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**Happy
Independence Day**



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

As part of Culture Month, the St Helena National Trust hosted a competition for Primary School children.

Last week members of the St Helena National Trust attended all three schools to congratulate and make a presentation to all their Winners and Participants of our Culture Month Competition.

They said via their social media page that “the children produced such beautiful pieces portraying the creativeness and origins of some of St Helena's Surnames and nicknames and keep your eye on their social media page as they will be posting some of the amazing pieces.



Winners were as follows:

Key Stage 1

1st – Logan Yon (SPP)

2nd – Myla Cranfield (SPP)

3rd – India Ellick & Jorja-Rai Osborne (PPS)



Highly Commended – Katie Young (SSP) & Leo Wortley (HPS)



Key Stage 2

1st – Elize Sim (PPS)

2nd – Theo March (SPP)

3rd – Rutendo Nayoto (PPS)



Another Red Takes the Win.

St Helena Secondary School held their Swimming Gala on Thursday 19th June. Starting off the day was Deputy Head of the school, Barbara Osbourne, who gave a short welcoming speech. William Caswell, one of those participating in the Island Games this year, opened the day with a speech.

"It is an honour for me to open the swimming gala, because this swimming pool is basically my second home," he said. "Swimming is a sport that many of us dedicate a lot of our time to, through regular training each week. This dedication is tested in the colder winter months of the year, when the temperature of the water is dropping."

William closed his speech with "May the best house win, and I hope it's Jenkins." Foreshadowing, for sure. It was noted by those attending that it was a "fantastic day with brilliant competition". There were so many close races that, before lunch, all of the school houses were within 4 points of the lead, with Jenkins leading at 42 points. Cavendish was only 1 point away while Mundens and Dutton were neck and neck with 38 points.

In the end, there could only be one winner. After the races concluded, the results came through. Jenkins topped the leaderboard with 78 points. Cavendish came a rather close second with 72 points. Dutton and Mundens had a close run, but Dutton managed to snag 3rd place with 54 points, while Mundens were only 2 points off.

It wasn't just the results that Jenkins celebrated for on the day. It was for breaking their own record for the 4 x 33m mixed relay race. Their previous record was 1:30.09, but on the day, they shaved off nearly 4 seconds, setting a new time of 1:26.41. Congratulations are extended to the relay team for this feat: Bethany Bennett, Whitney Young, Nolan George and William Caswell.

Well done to all the participants and organisers.

Too Good to be True...

Correcting last week's Pay Scale Mistake

Last week, the *Independent* reported on SHG's new pay scale, that was put into effect on Tuesday. Although the new rates were correct, the old rate that was being compared to was out-of-date. What happened after was the "Increase PM" column was more inflated than what it should be. SHG (and others) got in contact with the *Independent* and shared the 2024 rates – the latest prior to the new rates. Though we won't show the full table as the new Pay Scale is already published and don't need repeating, we can highlight the Band A & Band H increase, which gives you a better range. Despite the change however, an increase of nearly £200 is enough to make anyone's eyes water.

GRADE	LEVEL	OLD RATE PA	OLD RATE PM	NEW RATE PA	NEW RATE PM	INCREASE PM
Band A	A1	£7,280	£606.67	£9,573	£797.77	£191.10
	A2	£7,357	£613.08	£9,623	£801.88	£188.80
	A3	£7,460	£621.66	£9,698	£808.16	£186.50
	A4	£7,563	£630.25	£9,773	£814.44	£184.19
	A5	£7,667	£638.89	£9,849	£820.78	£181.89
	A6	£7,770	£647.47	£9,925	£827.06	£179.59
Band H	H1	£30,256	£2,521.37	£30,560	£2,546.70	£25.33
	H2	£30,848	£2,570.66	£31,124	£2,593.69	£23.03
	H3	£31,439	£2,619.96	£31,688	£2,640.68	£20.72
	H4	£32,040	£2,670.02	£32,261	£2,688.44	£18.42
	H5	£32,640	£2,720.03	£32,834	£2,736.15	£16.12
	H6	£33,241	£2,770.10	£33,407	£2,783.91	£13.81
	H7	£33,841	£2,820.10	£33,979	£2,831.62	£11.52
	H8	£34,442	£2,870.17	£34,553	£2,879.38	£9.21
	H9	£35,043	£2,920.24	£35,126	£2,927.15	£6.91
	H10	£35,644	£2,970.30	£35,699	£2,974.91	£4.61
	H11	£36,244	£3,020.31	£36,271	£3,022.61	£2.30

Yet despite the increase, as mentioned last week, the tax rate still remains at £7000. Couple that with increase in utilities and the impending sight of price increases in shops, and SHG employees won't be seeing much of their raise.



Adjournment Speech

Councillor Ronald Coleman

Dear Editor

Please find attached my last adjournment from my last Leg Co meeting.

Let us all pray for a cease to all conflicts in the world and let us all have peace.

What a challenging 4 years this have been. Working hard and together for the good of St Helena and its people.

It has not been easy but I can say here today it was worth every minute of our time.

On a small island like St Helena depending on aid from the United Kingdom is not easy even though we always seem to be begging for it. Justifying every penny is hard work when we know where it is needed.

Especially in today's world when we now know that the UK is also struggling.

I have always made it clear - that the people of this island is struggling, finding it hard to make ends meet. And we all know that money is always in short supply when there is so much to be done with it - looking after our people, the island infrastructure and taking this island forward. Giving people a better quality of life. I have also said that we need to give support to the Private Sector Development to grow our economy.

But I must say even though we struggle at times we are always winning and with the support of the community and each other we always rise above the rest. Working together is key and we can and do achieve a lot.

Anything we do - I ensure that it's for the benefit of the island and its people and making sure we leave no one behind.

So today I want to thank the people of St Helena who put their trust and believe in me for the past 4 year.

Especially those who voted for me. I also want to let you know that I am willing to continue and work on your behalf and be your champion if you still needs me - as I am making myself available for the next election.

I want to thank all the people of St Helena who work so hard in their various jobs, the day workers and the night workers, those who keep the island ticking, everyone no matter how small or big your tasks may have seem. Even those in the corridors of London.

And to the elderly, those who are sick and the vulnerable among us - I can give you the assurance that we will continue to look after you all. The young one - our children are always in our hearts.

Apart from all that have been said about what have been achieve over the last four years I really want to comment on St Helena hosting the first CPA conference the 53rd British Islands and Med Region last year.

A conference that St Helena can be proud of. Even though it was the 53rd of its kind the CPA personnel commented that St Helena has set the Bar. One of the visitors from Ireland also said that we were the friendliest people in the world and took away the cup from Ireland. Baroness Hooper also recommend that we promote St Helena as a conference destination. So I just want to say well done St Helena.

