fully aware of the rules and guidelines for interacting with local marine wildlife. Since 2014/2016, an environmental accreditation system has been in place, developed in collaboration with MTOs, to ensure operators follow best practices, with clear guidelines established to protect marine life during marine tourism activities.

In 2023, this framework was strengthened through the passing of the Marine Regulations (Tourism and Interaction with Marine Life) 2023, as part of the Environmental Protection Ordinance 2016, which now makes it a legal requirement for tour operators to undergo training and receive accreditation before applying for a marine tour license.

As part of ongoing efforts to modernise and enhance this



process, funding has been secured from the Blue Belt Programme to develop a purpose-built mobile app for St Helena's marine tourism. This digital platform will enable MTOs to easily log tour details, report locations, and record both positive and negative wildlife interactions in real time.

Moving away from paper-based systems not only supports environmental sustainability but also aligns with the island's transition into the digital age, making full use of St Helena's newly improved internet infrastructure. The new app will improve efficiency for operators while helping MFCS monitor marine activities more effectively and protect the island's unique marine environment.



Cerys Joshua Represents St Helena at UN Oceans Conference 2025

As part of the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), held in Nice, France, from June 8-13, 2025, Marine and Fisheries Conservation Assistant Cerys Joshua was selected to represent St Helena as a youth delegate through the Green Overseas (GO) Programme. Funded by the EU and implemented by Expertise France, the GO Programme supports the sustainable and inclusive development of European and British overseas countries and territories. It brought together ten young delegates, including Cerys, to represent their islands on an international platform.

The conference provided Cerys with an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the marine challenges faced by various territories. It was also invaluable for connecting with fellow youth from these regions, learning about their communities, and identifying shared interests and goals for future ocean conservation.

Describing her experience, Cerys said:

"As someone at the beginning of my journey in marine conservation, I found the experience incredibly immersive."

She tailored her schedule to focus on topics relevant to St Helena, attending sessions on sustainable fisheries, MPA management, and ocean data collection. These sessions offered insights into how conservation is approached globally and highlighted the scale of marine environmental challenges around the world.

"It is essential that young people have a voice in the decisions being made today. We are not just the future; we are active participants in shaping a more sustainable world. ...I hope my experience



encourages others in our community, especially other young Saints, to take up opportunities like this. I am so proud to have represented St Helena and to have been part of a global dialogue focused on ocean sustainability and youth empowerment.”

Connecting Divisions: MFCS Highlights Work at Agriculture and Natural Resources Division Away Day

During the month of May, the MFCS team was asked to give an overview of the activities and responsibilities of the Marine Section for the Agriculture and Natural Resources Division (ANRD) Away Day. The aim of this day was to promote familiarisation of operations, highlight our contributions, and explain the significance of our work for the community between sections of the Environment and Natural Resources Planning portfolio (ENRP) as a whole.

We gave a short tour of our facilities, showcasing the various equipment utilised in our scientific work. As well as an overview and chat about MFCS work areas, including research and monitoring programs, fisheries management, and community engagement.

Students' Feedback from Marine Sighting Boat Trips

As part of our Marine Awareness Week 2025 (MAW25), we invited feedback from the participating schools whose students attended the marine sighting boat trips. The results were eye-opening, with 98 primary students and 7 secondary students sharing that they had never been on a tourism-style boat trip before. These numbers highlight just how impactful these experiences can be. Opening up new perspectives and fostering a deeper connection with the marine environment for many of our young islanders. Even more exciting, 65% of all students who attended said the trips helped them appreciate their marine environment a lot more, a fantastic result that shows the real value of this kind of hands-on experience.

St Helena MMP Annual Report

The St Helena Government has proudly published the first annual report for the Marine Management Plan (MMP) 2023-27, a major milestone in the island's marine conservation journey. Launched in May 2023, the MMP sets an ambitious five-year vision to protect St Helena's unique marine environment while promoting responsible use, economic growth, and community involvement.

Covering June 2023 to May 2024, notable highlights from the reporting year include:

- St Helena's recognition as a "Hope Spot" by Mission Blue for leadership in ocean protection and ecotourism;
- Expanded scientific monitoring of tuna, seamounts, and invasive species;
- New investments in equipment and staff training;
- Development of sustainable financing strategies;
- Ongoing community engagement through citizen science and education.

To help measure how well the MPA is being looked after, a recognised international review tool was used and St Helena scored over 75%, confirming a solid foundation in planning, staffing, and community support. This inaugural report reaffirms the government's commitment to science-driven, collaborative marine management, ensuring a thriving ocean for generations to come.





Acknowledgement: The family of the late Paul Rex Crowie would like to express sincere thanks to all who supported us during our recent bereavement.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Emergency Response, Rescue and Medical Teams, Father Ernest and Bishop Dale, Lily for the reading, and Sharon for reading the Eulogy and messages.

Thank you to Solomon & Co for designing the service sheets, Roy and his team, Eddie Duff and the musicians, and Joyce Greentree for the wreaths. We also thank Lionel Joshua for filming the service.

We are deeply grateful to all family, friends and community members who attended the funeral, sent messages, or supported us in any way including those overseas who organised wreaths and tributes.

Your kindness and presence have brought great comfort to us all.

To celebrate the life of Paul an online obituary with a short biography to celebrate the life of Paul can be found here <https://www.sthelenaonline.org/obituaries> You can also leave a message of condolence here.

