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New Ascension Island Council

On Thursday, July 3, 2025, 207 of the 546 registered electors of Ascension Island headed to the polls to select 7 members for the Ascension Island Council.

This year's election interested 8 candidates with only 7 seats to be filled.

Polling stations closed at 8pm with candidates and their supporters all seated at the Court House eagerly awaiting for the start of the count and outcome of the days votes.

The full breakdown of votes and percentages were as follows:

Eugene Leroy Bennett: 145 votes (16%)

Thomas Tyson George Hickling: 140 votes (15%)

Laura Marie Shearer: 130 votes (14%)

Thomas Barnes: 119 votes (13%)

Michael Duncan Ross Ellick: 116 votes (13%)

Alan Herbert Nicholls: 111 votes (12%)

Ethan Duncan Bally: 89 votes (10%)

Andrew Barry Newsome: 73 votes (8%)



In accordance with the votes cast and the result the following individuals have been duly elected to serve on the Ascension Island Council:

Ethan Duncan Bally

Thomas Barnes

Eugene Leroy Bennett

Michael Duncan Ross Ellick

Thomas Tyson George Hickling

Alan Herbert Nicholls

Laura Marie Shearer



The 6 of newly elected Councillors were sworn in at the Court House in Georgetown on Tuesday afternoon, July 8, 2025.

It was reported that Laura Marie Shearer is currently off island and will be sworn in on her return.

Congratulations and all the best are extended to the new elected members.



Saints on International Arena in Orkney 2025

We are on the countdown to Orkney 2025 International Island Games which will take place from 12-18 July 2025.

Orkney had the privilege of hosting the 20th International Island Games in its landmark 40th year since it all began. This week-long event will see athletes from up to 24 island groups from across the world compete in 12 sports: Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Bowls, Cycling, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Sailing, Squash, Swimming, and Triathlon.

And the best news is that entry all these events is ABSOLUTELY FREE!



Athletic: Tyler Anthony

A team from St Helena made up of four athletes and officials, will compete in Athletics, Squash, and Swimming. Due to this games being self-funded by the participants and officials personally, Tyler Anthony who will represent us in Athletics left with his supporters was the first of the team to travel from St Helena, week behind them was Swimmer William Caswell and Team Official Christine Caswell, followed lastly by Team Leader Anne Dillion and Team Official Andy Cant.

Swimmer Stefan Thomas currently residing on Ascension Island and James Peters, currently in the UK who will be representing St Helena for the first time in Squash will join the remainder of the team in Orkney ahead of the start of the games.



Swimmer: William Caswell
Team Official: Christine Caswell



Team Leader: Anne Dillion
Team Official: Andy Cant



Swimmer: Stefan Thomas

To follow the teams' progress, follow the National Sports Association of St Helena page on Facebook for the latest updates.

We wish them the best of luck, safe travels, and unforgettable experiences in Orkney!



Squash Player: James Peters

A Huge Blow for Sure.

Negotiations between Sure and SHG falls under.



In a surprising turn of events, last Thursday St Helena Government released a press release regarding Sure's Licence Negotiations. It was revealed that, despite extensive efforts between the two parties, a new long-term licence with Sure concluded without an agreement.

Though no detailed explanation was revealed, it was down to a new licence that will, according to the press release, "maximise benefits from the Equiano submarine cable."

"Sure presented a substantial investment proposal for network infrastructure that would deliver superfast broadband capabilities aligned with agreed objectives," it said.

Yet despite heavy investment from both parties, neither of them agreed to acceptable terms before the cut-off on the 30th June.

According to the Press Release, "key challenges centred on balancing St Helena's long-term interests with commercial operating realities in a market that is experiencing rapid technology change."

It is well known by now that the Fibre Optic Project has been going on for quite some time. Although the island was utilising the Fibre Optic Cable back in October 2023, there are still works needed to improve our current infrastructure to ensure that the connection from the station to our homes is giving us the maximum benefits that the connection can produce. So, in order for the public to see the cable's improvements, Sure was granted an extended license, which was put into effect in January 2024 and was set to last for 18 months. Those 18 months have now concluded.

Despite an extension of their licence for 18 months, no significant or noticeable improvements have been made to our home network.

As of now, Sure's licence will continue under the 1989 Telecoms Ordinance. What happens next remains to be seen.

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available space.**

Commemorating our Paramedics

International Paramedics Day

As our unsung heroes on this island, they provide essential medical services since established in 2022, that most of us don't recognise. Even though Doctors and Nurses ensure that our medical problems are treated, it is the Paramedics that ensures that we require pre-hospital care and gets us to the hospital in a quick and orderly fashion. And yet, no pun intended, they don't be tooting their own horns, demanding recognition for their work. They do the job and get the job done.