I would like to report that I support the Governance Reform and fully support the separation of powers in St Helena as the way moving forward.

One other area I follow closely is fishing. I hope we can hear today if STC's boat has been licensed and whether this is for both inshore and or off shore only.

I want to thank this council for what we have done and achieve even though we may have had our differences and want to wish the next council well and hope that St Helena continue to move forward and upward but leaving no one behind in all that they do. Let's keep our heritage, our culture, our people and our uniqueness which makes us special.

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Adjournment Speech

Councillor Andrew Turner

Madam Deputy Speaker

I rise today for my final adjournment debate of this term in council.

Firstly, I am deeply honoured and humbled to have been chosen to fulfil this role almost four years ago. Thank you to everyone who put their faith in me to represent them and this wonderful island we call home. I hope I have lived up to your expectations and that I will get the opportunity to do so again.

Becoming a councillor has been the steepest learning curve of my life but I have greatly appreciated this opportunity to make a difference. In that vein, I would also like to thank all those who have supported me through this term of office. I appreciate every gesture, kindness, and word of advice I have received.

Now I'm sure there will be a lot said (and indeed some have already spoken today) about the past, what we got right and what we got wrong, but I thought I would leave that for the campaign, do something a little different, and look purely to the future.

In a few weeks a new council will sit in these seats and do what they can to move the island forward and I would like to offer my hopes for what that new council will do.

So to start, I would say it takes 12 people to effectively move the island forward. I know that sounds obvious, that is why we elect 12 people but I mean 12 people working together at all levels of the process to make things happen. Not a 5 and a 7 each doing their own thing but 12 people, each with their own knowledge and experience contributing to make better policy, better legislation and better outcomes.

To our successors I say, yes there will be conflict and you will not agree on everything but compromise and open and honest debate about what you are doing and why you are doing it, will go a long way to keeping you and the public in the driving seat for the island's future.

Speaking of openness and honesty I hope those who come after us will uphold the values of true transparency, governing for the people and bringing the public along on the journey. As the Honorable Dr Essex has said on many occasions, the island's greatest resource is its people and if you can bring them with you and work with them, you are sure to have a smoother ride and achieve much more.

Make the most of the tools available to you, especially the select committees. Good governance is only possible with good scrutiny and I would urge anyone looking to run for council to immerse themselves in both sides. Select committees especially have proven that they can work in bringing about improvements in people's lives and livelihoods.

Lastly, madam deputy speaker I would hope that the next council focuses on the foundations. There's no point arguing about what colour to paint your house if the foundations aren't fixed and your house is falling down. It may not be glamorous or politically eye catching, but sometimes you have to look at the basics and get the simple stuff right.

All of the things I have spoken about are of course just a wishlist, and the power now goes back into the hands of the people to vote for those who will make it happen and I for one am looking to this next chapter for St Helena.

Darwin 200 Leaders



As part of Darwin 200 mission to support local conservation and empower the next generation of environmental leaders, they had the privilege of working with three incredible St Helenian Darwin Leaders across St Helena and Ascension Island.

On St Helena, they led a joint project with Matthew Owen and Jolan Henry, in partnership with the St Helena National Trust. Together, they explored the past, present, and future of conservation on the island from wirebirds and insects to boobies, invasive plants, and even some marine life. This project offered a powerful glimpse into the rich biodiversity of this remote island.

Matthew and Jolan were then joined by another incredible local leader, Tyanne, as they sailed with us to Ascension to continue their conservation journeys.

On Ascension Island, the three Darwin Leaders each led focused research projects in partnership with Ascension Island Conservation:

Tyanne studied Green Mountain, focusing on the rare parsley fern

Matthew explored beach ecosystems, with a spotlight on green turtles

Jolan researched seabird colonies, particularly frigatebirds

Darwin 200 said they are proud to provide opportunities for these young leaders as they work to protect some of the world's most extraordinary and fragile ecosystems.

Congratulations to Jolan, Matthew and Tyanne on this incredible achievement.





Ladder Hill Road Reopens - But Not For Long...

Ladder Hill Road opens from this afternoon. Initially, works were due to take place through the whole of July, however SHG released a press release this week, stating that the road will now reopen this Friday.

“During this time, the Roads Section will conduct preparation work to the road surface. This includes replacing a section of slipper drain, repair any road defects and milling of areas. SHG remarked that due to the recent shipment of slurry bitumen being below the required specification, it was “unusable”.

The earlier reopening would provide relief for those who regularly travel along this road, however that won’t last long.

“New closure dates are now scheduled to take place from Monday 04 August 2025 until Friday, 22 August 2025,” SHG stated in their press release. “This will be confirmed once a suitable supply of bitumen arrives on Voyage 18 later in July and is dependent on favourable weather conditions. Planned works include full road width re-surfacing using the mechanised slurry paver, starting from the bottom of the road at China Lane to the top at the Ball Alley.”



ST HELENA LAUNCHES PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE REGISTER OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP (PARBO)

On 30 June 2025 St Helena Government commenced the Companies (Amendment) Ordinance. As has previously been announced during the consultation on the associated Bill, the Ordinance puts requirements on St Helena companies to declare details of the beneficial owners of those companies to the Registrar, and requires the Registrar to make those details publicly available, thus establishing a publicly accessible register of beneficial ownership (PARBO).

The Companies (Amendment) Ordinance can be viewed on the SHG website at <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Companies-Amendment-Bill-2024-1.pdf>.

This initiative is designed to strengthen the island’s reputation as a responsible jurisdiction and to support global efforts to combat financial crime.

The launch of the accessible register follows extensive consultation with stakeholders and aligns with the highest standards of openness and accountability.

The Registrar will endeavour to contact all companies within the next 14 days in order to outline the steps required to ensure compliance with the law. If you have not heard from the Registrar within 14 days please contact Amelia Gough on amelia.gough@judicialservices.sh.

Amelia can also be contacted to have access to information contained in the PARBO in line with the law.



The 'Big, Beautiful Bill' We All Want.

On 26 June 2025 Legislative Council enacted the Prevention of Abusive Business Practices Ordinance 2025.

The purpose of the Ordinance is to seek to prevent:

- abusive business practices in St Helena generally; and,
- the abuse of the jurisdiction of St Helena in furtherance of abusive business practices elsewhere.

It is designed to protect the reputation of the jurisdiction of St Helena.

The Ordinance establishes a number of key definitions including:

- Business entity and business entities;
- Professional services; and,
- Abusive Business Practices.