EUGLOGY FOR THE LATE PAUL REX CROWIE.....DELIVERED AT HIS FUNERAL – ST PAUL’S CATHEDRAL 01 July 2025

Thank you to all who gathered to honour and remember the life of Paul Rex Crowie - born on 11th September 1972 to Eileen and Arthur Crowie. Paul was the youngest of four children along with Joy, Brian and Martin – and he shared a special bond with each of them. He was also a proud father to his three children, Schmichael, Zac and Radka as well as Uncle, Cousin and Friend to many more.....

Paul will be remembered by ‘the masses’ for his remarkable musical talents. Whether it was singing, strumming his guitar or playing the drums, he had a natural gift that lit up every room. His passion for music began in childhood...he could often be found in New Ground turning blue buckets into drums and wooden twigs into drumsticks, singing to his heart’s content. That love for music continued to grow, and he went on to perform in the popular local band ‘The Big Easy’, with many other memorable performances in local bands away from the shores of St Helena. Recordings of his some of his talents can be found online on YouTube. Paul, who also had the local jazz name of ‘Sledge-Hammer Crow’, was more than a musician. He had a deep appreciation for nature and the outdoors – he loved gardening & fishing and enjoyed his quiet moments of connection with the world around him. He also had a great love for sports, especially cricket and football....a loyal Manchester United fan who also enjoyed many local matches on Francis Plain – often walking there to play with ‘The Harts’, and in cricket season - taking wickets and making runs!

Over the years, Paul lived and worked on the Falkland Islands, UK and Ascension Island, sharing his talents and kind heart with those he met along the way. In 2004, Paul returned home to St Helena, continuing his journey through various jobs – the most recent being as a Care Worker at the CCC, a role that spoke to his gentle and caring nature. He touched many lives through his kindness, humour and his love of sharing stories and songs.

Paul’s passing has left a space that cannot be filled, but the love and memories shared by his family & friends will keep his spirit alive. The many heartfelt tributes received from family members and school friends recall many moments of laughter, music and genuine connections.

Though we mourn the loss of Paul, we also celebrate the beauty he brought into the world. He was deeply loved and he will be deeply missed.

May he now find the peace he so deserves.

Rest easy Paul..... we will carry your light – and your love – with us always.



On St. Helena, where career opportunities are as unique as our island home, the influence of parents on young people's professional development takes on special significance. With limited industries and a tight-knit community of just over 4,300 residents, family guidance often becomes the primary career compass for Saints aged 16-25.

The Island Reality

Unlike mainland opportunities, St. Helena's job market centers around government services, tourism, fishing, and emerging sectors like renewable energy. This reality means parental advice carries extra weight – parents often have intimate knowledge of which careers offer stability and growth potential on-island.

Cultural Influence Runs Deep

Saints families traditionally pass down knowledge about viable careers through generations. Parents who witnessed the island's economic shifts – from flax farming to the airport's arrival – offer invaluable perspective on which professions have staying power.

However, this guidance can sometimes limit young people's horizons. With increased internet connectivity and the airport bringing new possibilities, some young Saints feel torn between family expectations and aspirations that might require leaving the island.

Finding the Balance

One Education Specialist, who works with school leavers, notes that successful career development happens when parents act as *"informed advisors rather than decision-makers."* He recommends parents:

- Share knowledge about local opportunities while encouraging exploration
- Support education and training that builds transferable skills
- Acknowledge that some career paths may require time off-island
- Connect young people with professionals in fields of interest

The Next Generation Advantage

Today's young Saints benefit from parents who increasingly understand that career development might involve mainland education or remote work opportunities. Many families now view temporary departures as investments in skills that can benefit the island long-term.

St. Helena's future depends on young Saints who venture abroad for education and training, then return with fresh skills and perspectives. The island offers unique opportunities for graduates to make meaningful impact in a close-knit community where individual contributions truly matter. Whether it's developing sustainable tourism, advancing healthcare services, or pioneering digital initiatives, returning Saints can shape their homeland's future while building fulfilling careers. The combination of international experience and local knowledge creates the perfect foundation for professional success on St. Helena.

Moving Forward Together

As St. Helena continues evolving economically, the parent-child career conversation must balance respect for family wisdom with recognition of new possibilities. Parents remain crucial career influencers, but their role is shifting from gatekeepers to enablers.

The most successful young Saints often credit parents who combined local knowledge with encouragement to pursue their passions – whether that leads to serving the island community or bringing new skills back home.

For both generations, the key is remembering that career development is a journey, not a destination – and one best navigated with family support rather than family pressure.



Looking Ahead

St. Helena's evolving economy presents unprecedented opportunities for young people willing to adapt. The island's growing tourism sector, expanding digital connectivity, and renewable energy initiatives create openings that didn't exist for previous generations.

Parents today must balance sharing hard-won knowledge about island realities with encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship. Some young Saints are already creating their own career paths – from eco-tourism guides to online content creators showcasing island life.

"The best career advice comes from understanding both where we've been and where we're going." Our young people need roots in St. Helena's values and wings to explore new possibilities."

The conversation between parents and children about careers continues evolving, just like the island itself.

Till Next Time, keep Well

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST MARINE CENTRE ROOF STRUCTURE

St Helena Government (SHG) is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from suitably qualified contractors for the removal of the existing roof and framework, and design, fabricate and install a new metal roof system as part of the proposed phase two works for the first floor of the Marine Centre.

For further information, please contact the Project Manager, Mark Plato, on tel: 22270 or via email: mark.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Submissions of Expressions of Interest should be addressed to the Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, Top Floor of the Post Office Building, Jamestown, by no later than 12:00 on Monday, 21 July 2025.