Among the many other qualities of their work, over 571 ambulance calls were attended to in 2024/25, with 21 percent of patients seen to and treated at the scene. They provide first-aid cover for community events including the ever-popular St Helena's Day celebrations, Festival of Lights and cruise ship visits. Not only that, but they ensure that patients discharged from hospitals that requires transport return home safely.



Photo provided by SHG

To commemorate the vital role that they have on our community, the Ambulance Team hosted a Community Coffee Morning at the Hospital for International Paramedics Day, which took place on Tuesday 8th July. This event saw current and past ambulance staff as well as colleagues from across the government portfolios get together to celebrate this year's theme: Unity and Community at the Heart of Care.

In the official Press Release,

Emergency Operations Manager, Michael Gaga-Hale was quoted saying "I'm incredibly proud of my team. The dedication they've shown to developing the service, the pride they take in their work, and the effort they make each day to improve what we deliver is outstanding. Without our Emergency Medical Technicians and Emergency Care Assistants, we wouldn't have achieved the service we recognise today. Our sense of community as a team is what keeps us united."

It comes down to good teamwork, communications skills and professionalism that provides the service that we rely on. The Independent extends our thanks to those past, present and future Paramedics and thank them for all that they do.

FOOTBALL NIGHT AT MPA

Contributed by Sarah 'Gordie' Thomas of MPA, Falklands Island

Last week was a sad and sorrowful one for the football community worldwide and the Falkland Island had planned to celebrate a Football Shirt night on the weekend and in corporate in taking the opportunity to remember and honour Liverpool No 20 Diogo Jota and his brother Andre Sivila who was tragically taken away from the football world two days before.

See an account of the event from co-organiser Sarah 'Gordie' Thomas

One evening whilst sitting over drinks, Mrs. Virginia Richards suggested that a Football Shirt Night would be a splendid idea to organize before the new season commences, which I was delighted to offer my assistance.

Those who know me well know my knowledge of football is quite limited. I must admit, I am not well-versed in the intricacies of the game. Terms like "corner," "offside," and "foul play" are somewhat foreign to me. Though, I anticipate some good-natured ribbing if Liverpool experiences a loss.

The bar was decorated for the occasion and a memory corner was on display for the two footballers.



As you know a lot of rivalry goes on amongst fans but on this occasion all fans present put their rivalry aside and join in showing their respect to Diogo Jota and his brother Andre by observing a two-minute silence to honour the two players who tragically passed away that week.

Following this, a small presentation took place, where a Liverpool supporter was presented with a small cup. One might speculate that it could be some time before they lift that cup again. Another 30 years.

Subsequently, Liverpool supporters took to the floor, joyfully dancing to their anthem, "You'll Never Walk Alone." All in all it was a great night.



THE LAST WORD? ANOTHER NON-ANSWER FROM WESTMINSTER

From our UK Correspondent

When I last reported, the most recent Written Question tabled at Westminster by Andrew Rosindell concerning Saint Helena was still awaiting a reply. Readers will recall that it took the form of a Further Pursuant Question as the Minister had avoided answering both the original one and a Pursuant one which asked 'how many constitutions of the Overseas Territories other than Saint Helena contain a provision that gives their governor special responsibility for finance'. The answer to this was 'some', which as I pointed out previously can hardly be an answer to a question asking 'how many?'. The correct answer is, I am informed, 'none'. The tireless Mr Rosindell then tabled the following question on 19 June:

QUESTION: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 18 June 2025 to Question 58607 on Saint Helena: Politics and Government, how many of those constitutions include a provision for special responsibility for finance being vested in the Governor; and for what reason such wording is retained in the Constitution of Saint Helena in the context of its ministerial system of government.

The 'Answer' was finally given on 27 June.

ANSWER: Each Overseas Territory's constitution is unique. In relation to the 2021 amendment to the Constitution of Saint Helena, the Governor, in concert with the Legislative Council, commissioned an independent review of governance arrangements by the Westminster Foundation of Democracy. The findings are now with the Legislative Council for consideration and to determine if further constitutional amendment is required.

So the question, 'how many?' seems destined to remain unanswered, kicked into the long grass. It must be doubted that the Clerks at Table will allow yet another Pursuant Question in an attempt to elicit an answer. Although the review referred to was placed before the Legislative Council prior to its dissolution there was little chance for it to determine anything at that late stage. However, it is comforting to hear that when it sits again, probably with a number of new Members who played no part in commissioning the review, it will have the power to 'determine if further constitutional amendment is required': I had thought that amendment of the Constitution was a matter to be determined by the Privy Council.

Incidentally, the correct name is the Westminster Foundation for Democracy'. My emphasis.