The definition of business entity and business entities is intended to catch all 'vehicles' by which business is conducted, ranging through the traditional entities recognised in English and St Helena law – such as individuals, companies, partnerships etc., to more complex arrangements such as trusts, trust corporations and nominee ships, and other entities formed under other jurisdictions. The definition of professional services is intended to encompass the typical services provided to business entities such as legal advice or accountancy as well as the more specialised services such as those relating to the establishment of trusts etc.

The Ordinance establishes a series of duties designed to prevent abusive business practices (as defined) in St Helena. In addition, and to strengthen the measures, duties to report suspicion or knowledge of abusive business practices are also imposed on businesses providing trust, trusteeship or nominee ship services and on professional services firms which provide services to those businesses.

The Legislative Council has only immediately commenced the Ordinance for businesses that provide trust, trusteeship and nominee ship services and those that provide services to those businesses. The new government will have the power to commence the Ordinance for any other type of business entity in the future.

Minister for Treasury and Economic Development, Mark Brooks, says on the enactment on the Bill: "The Prevention of Abusive Business Practices Ordinance is intended to send a message to both local businesses and those from overseas that intend to do business with St Helena that our jurisdiction will not tolerate activities that could harm the island or bring it into disrepute.

I hope that in passing the Ordinance, a clear message is received that this government takes seriously our obligations to tackle illicit finance and other abusive practices. I hope that the new government continues to support the legislative reforms necessary to grow our financial and professional services sectors in the future."

The Prevention of Abusive Business Practices Bill can be found here: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Prevention-of-Abusive-Business-Practices-Bill.pdf>

It's All Happening in Guernsey

South Atlantic Islands Represented for Red Ensign Group Conference

Last week, the annual Red Ensign Group (REG) Conference was held in Guernsey, bringing together the UK, Crown Dependencies, and Overseas Territories to discuss maritime governance and shared international responsibilities.

St Helena, a Category 2 member of the REG, operates its own ship registry under the St Helena Merchant Shipping Ordinance 2021, whilst aligning with UK standards. This affiliation ensures strong oversight, global recognition, and access to expert support across the REG network.

St Helena was represented at the conference by a four-person delegation:

- Alex Mitham - Portfolio Director, Safety, Security and Home Affairs (SSHA)
- Mia Henry - Head of Maritime, SSHA
- Cherie Dillon - Maritime Policy Consultant
- Wendy Benjamin - Maritime Capacity Building Support

Each delegate presented on key developments, ongoing challenges, and the strategic risks facing St Helena's maritime domain.

Mia Henry gave a detailed presentation on how St Helena balances compliance with international maritime obligations whilst ensuring policies and legislation remain fit for the local island context. This prompted broader interest from other jurisdictions, with a commitment to explore the topic further at future forums.

Mia also presented on St Helena's Maritime Journey, covering the establishment of the Maritime Authority and Advisory Board, and the island's successful completion of its first International Maritime Organization (IMO) III Code Audit in February 2025. Her presentation showcased the significant progress made over the past five years in embedding maritime governance within the Public Service.

Alex Mitham contributed to the Coastal State Forum on Search and Rescue (SAR), highlighting the island's unique geographical position, international support challenges owing to the remote location and the need for tailored assistance. It was agreed that St Helena's requirements will form part of forthcoming workshops, particularly around external support on the development of relevant policies and procedures.

Cherie Dillon, Maritime Policy Consultant, presented on the St Helena Ship Registry, outlining its current challenges and the island's ongoing efforts to modernise and strengthen its legal and administrative systems.

SHG Press Release



Mia Henry presenting a St Helena plaque to another delegate

It's All Happening in Guernsey

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Tristan da Cunha's Deputy Director of Fisheries Rodney Green led the island's delegation as some of the world's leading experts gathered in Guernsey to discuss safety at sea.

The Red Ensign Group unites maritime authorities that are linked with the United Kingdom. Tristan da Cunha doesn't have its own shipping register but is invited to the REG conference as it has 'coastal state' safety duties under international law.



Chris Carnegy and Rodney Green by the ceremonial Red Ensign ship's bell always used to start and end conference sessions.

Four days of discussions began on 23th June with a gathering of the South Atlantic Working Group. This was a chance to exchange best-practice ideas with colleagues from Ascension, St Helena, the Falkland Islands and South Georgia. Rodney provided an update on the changes expected when Tristan's fishing contract changes hands. The new concession-holder Fortuna is expected to introduce new vessels for Tristan's fishing operations and passenger/freight links. Other topics for the group included pollution-control training and the regulation of small craft.

The main conference ran throughout 24th and 25th June. A powerful presentation from the Falklands team shared lessons learned from the loss of the fishing vessel Argos Georgia in July 2024. Delegates also heard about the future of UK government support for maritime safety in the Overseas Territories, discussed the challenge of providing medivacs for visiting vessels, and explored latest developments around training for seafarers and the investigation of marine accidents,

The week provided a valuable opportunity for personnel from across the Overseas Territories to network and learn from each other's experiences - all with the aim of saving lives in places that depend on the sea.





Dear Editor,

The St Helena Chamber of Commerce recently held a successful Annual General Meeting. The results of the election to Chamber Council were President- Corinda Essex; Vice President – Karl Thrower; Secretary – Edward Thorpe; Treasurer – Clint Beard; Members -Colin Benjamin; Rodney Yon; Gary Stevens, Michael Stevens; Douglas Henry and Paul Gasteen.

Given the significant downturn in the local economy, it is not surprising that 2024/25 was both extremely busy and challenging for the Chamber. Considerable progress was made to assist the private sector but a number of issues requiring significant input had to be carried forward to 2025/26. Four key areas of the Chamber's involvement related to:

- Arrangements for, and logistics of, the transfer of cargo operations to Rupert's Valley and their implications for importers, consolidators and businesses in the supply chain. The Chamber sought clarity on details of what is planned; timelines for implementation; associated costs and risks, etc. As considerable uncertainty remains, the Chamber is continuing on-going dialogue with the relevant SHG personnel. The Chamber also called for full consultation with key stakeholders regarding the Traffic Management Plan for Napoleon Street and Nosegay Lane which will come into force when cargo operations cease in Jamestown. This took place in early April.
- Development of options for a new Agriculture Policy. The Chamber met with farmer Members twice collectively, and also with some individually, to try to establish their consensus view regarding the best way forward. The outcome was submitted to Environment, Natural Resources and Planning in September 2024, but no decision has been taken yet so it is not known if the recommendations put forward will be accepted.
- Improving St Helena Government's Procurement Regulations and associated processes and procedures. Chamber activities included providing a detailed response to the new Regulations that addressed some areas of concern previously put forward on behalf of Members but also raised further issues, and following up numerous queries and complaints relating to Procurement processes, procedures and outcomes
- Liaising with MACS and/or SHG on shipping matters including, but not limited to, scheduling; freight rates for specific cargo needs and requirements for the shipping of types of cargo such as electric vehicles. Dialogue on this topic has been largely constructive and positive.