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The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 13th July 2025– 15th Sunday of the Year

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Martin
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
5.00 p.m.	Praise and Worship	Cathedral

Thursday 17th July

7.00 p.m.	Praise and Worship	Blue Hill Community Centre
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The Parish of St James

Sunday 13th July 2025 – 15th Sunday of the Year

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St John
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John

Sunday 13th July 2025 – 15th Sunday of the Year

11.15 a.m.	Family Eucharist/Church Parade	St Mark
7.00 p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark

Baha'i Faith

'Noble have I created thee, yet thou hast abased thyself. Rise then unto that for which thou wast created.'

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



Nominating a Candidate for the 2025 General Election

Who can be nominated?

Anyone can stand for election providing they are:

1. on the Register of Electors effective from 1 July 2025; and
2. they are over the age of 21 years.

Ideally candidates should have a genuine interest in the island's affairs.



How to Nominate Candidates

Use a **Nomination Form** which can be obtained from the Castle Reception, the Customer Services Centre, the Public Library and can be downloaded from the SHG website.



Forms and further information on the election process are also available from:

Returning Officer, Carol Henry,
carol.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh
or tel. 22470,

Assistant Returning Officers,
Anita Legg: anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh
or tel. 22590

Connie Johnson: connie.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh
or tel. 22470

Gillian Francis: gillian.francis@sainthelena.gov.sh
or tel. 22314

Important Information

There are 12 vacant seats on Legislative Council so **you can sponsor or support up to 12 candidates** in the General Election.

Sponsors and supporters **must be** on the Register of Electors effective from 1 July 2025.

Potential candidates can ask people to be their sponsors or supporters. The supporter **cannot** be the same person as a sponsor.

Nomination Form Check Box

Ensure you have included all of the following when submitting the nomination form:

- ☐ Full name and signature of the **candidate**.
- ☐ Full names and signatures of **two sponsors** signed in the presence of the Returning Officer, an Assistant Returning Officer or a Justice of the Peace (JP).
- ☐ Full names and signatures of **five supporters** signed in the presence of witnesses. The witnesses of supporters' signatures do not need to be listed in the Register of Electors.
- ☐ All nominations must be submitted **no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, 20 August 2025**.

JP's:

Chief Magistrate Duncan Cooke
Barry Hubbard
Douglas Bennett
Joan Patricia Flagg MBE
Harold Horner
Vincent March
Greta P Musk MB
Marie-Anne Dennis
Deborah Fantom
Nicholas George
Jody Grant-Lawrence
Desmond Wade
Colin P Yon
Sidney A Youde

Deliver your nomination to Returning Officer, Carol Henry or Assistant Returning Officers, Anita Legg, Connie Johnson, or Gillian Francis, at The Castle.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE - SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION EARLY!

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

This guidance does not replace the provisions of the Elections Ordinance and Regulations and candidates are advised to read the Elections legislation fully to understand their rights and responsibilities.

1. When can you start campaigning?

You can start campaigning at any time. You do not have to wait until you are validly nominated to declare that you will run for election, ask people to support you or publish campaign material.

2. When does a person officially become a candidate?

The earliest that a person can officially become a candidate is on the date when the Legislative Council is dissolved.

You will officially become a candidate on being so nominated in accordance with section 5 of the Elections Ordinance, 2009. Nominations must be delivered to the Returning Officer not later than noon on 20 August 2025, as specified in the writ of election.

Once you have officially become a candidate, you are entitled to a copy of the register of electors effective from 1 July 2025.

During the campaign you may:

1. Assist voters with information about proxy voting. The deadline for the Returning Officer to receive Proxy Applications will be 10am on 01 September 2025, 48 hours before the time of the opening of the Poll.

During the campaign you should:

- Be aware of the deadlines for submitting nomination forms
- Be aware of the deadlines for notifying the Returning Officer of the number and names of your Polling Agents
- Be aware of the deadlines for notifying the Returning Officer about the names of your Counting Agents

Candidates and the media during the elections campaign

A media service may not allow any person who has declared themselves as a candidate to act as a journalist or presenter during an election. (The Media Standards Code of Practice effective from 1 October 2023 Code 8 “Guidance – Elections and Referendums” refers).¹ Candidates may be interviewed by the media and it is the media’s responsibility to offer the same opportunity to all candidates. It is for the individual candidate to decide whether or not he/she wishes to be interviewed by the media.

Candidates may use their personal social media accounts to promote their candidature but as with all campaigning activities, should do so in an appropriate manner that does not contravene the law.

Campaign posters should be removed within 14 days after the poll. Posters should not be displayed within the Polling Station or Polling Station limits on the day of the poll.

Criminal Offences Contrary to Part V of the Elections Ordinance

Part V of the Elections Ordinance sets out a number of criminal offences connected with elections, for example:

1. Breaching the secrecy of voting by revealing who an elector has voted for;
2. Inducing an elector to display the ballot paper after it is marked;
3. Applying for a ballot paper in the name of someone else (whether dead, alive or fictitious)²;
4. Applying for a ballot paper when the candidate has already voted;
5. Giving (or promising to give) an elector food, drink or entertainment to influence the elector to vote for a candidate(s) or not vote at all;
6. Threatening to use force, violence or restraint against an elector to make the elector vote for a particular candidate(s) or not vote at all;
7. Lending, giving or promising to obtain goods, money, services, etc for an elector if the elector votes for him or her or not vote at all.

Case studies:

1. Candidate X invites Mr B to the pub for a beer if Mr B votes for X.

Is this wrong?