Other important activities undertaken by the Chamber related to consideration of the tariff options put forward by the Utilities Regulatory Authority and submission of feedback on these; campaigning for sponsorship to assist two students starting university in Britain; following up on the bringing into force of the Liquor Ordinance amendment making provision for periodic tavern licences; putting forward suggestions regarding strategies to increase passenger numbers on flights, and exploring new initiatives that could boost the private sector and encourage Saints to remain or return from overseas.

Issues of concern taken forward for Chamber Members included lack of progress in putting out contracts for construction of social housing at Bottom Woods; the continued absence of a casual work scheme; the prolonged delay in addressing the sewerage issues in Half Tree Hollow and in determining the way forward for the island's bulk fuel facilities; the variable quality of the internet service and the continued absence of a policy regarding competition between the public and private sectors. A frequent source of dissatisfaction related to the time lag in receiving responses from SHG on some matters.

The Chamber was a key consultee regarding the Property Disposal and Purchase Policy; Sustainable

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Economic Development Policy and Strategy; Data Protection Policy; Changes to Companies Legislation; proposed changes to the minimum wage and potential amendments to Employment Legislation, and the content of phase 2 of the Tourism Development Plan. Presentations were made to Members attending the relevant Chamber Meetings which gave them the opportunity to ask questions and state their views. It is very pleasing that a number of modifications were made as a result of this input which proves the value of consultation and active participation of Chamber Members.

Chamber Members also received direct feedback through meetings or workshops regarding the grid impact assessment commissioned by Connect St Helena; local inflation; the plastics recycling project led by the St Helena National Trust and the "Improving St Helena's grasslands to benefit people and wildlife" and "Management Planning for the National Conservation Areas" Darwin + funded projects. This interaction provided Members with opportunities to ask questions, increase their awareness and put forward suggestions.

Matters raised with the Chamber by third parties seeking its support and suggestions were the gaps in hospitality provision, particularly when flights are delayed; employment of disabled persons and the possible holding of a "Show Day". The Chamber was also requested to nominate a representative to form part of the recently established Wharf Redevelopment working group. It continues to have representation on the Tax and Revenue Working Group, Agriculture Policy working group and two Darwin Project core delivery groups. Chamber representatives also met with Maxlife regarding pension schemes and with visiting independent advisors reviewing financial services.

In addition to all the above, the Chamber continued to provide assistance and lay advice to individual Member businesses relating to a wide range of topics including land planning matters; contractual issues; perceived lack of transparency in the evaluation of tender submissions relating to agricultural assets and of related meaningful feedback; perceived unfair competition and other specific areas of concern.

During the period under review, seven Member businesses closed and one indicated that it wished to discontinue Membership. Three new businesses joined and applications are pending from another four. Membership was 145 businesses at 31st March, not including those within the SHCFA and SHGC who are Chamber Members through membership of those 'umbrella' bodies.

It was decided to defer the decision as to whether or not to charge existing Members Membership fees for 2025/26 until September, when there should be greater clarity regarding the financial state of the private sector following the increase in the minimum wage; SHG salary increases; utility tariff rises and potential additional costs associated with the relocation of cargo handling.

Very many thanks and best regards,

Dr Corinda Essex

District Stalls

A green banner with white text that reads "SAVE THE DATE".

A simple line drawing of a cow and a calf.

Agricultural Show Day
Francis Plain

Adults and kiddies sports

Arts and Craft competition

A red calendar icon showing the date 15th November 2025.

Horticulture competition

A simple line drawing of a goat.

more details to follow
contact Tracey Williams,
Susan Knipe, Marcia Benjamin
for more details.

A simple line drawing of a chicken.



The world has changed dramatically in the past few years. While St Helena was once isolated by vast ocean distances, our fiber optic cable connection has brought us into direct contact with a global community of innovators, creators, and problem-solvers. Today, a teenager in Jamestown has the same access to cutting-edge artificial intelligence tools as students in London, New York, or Singapore. This presents an unprecedented opportunity for our young Saints to leapfrog traditional educational limitations and compete on the world stage.

The AI Revolution is Here – And It's Personal

Artificial Intelligence is no longer science fiction. It's become a personal assistant that can help with homework, a coding partner that teaches programming, a language tutor available 24/7, and a creative collaborator for art, music, and writing projects. These "agentic AI" systems can understand context, solve complex problems, and adapt to individual learning styles.

For St Helena's youth, this technology represents a chance to access world-class education without leaving the island. A student interested in marine biology can now engage with AI tutors specialized in oceanography, analyse real marine data, and even collaborate on research projects with scientists globally.



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Practical Steps for Parents and Community

Start with Curiosity, Not Fear: Many parents worry about screen time and technology dependence. Instead of restricting access, engage with your children about what they're learning. Ask them to show you how they use AI tools for school projects or creative pursuits.

Create Learning Challenges: Encourage youth to use AI to tackle real St Helena problems. Could AI help optimize renewable energy systems for our climate? Design better water conservation strategies? Develop tourism apps highlighting our unique heritage?

Build Digital Literacy Together: Parents don't need to become tech experts, but understanding the basics helps. Learn alongside your children about prompt engineering, fact-checking AI responses, and using technology ethically.

Connect Globally, Think Locally: Use video conferencing and collaboration tools to connect St Helena students with peers worldwide while focusing on projects that benefit our community.

Opportunities Specific to St Helena

Our island's unique characteristics actually provide advantages in the AI era:

Environmental Research: St Helena's endemic species and conservation efforts offer rich datasets for AI-powered research that could contribute to global scientific knowledge.

Cultural Preservation: AI tools can help digitize and preserve our oral histories, traditional crafts, and cultural practices in ways that weren't possible before.

Sustainable Development: Small island challenges require innovative solutions – perfect training grounds for youth learning to collaborate with AI on complex problem-solving.

Global Remote Work: Many AI-enhanced careers – from digital marketing to software development to online education – can be performed entirely remotely, allowing young Saints to access global job markets while remaining connected to home.

Building Tomorrow's Workforce Today

The jobs our youth will hold in 10–15 years may not exist today. However, the skills needed are becoming clear: critical thinking, creativity, communication, and the ability to collaborate effectively with AI systems. These "human skills" become more valuable, not less, in an AI-augmented world.