Yes, this amounts to treating.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

2. Candidate X tells Mr B that if X is elected one of the top policies that he will pursue will be employment for all.
Is this wrong?

No, this is a policy – it is perfectly acceptable for candidates to state what their policy intentions are.

3. Candidate X says to Mr B “if you vote for me, I will give your son a job.”
Is this wrong?

Yes, this is a bribe.

4. Candidate X tells Mr B “If you don’t vote for me, I will beat your brother up.”
Is this wrong?

Yes, this amounts to undue influence.

5. Candidate X tells Mr B “If you vote for me, I will make sure that you win the government tender (for goods / services).”

Is this wrong?

Yes, X is bribing Mr B.

6. Candidate X tells Mr B, who is a resident in Cape Villa “If you vote for me, I will drive you to town.”
Is this wrong?

Yes, X is treating Mr B.

7. Candidate X’s wife tells Mr B, who is a resident in Cape Villa “If you vote for my husband, I will drive you to town.”
Is this wrong?

Yes, X’s wife is treating Mr B. This is wrong even if she is not a candidate.

8. Candidate X’s son tells Mr B “If your vote for my dad, he will have your road done.”
Is this wrong?

Yes, X’s son is bribing Mr B to obtain a vote for X. This is wrong even if he is not a candidate.

Any individuals with concerns about criminal offences being committed in respect of the election should contact the Returning Officer or the Police.

Polling Agents

Candidates may witness the Poll in all its stages and to be present at the counting of votes.

Each candidate may appoint one Polling Agent to attend each of the eight Polling Stations. The Agents can only be admitted to the Polling Station and to the place of counting if their names and addresses have been notified in writing to the Returning Officer no later than 48 hours before the opening of the Poll.

If a candidate is unable to appoint a Polling Agent for each of the Polling Stations, a Polling Agent may attend the different Stations during the course of the Poll provided that no more than one Polling Agent per candidate is in a Polling Station at the one time.

Candidates and Polling Agents will be admitted to the Polling Stations about ten minutes before the opening of the Poll. Candidates and Polling Agents must remain in the places allotted to them by the Presiding Officer. The Candidates and Polling Agents must not speak to the voters nor display any campaign material within the Polling Station limits. The Presiding Officer can request a police officer to remove a person from the polling station who is not behaving properly.

Counting Agents

Each candidate may also appoint two Counting Agents to witness the count - to attend either with the candidate, or in the Candidate’s place. Names and addresses of Counting Agents must also be sent to the Returning Officer by no later than 48 hours before the opening of the Poll. Candidates and Counting Agents who attend the count must remain in the places allotted to them. They may not take part in the counting except to object to any rejection of a ballot paper by the Returning Officer or to request a recount. They may not handle any ballot paper.

The discretion whether or not to appoint Polling Agents and Counting Agents rests with the Candidates themselves. The Poll and the counting will not be delayed at any stage on account of the absence of any Candidate or his/her Agents.

Candidates, Counting and Polling Agents must be aware of the duty to maintain, and aid in maintaining, the secrecy of the ballot.

THE MINISTERIAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT

A General Election will be held on Wednesday 3 September 2025, if more than 12 valid nominations are received by no later than 12 noon on Nomination Day, Wednesday, 20 August 2025. This year's Election will be the second under a ministerial system of Government. Leading up to the General Election we will provide regular information articles on how the Ministerial Government works. This week's focus is on the Ministerial System.

The Ministerial System

The Ministerial System is the system of government for St Helena which was first introduced in 2021.

This is a form of government where executive power is exercised by a Chief Ministers and their Ministerial team, who are collectively responsible to the legislature and individually responsible for their respective government portfolios. This means that Ministers are individually accountable to Legislative Council for their own actions and the actions of their portfolios, and collectively responsible for the overall performance of the government.

Legislative Council

The system provides for 12 members of the public to be elected to form the Legislative Council (LegCo).

All 12 Elected Members of LegCo are voting members. The Attorney General is also a Member of LegCo but ex-officio and non-voting. The LegCo comprises also a Speaker and Deputy Speaker. Chief Minister and Ministers

Following the General Election, LegCo will seek expressions of interest and elect, by secret ballot, a Chief Minister from amongst their number. The elected Chief Minister will then select four Elected Members from the remaining 11 LegCo members to serve as Ministers and will recommend to the Governor their appointment and the allocation among the Ministers, of the Treasury function and such other portfolios necessary to give each Minister responsibility for the different departments or functions of government. The Governor must follow the recommendation of the Chief Minister on these appointments. The Chief Minister will be responsible for any unallocated portfolios.

Once appointed, the Chief Minister and Ministers will together set out their vision and policies for their four-year term of office as one of the first priorities.

Ministers have direct political responsibility and accountability for all policies and services delivered by their portfolio. They are accountable to Legislative Council for the effective use of public funds spent in their portfolio.

Executive Council

The Chief Minister and their four Ministers, together with the Governor and Attorney General form the Executive Council (ExCo) – the highest decision making body within St Helena Government. ExCo meetings are chaired by the Governor, and the Attorney General is an ex-officio non-voting member of ExCo. The Chief Secretary and Financial Secretary attend all meetings of the Executive Council as policy advisers.

In our next issue we will look at the role of the Chief Minister. These Information Releases are also available online at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/elections/>



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST at the STC Fish Factory in Ruperts

STC is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified individuals to undertake various fishing and fisheries related activities like:

- Fish processing
- Vessel crew
- Administration
- Maintenance

For further information, please contact our office on tel: 22333 or by e-mail to : info@saintstunacorp.com

The **League of Friends** Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 30th July at the Baptist School Room in Jamestown from 3:30pm.

Anyone wishing to become new members are invited to attend.



St Helena
Government

APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2025/55:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Restoration of Dwelling Bamboo Grove**, Sandy Bay on Parcel SBE0178. Applicant: Gilbert Legg
2. **Application 2025/56:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Retention of Gate & Fence**, New Bridge, Jamestown on Parcel JT150005.
Applicant: Mark Corker
3. **Application 2025/57:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Single Staircase & 10 Boardwalks**, Peaks National Park on Parcel DPRR0170.
Applicant: Nature Conservation Section, ENR&P Portfolio, St Helena Government
4. **Application 2025/58:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Installation of 83 Solar Post Downlights**, at Castle Gardens, Jamestown on Parcel JT040007.
Applicant: St Helena Tourism
5. **Application 2025/59:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Redevelopment of St. Paul's Primary School**, St. Paul's on Parcel SCOT0413
Applicant: Education, Skills & Employment Portfolio, Saint Helena Government
6. **Application 2025/60:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Three Bedroom, Split-Level Dwelling**, Cleughs Plain on Parcel NG0338.
Applicant: Jeffrey Stroud
7. **Application 2025/61:** FULL Planning Application for **Retention of Covered Area at The Mule Yard**, Jamestown on Parcel JT020006.
Applicant: Stephen McDaniel
8. **Application 2025/62:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Retaining Wall**, Near White Gate, St Pauls on Parcel FP0134.
Applicant: Mark Constantine

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 08.30am 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 planning.mailbox@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Representation Closing Date: **4pm – 1 August 2025**

Patricia Coyle, Head of Planning & Building Control

Annual Property & Vehicle Auction including a number of Residential Properties, Building Plots, Land and Vehicles For Sale by Public Auction 12th August 2025 at 6pm, The Market, Jamestown, STHL 1ZZ

Listed for Entry:

- Residential Property Near Hutts Gate
- Residential Property in New Ground
- Residential Property in Deadwood
- Four building plots near New Ground
- Building Plot in Deadwood
- Land in Sandy Bay
- 1961 Land Rover 2.25 litre engine
- 2011 Honda 650cc motorcycle
- Morgan Kit Car

New Entries Are being accepted until 12th July 2025.

Property Information Packs Available 12th July 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



JOB VACANCY



CUSTOMER PROVISIONING LINEPERSON

To carry out customer telephone & television installations and faults, installation and maintenance of customer premises equipment, assist with the maintenance and upgrades of the access network and assist with the maintenance of all antennas, masts, generators and buildings.

- Ability to work at heights
- A clean, valid driving license of classes A & C
- Health & Safety at work awareness
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- GCSE Maths & English Grade C/4 or above, desirable
- Good level of computer literacy, 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 Anthony Bennett, Manager Access Networks on tel. +290 22220 or email: Anthony.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: 4 August 2025



UK STATE AWARDS

What are Honours Awards?

The UK State Awards known as Honours Awards are prestigious awards conferred by HM The King. These awards recognise people who have made outstanding contributions to public life, or who have significantly enhanced the UK's reputation and interests. To be considered, achievements must be truly exceptional, demonstrating a commitment that goes well beyond the expected. Nominees should have made a lasting, positive impact, with benefits that extend widely across the community or a specific sector.

Who can be nominated?

Anyone can nominate someone for an Honour. There are no restrictions on who can be nominated. You cannot, however, nominate yourself.

The Honours system is committed to promoting diversity and nominations are actively encouraged for individuals from all backgrounds and ethnicities. Nominations are not limited to any specific individuals or groups within society.

When can someone be nominated?

There is no fixed length of time which should have elapsed before an honour can be made, but the service should be recent or whilst an individual is still active in their role. Particular weight is given to voluntary work, which can be the central reason for the nomination or as an additional contribution.

Some examples of fields where Honours have been given in the past are community and voluntary local services, arts and media, health, sport, education, science and technology, and conservation etc

Types of Honours

There are many different Orders and Levels of Awards, but usually nominations received for St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha are for the 'Order of the British Empire'. Awards given to the territories under this Order are usually (from lowest to highest conferring level): A British Empire Medal (BEM), Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE), Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) and Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE). Visit <https://www.gov.uk/honours/types-of-honours-and-awards> to read about what level of achievement qualifies for each level of Honour.

Submitting Strong Nominations

Nominations for Honours Awards are invited by the St Helena Public Service twice per year – Usually in May (for the New Years Honours), and in November (for the Kings Birthday Honours). A strong nomination should include the following:

- What has been the personal impact of the nominee's work?
- Is the service voluntary?
- How is it exceptional in nature?
- Is the person still active in the service or was their service recent?
- Have they overcome obstacles or challenges that might make their achievement more significant and if so, what were they?
- How have their achievements or contribution led to them being recognised as a good role model?
- What support for, and evidence of their achievements or contribution is there?
- Is the proposed level of award commensurate with the work the person has done?

If you would like to nominate someone, please contact Linda Benjamin, Information & Research Support Officer at Linda.Benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh for a nomination form.

VACANCY



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking Expressions of Interest to fill two Non-Executive Director (NED) roles on its Board to direct the Company's overall vision, mission and values.

General NED – We invite applications from experienced persons with a good knowledge of St Helena and who can contribute to the strategic direction and governance of the Company.

Technical NED – We are also looking for an individual with a strong technical background in engineering or an equivalent discipline, preferably with experience in the utilities sector. As well as your role as Technical Non-Executive Director, you will chair the Technical Committee which advises the Board on technical issues.