Parents and teachers should focus on developing these capabilities while ensuring youth are comfortable using AI as a powerful tool rather than seeing it as competition.

A Call to Action

St Helena has always produced resilient, resourceful people who adapt to challenging circumstances. Now we have an opportunity to channel that same spirit into preparing our youth for a technology-rich future.

Community leaders, parents, and teachers must work together to ensure every young Saint has access to fast internet, modern devices, and most importantly, the guidance to use these tools purposefully and ethically.

The question isn't whether AI will transform education and work – it already has. The question is whether St Helena's youth will be passive consumers of this technology or active creators who use it to solve problems, build careers, and contribute to both local and global communities.

Our children are living in the most opportunity-rich period in human history. With the right support, guidance, and access to tools, there's no limit to what they can achieve – right here from our small island in the South Atlantic.

The future belongs to those who can think critically, create boldly, and collaborate intelligently with both humans and AI. Let's make sure our Saints are ready to claim it. *Till Next Time, keep Well.*

The Queen Mary Store & Victoria Shop will be closed for business on all Saturday evenings for July while Ladder hill road is closed, we regret any inconvenience caused to our customers.

Annual General Meeting – Blue Hill Community Association

The AGM of the Blue Hill Community Association will be held at the Blue Hill Community Centre on Wednesday, 30 July 2025 at 7 pm

Residents of the Blue Hill district are encouraged to attend.



Diocese of St Helena

<u>The Parish of St Paul's</u>		
Sunday 6 th July 2025– 14 th Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
Thursday 10th July		
7.00 p.m.	Praise and Worship	St Peter
<u>The Parish of St James</u>		
Sunday 6 th July 2025 – 14 th Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Michael
Monday 7th July		
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mary
Thursday 10th April		
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
<u>The Parish of St Matthew</u>		
Sunday 6 th July 2025 – 14 th Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
Tuesday 8th July		
7.00 p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark

Baha'i Faith

'Ask not of Me that which We desire not for thee, then be content with what We have ordained for thy sake, for this is that which profiteth thee.'

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





GOVERNOR DISSOLVES LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

On Monday, 30 June 2025 at 23:59, acting in accordance with section 76(b) of the Constitution, HE Governor Nigel Phillips formally dissolved the Legislative Council. Preparations are now underway for a General Election to take place, with a poll, if needed, on Wednesday, 3 September 2025. This will be the second election under a ministerial system of government, the first having been held in October 2021.

During the time between now and the election of the next Legislative Council, the services provided by the Public Service in the various Portfolios will continue.

Executive Council may still meet if it is necessary to do so but will not make any major new policy decisions, approve any legislation nor make any significant spending commitments unless there is an emergency.

In the event of an emergency, the Constitution allows the Governor to recall the Legislative Council as necessary following consultation with the Chief Minister. These interim measures are provided in the Constitution to ensure the continuity of government.



GOVERNOR ISSUES WRIT OF ELECTION FOR 2025 GENERAL ELECTION

Governor Nigel James Phillips CBE has today issued the Writ of Election for the 2025 General Election.

The Writ confirms the last day and time for receiving nominations to elect 12 new members to fill the vacant seats on Legislative Council.

The last day and time for receiving nominations is no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, 20 August 2025, and all nominations should be delivered to the Returning Officer, Mrs Carol Henry, at the Castle, Jamestown. Nomination forms are available on the Government website here: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Nomination-Form-2025.pdf> or can be obtained from The Castle reception, the Customer Services Centre and the Public Library. If more than 12 nominations are received, a Poll will be taken on Wednesday, 03 September 2025, at the following Polling Stations:

- Blue Hill Community Centre;
- Half Tree Hollow Community Centre;
- Harford Community Centre;
- St Mary's Church, The Briars;
- Kingshurst Community Centre;
- Levelwood Clinic;
- Jamestown Community Centre; and
- Sandy Bay Community Centre

The updated Register of Electors effective from 01 July 2020 to be used in the General Election was published on Monday 30 June 2025.

Only those persons with their name on this Register of Electors will be eligible to participate in the General Election, and only those who are 21 years of age and over are able to stand for election.

Further information on nominating a candidate will be issued in this week's newspapers.



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!



FOR A FAIRY TALE THEME CHRISTMAS EVE

With just under 6 months away, preparations have begun for Christmas Eve 2025 celebrations.

The working group invites you to join them on
Wednesday 24th December for a Fairy tale Christmas.

So start planning and ordering your outfits now as we look forward to seeing you all there.

More information will follow later.



All Rose & Crown Outlets will be closed for a Staff Development Day on

**TUESDAY
8 JULY 2025**

These include Longwood Supermarket, Longwood Hardware and Rose & Crown Shop, The Arch Shop and The Hive in Jamestown.

**NORMAL OPENING HOURS
WILL RESUME ON
WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2025**

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank our customers for their understanding and ongoing support.

Rose & Crown Ltd | Market Street, Jamestown, St Helena Island
Email: hello@roseandcrown.sh Visit: www.roseandcrown.sh

Printech
St Helena Ltd



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Printech & Moonbeams Ltd
| Ladder Hill Enterprise Park, St Helena Island, STHL IZZ |
Email: printech@helanta.co.sh | moonbeams@helanta.co.sh
Visit: www.moonbeamsforall.com

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: 00 290 670

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



JOB OPPORTUNITY CUSTOMER SERVICE AGENT | £850.00 pcm | 30hrs / week |

Are you passionate about delivering outstanding customer service?
Do you thrive in a fast-paced environment where every day is different?
DHL is looking for a dedicated and detail-oriented Customer Service Agent.

About the Role

As a Customer Service Agent, you'll be the face and voice of DHL for our customers – handling queries, resolving issues, managing and reconciling accounts, and ensuring packages reach their destination safely and on time. This role blends frontline service with back-end logistics support, making it ideal for someone who enjoys being hands-on, organised, and part of a global network.

What We're Looking For

- Strong customer service skills and a positive attitude
- Good IT literacy and confidence using office systems
- Ability to work independently and manage multiple tasks
- Attention to detail and a commitment to service excellence
- Clean Driving Licence (desirable)

For more information, please contact
Juliet Williams on T: 22643 | M: 64800 or email
SHEL.DHL@helanta.co.sh

**COLIN & MARLENE YON WISH
TO ADVISE THE PUBLIC THAT
WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT THEY
WILL NO LONGER OPERATE THE
TOWN HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST
ACCOMMODATION IN MARKET
STREET, JAMESTOWN.**

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS CAN NOW
CONTACT THEM AT THEIR HOME IN
DEWLANDS, HUNTS VALE, ALARM
FOREST ON TELEPHONES 23811.
OR MOBILE PHONES-**

**COLIN 61114
OR
MARLENE ON 61115.**

Vacancies

Part-Time Aircraft Cleaner



Rate of pay will be £5.60 per hour

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

The Aircraft Cleaner will be responsible for the cleaning of the Airport Terminal on the days of aircraft operations and also cleaning of aircraft cabins of arriving and departing Aircraft.

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

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a good standard of English & ICT
- Be customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be available to undertake the required training including both classroom and online-based training
- Be available to undergo the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake manual handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Be able to work with a high degree of attention to detail
- Have the ability to remain calm under pressure

For further information contact:

Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies) via  22523  gm-agencies@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hadmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **17 July 2025**.

Vacancy

DIY Manager



Salary for the post will commence at £17,604 per annum (£1,467 per month)



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the DIY Store for a DIY Manager.

The DIY Manager will be responsible for the management of day-to-day running of the DIY Store, with a view of increasing the annual turnover and net contribution whilst ensuring that maximum sales opportunities are captured. To be responsible for compiling, reviewing and updating shop operating procedures, overall responsibility of staff and giving support, direction, advice and training to Supervisors, monitoring and managing resourcing, workplace inductions and staff development and performance.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have 3 years' experience in a Management position and/or relevant staff management position, with strong leadership skills and the ability to lead and develop others
- Demonstrate proven experience of working in retail or a similar environment, with the ability to multitask and problem solve in a fast paced environment
- Possess Grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English, or equivalent
- Be computer literate namely in the use of Microsoft applications and ideally Access Dimensions & Point of Sales software
- Have a customer focused approach with excellent frontline customer service skills
- Possess experience with administration and be able to analyse and identify sales trends and facilitate sales recommendations
- Be knowledgeable of Stock Management
- Have excellent interpersonal, communication and organisational skills
- Be knowledgeable of health & safety within the workplace ensuring procedures are in compliance with requirements
- Possess experience of financial reporting and budgeting with the ability to undertake strategic planning and forecasting

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

Julie Lawrence, General Manager (Mercantile, Marketing & IT)  22380  julie.h.lawrence@solomons.co.sh

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

- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

Vacancy

Part-Time Security Officers



Rate of pay will be £6.20 per hour

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

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

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a high standard of English & ICT skills
- Be customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be available to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake Manual Handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Have the ability to multitask and work with a high degree of accuracy in a high pressure environment
- Have the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Be committed to continuous learning and development

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Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies) via ☎ 22523 📧 gm-agencies@solomons.co.sh

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PRESS RELEASE

CONNECT CELEBRATES THE RETIREMENT OF ANGELA SCPIO, BILLING ADMINISTRATOR

Connect Saint Helena Ltd (Connect) would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to Angela Scpio, who retired at the end of June 2025 after more than two decades of dedicated public service in Billing.

Angela joined Connect in 2013 as Billing Administrator, following her transfer from the St Helena Government during the divestment of utility services. Over her 20+ year career in the Billing section, Angela has played a key role in ensuring customers receive timely and accurate utility billing—an essential part of delivering a reliable service to the community.

Angela's calm and friendly manner has made her a valued colleague and a familiar, trusted presence for many Connect customers. Her quiet commitment and professionalism will be deeply missed across the organisation.

On behalf of the entire team, Connect extends its sincere thanks to Angela for her hard work, support, and the legacy she leaves behind. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

01 July 2025





ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Maintenance & Carpentry Technician

Total package value up to £22,444.00 pa

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

About the role

This is a hands-on and varied role within the Building & Civil Works and Services team, supporting the maintenance and repair of government and public infrastructure on Ascension Island. As a Maintenance and Carpentry Technician, you'll use your technical skills to keep buildings safe, functional, and in good condition, while also contributing to essential stevedore and ship support duties.

What you'll do

You'll carry out a wide range of carpentry and general maintenance tasks, including installing doors and windows, repairing roofing and tiling, and undertaking ceiling, glazing, and furniture repair work. You'll also play a vital role in stevedoring operations, supporting cargo handling and pier work, sometimes in challenging outdoor conditions. Flexibility, teamwork, and a willingness to undertake a variety of manual duties are key to success in this role.

What you'll bring

You'll have practical experience in carpentry or a relevant trade qualification (e.g., NVQ Level 2), a solid understanding of workplace safety, and confidence using both hand and power tools. With good communication and time management skills, you'll be a dependable team player who takes pride in delivering quality work. A driving licence (classes A & B) and a flexible, can-do attitude are essential.

What we offer

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

- Rent free accommodation valued at up to £1,200.00 pa (taxable benefit)
- A single status food allowance £3,840.00 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance paid in kind worth £3,140.00 pa
- A single status water allowance worth paid in kind worth £1,852.00 pa
- Relocation costs for your personal effects from your home country and assistance with shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- 30 days' annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free annual travel insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing date: 20 July 2025

Interviews: from week commencing 21 July 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

Temporary Painter

Total Package value up to £20,621 pa

(comprising salary up to £10,589 pa plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits)

About the role

We're looking for 1 Painter to work on the exterior decoration of AIG properties in Two Boats. The maximum duration of employment is 6 months.

What you'll do

You'll carry out exterior decoration of bungalows and other buildings, including preparation works.

What you'll bring

You'll have some previous experience of painting / decorating duties and have a good level of fitness, which will include the ability to lift reasonable weights, work at heights and in varying temperature and work conditions. You'll also have a high level of attention to detail and will be able to work both independently and as part of a team.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £10,589 pa (depending on experience and taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a six-month single status contract and the following allowances and benefits:

- Rent free accommodation valued at up to £1,200 pa (taxable benefit)
- A single status food allowance £3,840 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance paid in kind worth £3,140 pa
- A single status water allowance paid in kind worth £1,852 pa
- 30 days paid annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free annual travel insurance

Additional Information

- This final vacancy will complete the 6 posts will be split into 2 teams of 3.

The appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing date: **Sunday 13 July 2025**

Interviews: **Week commencing 14 July 2025**

Start date: **As soon as possible.**

To apply, you can either visit www.ascension.gov.ac or email your CV to recruitment@ascension.gov.ac. If you have any questions about the role, feel free to get in touch via the same email.

Join us! We are recruiting...