Non-Executive Directors act with a degree of independence from the operational activities and have a role in providing strategic vision; monitoring the Company's performance; the financial reporting process; the review of risk and controls; and governance.

For further information regarding the post and remuneration, please contact Callie Leo, Company Secretary, on +290 22255 or email callie.leo@connect.co.sh. Interested persons should submit Expressions of Interest to Callie Leo on email or in person at Connect Saint Helena Ltd Offices at Seales Corner by 12 noon **Tuesday, 5 August 2025**.



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

Tour Guide training



St Helena Island

St Helena Tourism would like to empower the private sector by providing training focused on general island tours (including cruise ship days) and niche historic tours in line with the Tourism Development Programme. If you enjoy sharing your knowledge of the island's rich history and heritage whilst providing a positive visitor experience, this FREE training is for you.

General Tour Guide Training

Date: Tuesday, 9 September & Wednesday, 10 September 2025 (Full Days)

The following niche courses will be delivered by the Director of the Museum of St Helena, Adam Sizeland (subject to a minimum enrolment requirement)

Slavery on St Helena (Full Day)

Date: Tuesday 16th September 2025

The island's slave (including 'Liberated African') legacy is an important and fascinating chapter of our history.

Fortifications on St Helena (Full Day)

Date: Tuesday 23rd September 2025

St Helena's heritage provides a significant legacy of fortifications that played an important role for the island.

Slavery on St Helena and Fortifications - Practical (Full Day)

Date: Sunday 28th September 2025

Uncover the physical traces of the slavery legacy and the fortifications, on a walk to Lemon Valley and return, or return to Jamestown by boat.

The Chinese, Boer and Zulu Connection on St Helena (Full Day)

Date: Tuesday 30th September 2025

Discover how the island's remoteness made it an ideal location for exiles and workers.

Interested persons should register your details with Katie-Ray Williams at the Tourist Office by calling

T: 22158 or emailing Katie-raye.Williams@sainthelena.gov.sh by 4pm on **Friday, 15 August 2025**

www.sthelenatourism.com

VACANCY



Credit Control Officer

Commencing at £11,748 per annum

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the new and exciting position of Credit Control Officer.

The Credit Control Officer will report to the Lending Services Manager and will be responsible for the debt recovery for Bank of St Helena by monitoring loan repayments and unauthorised overdrafts. They will also be responsible for educating and supporting clients to manage their payment options, finding appropriate resolutions to their payment queries or issues and negotiate payments and payment plans with clients.

The position will require the successful candidate to have the ability to identify potential debt risks, be able to work with the Bank's Legal Representative to initiate legal proceedings on non-performing loans via the St Helena Court system, be highly motivated, have a high level of accuracy, and good organisational and time management skills.

In addition, the successful candidate must be flexible to work demands, have experience of working in a customer service environment and ideally have a qualification in Banking and/or Finance, or be willing to work towards one.

Candidates should also possess:

- GCSE's in Mathematics and English at Grade C or above;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Experience working in Accounts Receivable, Credit Control or similar;
- Ideally having some understanding of legal matters.

Interested persons can contact the Lending Services Manager on (+290) 22390 or email lendingmanager@sainthelenabank.com for more information.

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

Closing date for applications is Friday, 25 July 2025.

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



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Established and regulated in St Helena under the Financial Services Ordinance, 2008 and 2017, the Financial Services Regulations, 2017, the Company Ordinance, 2004 and the Company Regulations, 2004



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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Plant Operator

Total package value up to £29,479 pa

(comprising salary up of up to £12,901.00 pa, plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits)

About the role

The Ascension Island Government is looking for a reliable and skilled Plant Operator to join our team, delivering essential services that support life on the island. This is a varied and hands-on role where you'll operate a wide range of heavy plant machinery to assist with a variety of tasks, while also contributing to essential stevedore and ship support duties.

What you'll do

As a Plant Operator, you'll operate and maintain a variety of plant machinery including wheeled loader (including JCB backhoe), forklift de-mountable lorry, bulldozer, road roller, cranes, tracked excavators, graders, lifting equipment, Merlo cement mixer and 6 tonne tipper truck. You'll prepare equipment for use, carry out basic servicing and minor repairs, and ensure machinery is used in a safe and effective manner. Your responsibilities will also include supporting construction and maintenance projects across the island, assisting with refuse disposal and burial services, and undertaking stevedore duties on a rotational basis, working 12-hour shifts that may include weekends. You'll be part of a team that plays a crucial role in keeping the island running smoothly.

What you'll bring

You'll have at least three years' experience operating and maintaining heavy plant machinery, with a valid clean driving licence covering classes A, B, C, D, and J. You'll be methodical, safety-conscious, and comfortable following verbal instructions with precision. Good hand-eye coordination, a strong sense of responsibility, and the ability to work well as part of a team are essential. You'll be physically fit, willing to work outdoors in all conditions, and committed to learning and adhering to AIG's health and safety standards. Above all, you'll bring a positive attitude and a willingness to contribute to the essential operations that support the island community.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £12,901.00 pa (depending on experience and taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a two -year **accompanied** status contract and the following allowances and benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth £2,400 pa (taxable benefit)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £7,680 pa accompanied, or Single status £3,840 pa
- An electricity allowance worth £3,296 pa
- A water allowance worth £3,202 pa accompanied, or £1,921 single status
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- 30 days' annual holiday (with an additional 9 days public holidays)
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free schooling for dependant children from 4 to 16 years.
- Free annual travel insurance
- Death in Service insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing date: 03 August 2025 Interviews: from week commencing 04 August 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



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

Social Worker

Total Package value up to £44,950 per annum

(comprising salary of £27,772 per annum + food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits – details below)

About the role

The Ascension Island Government is currently seeking a qualified and experienced Social Worker to lead the delivery of social care services in a truly unique environment. This is a high-impact, autonomous role within a remote island community in the South Atlantic, where you'll provide essential safeguarding and welfare services across both children's and adults' social care. Working collaboratively with local services and supported by off-island professional supervision, you'll play a vital role in promoting community wellbeing and ensuring effective statutory support is in place for those most in need.