St Helena
Government

Trainee Dental Nurse (£11,091 per annum)

The Dental team has an exciting opportunity for you to join their team as a Trainee Dental Nurse who will be responsible for working closely with clinicians to assist in providing care for patients and provide appropriate support and administrative assistance (manual and computer). Once qualified he/she will work independently under the clinical supervision of the Dentist/Dental Therapist. The successful applicant will start on the training grade for this post on £9,185 per annum progressing to £9,781 on successful completion of the Online National Diploma in Dental Nursing course.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Charmaine Buckley-Thomas on Tel No 25387 or
Email: charmaine.buckley@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 16 July 2025
Shortlisting date: 21 July 2025
Interview date: 31 July 2025

Senior Administration Team Leader (£16,248 per annum)

The Senior Administration Team Leader will lead the day-to-day delivery of the Administration Support Service, ensuring all administrative activities are carried out efficiently and effectively in supporting Portfolios. Based in the Central Support Service yet peripatetic across the Portfolios, provide leadership, champion efficiencies, ensure appropriate resourcing is available to Portfolios and ensure continuous improvement and the positive development of administrative services to meet the changing needs of a modern Public Service.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Carol Henry on Tel No 22470 or
Email: carol.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 16 July 2025
Shortlisting date: 21 July 2025
Interview date: 05 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

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.

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Join us! We are recruiting...



St Helena
Government

Senior Care Assistant (Ebony View)

(£11,935 per annum)

(Available for local interest only)

Social Care is seeking to recruit a Senior Care Assistant to work under the direction of the Learning Disability & Residential Manager, to deliver care and well-being to service users in accordance with the individuals Care Plan and Unit procedures and guidelines. We are looking for an individual with good interpersonal skills and experience in working with challenging behaviour in a care setting.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Kelly Hopkins on Tel No 23343 or Email kelly.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing Date: 11 July 2025

Shortlisting date: 16 July 2025

Interview date: 22 July 2025

School Secretary (St Paul's)

(£10,088 per annum)

(Permanent)

Do you have a passion for Education? The Education, Skills and Employment portfolio are looking to recruit a School Secretary in SPPS. The individual will play a key role in managing all administrative tasks related to the school, its staff, and pupils, ensuring that everything runs efficiently and effectively. In addition to administrative responsibilities, you will be the first point of contact by receiving and addressing visitor enquires by telephone or in person, redirecting enquires as considered appropriate, and you will have to undertake administrative duties which include collating, distributing information and correspondence to parents and staff. You will be assisting with getting the school ready for the reorganisation in September 2026, bringing in a new era within the Education Portfolio.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Patricia Williams on Tel No. 24737 or Email patricia.williams@sainthelena.edu.sh

Closing date: 17 July 2025

Shortlisting date: 22 July 2025

Interview date: 30 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

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St Helena
Government

Senior Support Worker (Sheltered Housing) (£13,260 per annum) (Available for local interest only)

Social Care is seeking to recruit a Senior Support Worker to work under the direction of the Sheltered Accommodation & Home Care Manager, for the provision of quality health and social care support for tenants requiring ancillary/on hand supervision at the sheltered accommodation sites, and to support tenants with independently managing their own household and life in a person centred, empowering and positive manner in the safest environment possible. This will involve overseeing and managing the day to day operations of the sheltered site and any maintenance and/or emergency situations that may arise.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Hannah Herne on Tel Nos. 23151/23230 or Email hannah.herne@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing Date: 18 July 2025

Shortlisting date: 23 July 2025

Interview date: 30 July 2025

Care Assistants (Ebony View) (£10,213 per annum) (Available for local interest only)

Are you interested in the well-being of clients within the Learning Disabilities units, encouraging independence and providing high quality, holistic care? If so, Ebony View has an opportunity for you to join their team as a Care Assistant.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Kelly Hopkins on Tel No 23343 or Email kelly.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 18 July 2025

Shortlisting date: 23 July 2025

Interview date: 4 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

Paid sickness absence

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School Support Officer (St Helena Secondary School) (£11,604 per annum)

The Education, Skills and Employment portfolio is seeking to recruit a School Support Officer. This diverse role will give you the opportunity to be a part of a small, but busy team providing administrative support to ensure the smooth running of St Helena Secondary School and to deliver a high quality, customer focused service. The individual must be confident in using ICT systems including Management Information Systems and MS Office, has experience of working with budget and finance, demonstrates attention to detail and works methodically, and have excellent organisational skills to meet the busy demands of the service.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Phil Toal & Isabel Andrews on Tel No 24290 or Email
isabel.andrews@sainthelena.edu.sh
phil.toal@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 18 July 2025
Shortlisting date: 23 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

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VACANCY



International Payments Officer

Commencing at £9,408 per annum

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the exciting vacant position of International Payments Officer. The successful candidate must be flexible to work demands, be self-motivated as well as have excellent customer service and public relation skills. They must be highly organised, exhibit high accuracy levels with a keen eye for detail and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank Team.

The main duties of the post include:

- Process daily international remittances, inward and outward via SWIFT Platform;
- Dealing with customer queries, questions and concerns of matters pertaining to transactions carried out on behalf of customers;
- Undertake relief Teller duties which will include alternative Saturdays;
- To provide and maintain excellent customer services at all times;
- Any other duties.

Interested persons can contact the IT Manager on (+290) 22390 or email itmanager@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, 18 July 2025.

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



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LEEANNE HENRY APPOINTED BANK OF ST HELENA MANAGING DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors of the Bank of St Helena are pleased to announce the appointment of Leeanne Henry as the new Managing Director as of Tuesday, 1st July 2025.

Leeanne's Bank journey began in February 2018 when hired as the first Assistant Managing Director. Since stepping into the Bank, Leeanne has assisted in strengthening the Bank's offerings and key partnerships with Stakeholders for the overall development of the Bank. Leeanne has been the acting Managing Director since July 2024, providing leadership and direction to achieve the Bank's vision and objectives for the past year.



Leeanne has built strong relationships with Bank Employees, Board of Directors, Customers and Key Stakeholders whilst completing the Chartered Banker Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Banking and Leadership in a Digital Age with the Chartered Banker Institute, gaining her Chartered Banker Status and becoming an Associate of the Chartered Banker Institute.

Leeanne commented:

"It is an honour to be appointed as Managing Director of Bank of St Helena Ltd. I would like to thank the staff of the Bank and the Board of Directors for all your support thus far and I look forward to continuing my journey in developing the Bank that meets the expectations of our Customers, Shareholder and Key Stakeholders."

Michael Bird, Chairman of the Board said:

"Leeanne brings with her a wealth of experience in the financial services industry, most recently serving as Assistant Managing Director and acting Managing Director. With a proven track record of leadership, innovation, and a deep commitment to customer service excellence, she is well-positioned to lead our Bank into its next chapter of growth. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to excellence as we continue to deepen our relationships with our customers and start an exciting new chapter."

The Board and Staff of the Bank offer their congratulations to Leeanne on her appointment and wish her every success as she continues to drive the Bank into the future.



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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS AND UPGRADES FOR ALL GOVERNMENT LANDLORD PROPERTIES

St Helena Government (SHG) is inviting Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified contractors to undertake essential electrical safety inspections and, where needed, subsequent upgrades across its social Housing portfolio, which comprises approximately 176 properties.

Phase 1: Electrical Installation Testing and Reporting

Works for this phase should include a comprehensive electrical installation test, incorporating a visual inspection test in accordance with Appendix G, of the IET 18th Edition Wiring Regulation (BS7671). The contractor must provide a detailed Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR), complete with a generic schedule of test results.

Phase 2: Electrical Rewires and Upgrades

Electrical Rewires and any necessary upgrades are to be completed as proposed or recommended in the Electrical Installation Condition Report from Phase 1.

For any full electrical rewire, an Electrical Installation Certificate (EIC), issued by a qualified electrician. This certificate serves as confirmation that the work meets BS7671 safety standards and Building Regulations.

For further information, please contact the Chief Housing Officer, Melissa Fowler, on tel: 22270 or via email: melissa.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh.

The closing date for Expressions of Interest to be submitted is 12:00 on Monday, 07 July 2025, and should be addressed to Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, Top Floor of the Post Office Building, Jamestown.



INVITATION TO TENDER

REPLACE ASBESTOS ROOFING AT LONGWOOD CLINIC

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contract:

SSHA4-2025/26 – Replace Asbestos Roofing at Longwood Clinic

A site visit to view the works will take place on Monday, 30 June 2025, at 10:00, meeting at the Clinic, Longwood.

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

Copies of the tender document and further details can be obtained from the Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, located at the Top Floor, Post Office Building, Jamestown on telephone no: 25932 or via email through tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Monday, 07 July 2025, clearly marked with the tender number.

Interested parties should note that this opportunity is not being advertised overseas.

Football Stars died in car crash in Spain

Yesterday morning, the world was alerted to the sad and tragic news that Liverpool forward #20 Diogo Jota tragically passed away alongside his brother, Andre Silva, in a car crash on the morning of July 3.

Jota's brother, Andre, also died in the crash, which happened at around 00:30 local time (23:30 BST), said the Guardia Civil in Spain.

The car, a Lamborghini, was travelling on the A-52 in the Zamora when it left the road due to a tyre blow out while overtaking, crashing and setting the car alight.

Jota married his long-term partner Rute Cardoso, with whom he had three children, just 11 days ago married on June 22.



In a statement, Liverpool FC said:

“Liverpool Football Club are devastated by the tragic passing of Diogo Jota.

“The club have been informed the 28-year-old has passed away following a road traffic accident in Spain along with his 26-year-old brother, Andre.

“Liverpool FC will be making no further comment at this time and request the privacy of Diogo and Andre’s family, friends, teammates and club staff is respected as they try to come to terms with an unimaginable loss.

“We will continue to provide them with our full support.”

Tributes have been coming from across the football world and beyond.

Fans have been leaving their own tributes outside of Anfield following the news of Diogo Jota's death.

Flowers, scarves and more have been laid, made even more poignant with Jota's own appearance on the outside of the stadium.



Premier League posted on X "Everyone at the Premier League is shocked and devastated to learn of the tragic passing of Diogo Jota and his brother Andre. Our sincerest condolences go to Diogo's family, friends, Liverpool FC, and all their supporters at this heartbreaking time. Football has lost a champion who will be forever missed. We will continue to support our friends and colleagues at the club."

Wolvers, Jota former club before moving to Liverpool posted "Diogo was adored by our fans, loved by his teammates and cherished by everyone who worked with him during his time at Wolves. The memories he created will never be forgotten.

Our hearts go out to the family, friends and loved ones of Diogo and his brother, Andre.

You will be truly missed, and always remembered"



Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo, who played alongside Jota, wrote on social media: "It doesn't make sense. Just now we were together in the national team, you had just got married."

Five-time Ballon d'Or winner Ronaldo sent his condolences to Jota's family, wife and children, and added: "I know you will always be with them. Rest in Peace, Diogo e Andre. We will miss you."

A UEFA statement said: "UEFA announces that a moment of silence will be observed at all of today's and tomorrow's UEFA Women's EURO 2025 matches in memory of Portugal international and Liverpool FC forward Diogo Jota and his brother André Silva who tragically passed away today."

Belgium face Italy at 5pm at the tournament in Switzerland on Thursday before Spain and Portugal meet at 8pm.

Friday sees games between Denmark and Sweden and Germany and Poland.

The St Helena Football Association held a committee meeting on Monday 30th June to discuss the upcoming season.

Secretary of the SHFA Kyle Yon reported to the St Helena Independent that the upcoming season has been postponed due to entrance fees still outstanding.

It is still yet to be confirmed how many teams will participate in this year's season but it is hopeful there will be six.

Indy Blue posted on social media on 1st July, a few more players are needed to get the 2025 season up and running, so if you are interested then please get in touch with him or any of the committee members but bearing in mind the League won't begin until all teams have paid their entrance fee of £300.00 per team.

More on this as it progresses.



St Helena Football Association
Charity No : C0026

LOCAL SPORTS

Women's Volleyball League Results and Fixtures

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE RESULTS 29 JUNE 2025		
 ACE ANGELS LOM: CERY'S JOSHUA	25 - 16	NET NINJAS YLOM: BETHANY BENNETT
 VOLLEY VIXENS LOM: CLARE HARRIS	25 - 20	NO DIG'GITY
25 - 15		
22 - 25		
15 - 8		
FORFEITED		
DIG THAT	N/A	ACE ANGELS
 NO DIG'GITY LOM: CHLOE THOMAS	25 - 17	NET NINJAS
25 - 13		



VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE TABLE						
POSITION	TEAM	GP	W	L	F	POINTS
1	ACE ANGELS	8	8	0	0	24
2	NO DIGGITY	8	5	3	0	18
3	VOLLEY VIXENS	8	4	4	0	16
4	NET NINJAS	8	3	5	0	14
5	DIG THAT	8	0	6	2	6

MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



	BRIGHT SKY 251211	GREEN MOUNTAIN 251213	GOLDEN KAROO 251216
Immingham	10-May	14-Jun	12-Jul
	KAROLINE 251706	KAROLINE 251707	KAROLINE 251708
Cape Town	14-Jun	20-Jul	21-Aug
Rupert's Bay	22-Jun	28-Jul	29-Aug
Ascension Island	-	02-Aug	-
	KAROLINE 251806	KAROLINE 251807	KAROLINE 251808
Cape Town	07-Jul	18-Aug	11-Sep

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