What you'll do

As the island's only Social Worker, you'll take on a wide-ranging and varied caseload, delivering responsive support that meets the diverse needs of individuals and families. You'll lead on safeguarding investigations, manage risk, and coordinate multi-agency responses to complex cases. Your day-to-day work will involve assessments, care planning, outreach visits, and offering practical support in areas such as mental health, domestic abuse, child protection, and adult vulnerability. You'll also contribute to local policy development, deliver training and awareness sessions, and act as an advisor to the Ascension Island Safeguarding Children's Board.

What you'll bring

You'll be a qualified Social Worker, registered with Social Work England (or equivalent), with substantial experience across both children's and adult services. Confident working independently, you'll bring strong professional judgement, excellent communication skills, and a trauma-informed, relationship-based approach. You'll be emotionally resilient, adaptable, and able to build trust quickly with a wide range of people. Above all, you'll be driven by a commitment to making a difference, ensuring that even in a remote setting, individuals and families receive the support they need.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of £27,772 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts an accompanied status contract and these benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth £3,000 pa (taxable benefit)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £7,680 pa accompanied, or Single status £3,840 pa
- An electricity allowance worth £3,296 pa
- A water allowance worth £3,202 pa accompanied, or £1,921 single status
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- 30 days' annual holiday (with an additional 9 days public holidays)
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free schooling for dependant children from 4 to 16 years.
- Free annual travel insurance
- Death in Service insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing date: 10 August 2025

Interviews: Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and interviews may be scheduled before the application deadline. Early applications are encouraged.

Start date: As soon as possible

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

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St Helena
Government

School Secretary (Pilling Primary)

(£10,088 per annum)

(Fixed –Term until August 2026)

Do you have a passion for Education? We are looking to recruit a School Secretary to provide a first point of contact by receiving and addressing visitor enquires by telephone or in person, redirecting enquires as considered appropriate. You will have to undertake administrative duties which include collating and distributing information and correspondence to parents and staff. The individual will also be assisting with playground duties, accompanying children when needed on school outings and will also include assisting with Lollipop duties outside the school gate when necessary.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Elaine Benjamin on Tel No. 22640 or Email elaine.benjamin@sainthelena.edu.sh

Closing date: 21 July 2025

Shortlist date: 24 July 2025

Interview date: 30 July 2025

Learning Disability & Residential Manager

(£16,248 per annum)

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is seeking to recruit a Learning Disability & Residential Manager for Ebony View, to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities and for managing the residential service. This will involve overseeing the day-to-day operations of the team to ensure efficient and effective use of resources and that the quality of care provided to service users meets the required standards. The post holder will be a strong advocate for people with complex learning needs and ensure that the residential service is delivered to high standards at all times.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Gavin Thomas on 22920 or Email gavin.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 21 July 2025

Shortlisting date: 24 July 2025

Interview date: 31 July 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.

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Fire Fighter/Training Fire Fighter (£11,935 per annum)

The St Helena Fire & Rescue Service has an opportunity 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, to the highest possible standard of care and quality.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

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

Closing date: 30 July 2025

Shortlisting date: 05 August 2025

Interview date: 15 August 2025

Sea Rescue Crew (Coxswain) (£9,781 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.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

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

Enquiries: Leeroy Caswell or Mark Caswell on
Tel no. 25215
Email: leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh
Email: mark.caswell@helanta.co.sh

Closing date: 30 July 2025

Shortlisting date: 04 August 2025

Interview date: 19 August 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

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Meteorological & Scientific Observations

Officer (Fixed term – 1 year)

(£10,088 per annum)

The Meteorological & Scientific Observations Officer will help to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by assisting in a shared capacity with staff in completing routine meteorological scientific observational monitoring activities, to ensure production and delivery of observational data from the St Helena Meteorological Station at Bottom Woods in line with the UK Meteorological (Met) Office requirements. This role is being offered from 'Monday – Friday 08:00-15:00' with weekend work as per rostered schedule for hours during weather balloon operations. Although a fixed term role in the first instance there may be a possibility of the role becoming full time.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Lori Bennet on Tel No 24785 or Email
metoffice.901@helanta.co.sh

Closing date: 30 July 2025

Shortlisting date: 04 August 2025

Interview date: 14 August 2025

Agriculture Assistant

(£10,088 per annum)

The Education, Skills, and Employment Portfolio are seeking to recruit an Agriculture Assistant to maintain the Harpers Agricultural Centre and the associated garden areas and the grounds at St Helena Secondary School. The individual will be taking on a list of responsibilities, which include the safekeeping and use of SHG vehicle and equipment including motorised machinery valuing £8800, cash handling and purchasing animal feed etc. for the Harpers Agricultural Centre and for the payment of invoices. The role will also include the need to provide safeguarding and practical assistance to students conducting practical work at Harpers, under the direct supervision of teaching staff at Harpers.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Barbara Osborne on Tel No 24290 or Email
barbara.osborne@sainthelena.edu.sh

Closing date: 01 August 2025

Shortlisting date: 06 August 2025

Interview date: 12 August 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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1:1 Teaching Assistant (SHSS) (£10,714 - £10,966 per annum)

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

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

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

Closing date: 01 August 2025

Shortlisting date: 06 August 2025

Interview date: 19 August 2025

Benefits

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WSA VOLLEYBALL COMES TO AN END

On Sunday 13th July, the Women's Sports Association (WSA) held their 2025 Volleyball Knockout Final and Presentation at Prince Andrew School.

It was reported to be a successful season with competitive spirit, teamwork, progression and fun for the six teams.

The afternoon kicked off with matches for the plate and spoon positions followed by the Knockout Final between No Dig'gity and Net Ninjas.

Results from these games were:

On the afternoon awards were presented by Mrs Toni Joshua to teams and individual awards for the League & Knockout which was donated by the SURE SA Limited.

KNOCKOUT RESULTS 13 JULY 2025			
ACE ANGELS	16 - 25	25 - 12	VOLLEY VIXENS
L.M: CERY'S JOSHUA Y.L.M: KATELYN BENJAMIN	15 - 12		
DIG THAT	8 - 25	25 - 11	ACE ANGELS
L.M: SAM LEO	19 - 25		
NO DIG'GITY	25 - 11	25 - 12	NET NINJAS
L.M: BARBARA OSBORNE			



Cerys Joshua of Ace Angels awarded Lady of the season

Rachel Young of Net Ninjas awarded Lady of the season



Consuella, Dani, Katelyn, Danielle, Kaelyn, Cerys & Katie of Ace Angels awarded League Champions



Kaelyn, Dani, Danielle, Katelyn, Cerys & Katie of Ace Angels awarded Wooden Plate Award



Shunnell, Sinead, April, Tanisha, Sophie, Chloe & Barbara of No Dig'gity awarded League Runners Up



Selena, Michelle, Morgan & Tiffany of Dig That awarded Wooden Spoon Award



Morgan, Kaelyn, Bethany, Jayime-Grace, Georgia, Katelyn & Rachel awarded Young Members Apperication

weekly sideline supporters and Barbara Osborne for opening the Tuckshop and Dan's Bakery for the food which everyone enjoyed after the presentation.

Congratulations are extended to all our winners.

The WSA posted on their social media page a vote of thanks to the St Helena Secondary School for the use of the hall, Mr Stuart Leo for setting up the net every week. Sure St Helena for donating to our trophies, Atlantic Outpost for the league trophies and engravings, Jac's Susan Knipe for the knockout trophies and young player gifts.

Toni Joshua for doing the presentation as one of our

WSA VOLLEYBALL COMES TO AN END



Bethany, Jayime-Grace, Georgia, Rachel, Natalie, Tara and Emma of Net Ninjas awarded Knockout Runners Up.



Shunnell, Sinead, April, Tanisha, Sophie, Chloe & Barbara of No Dig'gity awarded League Runners Up

START OF SHFA SEASON 2025

The St Helena Football Association kicked off this season with an action packed weekend. This year's season has seen six teams entered with many transfers.

Saturday's game kicked started with last season's champions Rovers securing their win against a newly formed La Verde side with Man of the Match honours awarded to young **Blaize Baldwin** who is on form for another great season ahead of him.

Sundays games began with, another favourite in this year's season Bellboys securing a win over a newly formed Intergalactic side.

Man of the Match honours were awarded to Bellboys **Joey Thomas** and young **Taylan Phillips** awarded Young Player of the Match, both who is, said to be well on formed for their side again this season.

The last game of the weekend saw the returned of the boys in Black and White and another favourites in this season to watch for Wirebirds securing their win against the Fugees.

Man of the Match honours went to young **Ethan Harris** who is performing his debut with the team.

This week's fixtures will be as follows:

Saturday 19th July @2pm - Fugees vs La Verde

Sunday 20th July @ 1:30pm - Wirebirds vs Intergalactic

Sunday 20th July @ 3:30pm - Bellboys vs Rovers

Just a reminder to you each week, one game will be played on a Saturday starting at 2pm and two on a Sunday at 1:30pm and 3:30pm.

So look forward to see you all on Francis Plain again this week for some great action.

This Week's Golf Report

Report by the St Helena Golf Club

Due to challenging weather conditions and persistent low fog, the Par 3 competition scheduled for Sunday 13 July 2023 was unfortunately postponed. This competition will now be rescheduled for the month of September— further details will be communicated in due course.

Upcoming Event – 36-Hole Stroke Play

A 36-hole stroke play competition will take place on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 July, proudly sponsored by the Bank of St Helena. Expect an exciting weekend of competitive golf and fabulous prizes waiting to be won! Tee off 11am

Your continued support is greatly valued, and we look forward to welcoming you to another exciting golfing event.

Swing with passion, putt with purpose.



MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



WHATEVER
YOU NEED
TO SHIP

	GREEN MOUNTAIN 251213	GOLDEN KAROO 251216	BRIGHT SKY 251217
Immingham	14-Jun	12-Jul	09-Aug
	KAROLINE 251707	KAROLINE 251708	KAROLINE 251709
Cape Town	19-Jul	20-Aug	16-Sep
Rupert's Bay	26-Jul	28-Aug	24-Sep
Ascension Island	31-Jul	-	-
	KAROLINE 251807	KAROLINE 251808	KAROLINE 251808
Cape Town	16-Aug	10-Sep	07-Oct

*schedule may change without prior notice. For the latest updates, please visit our website.



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