Ageways and League of Friends

QUIZ NIGHT

Godfathers Rock Club
Quiz Master: Gavin Jack

Fri 25th July Teams of 6
£2 per person
Quiz Starts at 7PM

On sale from 6pm
Chicken & chips or fish & chips
Contact Melvyn 23395 to reserve your order

Register your team by Wed 23rd July
Contact: Natalie 62927
Email agewayssthelena@gmail.com



Solomons Increases Insurance Costs

Last week, it was reported by The Sentinel that Solomons had increased their Insurance costs by a estimated 200%. This week, the Independent got in contact with Solomons for further information and clarity. On Thursday morning, we received a response:

"[...]there was an increase in the cost of Travel and Visitors Medical insurance cover available from Solomon & Company Plc. This was effective 1 July 2025.

As insurers we continuously review our premium rates through loss ratios, hence the recent increase."

From what we understand, this affects Travel and Visitors Medical insurance at an estimated 230% increase.

New Leadership Team for St Helena Tourism

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The St Helena Tourism Board has announced key leadership appointments that signal a strong strategic approach to sustainable, experience-driven tourism on one of the most extraordinary – and remote – islands in the world.

Jonathan Passaportis assumes the role of Head of Tourism from outgoing incumbent Matt Joshua, while Sebastian Stent joins as Senior Marketing Manager for the St Helena Government, bringing complementary expertise in destination marketing and digital innovation to advance the island's tourism objectives, grow visitor numbers, strengthen local tourism businesses, and showcase the island's rich history, natural beauty, and cultural identity on the global stage.

Zimbabwean-born Passaportis is an accomplished tourism entrepreneur with over 18 years of experience in tourism, agriculture and sustainable development in destinations across Southern Africa and Argentina. He is best known as the founder and managing director of Bushman Rock Safaris in Zimbabwe, which he helped grow into one of the country's leading destinations for weddings, conferences, and safari experiences.

With a background in both journalism (including as head of digital at Media 24) and filmmaking, Stent now combines his big tech experience at Naspers, Meta and Opera with a passion for community-focused technology and the implementation of sustainable development initiatives.

This dynamic partnership marks a pivotal moment for St Helena – a subtropical paradise in the South Atlantic that has quietly been building its reputation as the ultimate destination for adventurous, culturally curious travellers seeking authentic experiences beyond the beaten path.

Both Passaportis and Stent are excited to work with niche operators and agents to develop packages and itineraries that appeal to today's travellers – and really showcase what makes St Helena Island unique: its living history, unparalleled biodiversity, and the warmest welcome anywhere in the world.



St. Helena stands at a crossroads. While the world rapidly digitizes, our island's young people face a choice: embrace technological transformation or risk being left behind. The question isn't whether technology will reshape education and careers—it's whether we'll lead that change or struggle to catch up.

The Infrastructure Foundation We Need

St. Helena must prioritize robust digital infrastructure as urgently as we once needed the airport. Reliable, high-speed internet connectivity should be treated as essential infrastructure, not a luxury. The island needs to invest in fiber To The Home (FTTH), and backup systems that ensure consistent connectivity for all schools and homes.

Without this foundation, our students will continue to experience interrupted online lessons, failed video conferences with international teachers, and limited access to digital resources that their global peers take for granted.

Schools Must Become Innovation Hubs

Our educational institutions need comprehensive digital transformation. Every classroom should have functional interactive whiteboards, Chromebooks for students, and teachers trained in modern educational technology. But hardware alone isn't enough—we need curriculum reform that integrates coding, digital literacy, and creative technology use across all subjects.

St. Helena Secondary School should establish partnerships with leading international schools for virtual exchange programs. Primary schools must introduce computational thinking from the earliest grades. We need a dedicated STEM centre where students can experiment with robotics, 3D printing, and emerging technologies.

Creating Tomorrow's Workforce Today

The island must develop a coordinated strategy for digital career preparation. We need to establish a Technology Training Institute offering courses in web development, digital marketing, cybersecurity, and remote work skills. This institute should partner with international tech companies to provide certification programs and internship opportunities.

Local businesses must embrace digital transformation and create technology-based employment opportunities. The government should offer incentives for companies that hire young people in tech roles or sponsor digital skills training programs.

Building a Digital Economy

St. Helena needs an economic development plan that positions technology as a key growth sector. We should create a business incubator specifically for tech start-ups, offering mentorship, funding, and international market access. The island could become a hub for digital nomads and remote workers, generating revenue while exposing our young people to global business practices.

Tourism, our primary industry, must fully embrace digital innovation. We need virtual reality experiences showcasing island heritage, AI-powered tour guides, and digital platforms connecting visitors with local services. These initiatives would create tech jobs while enhancing our tourism offering.



Bridging the Digital Divide

The island cannot afford to leave any young person behind. We need a comprehensive digital inclusion program ensuring every family has access to high-speed internet and devices. This might require government subsidies, community technology centres, and partnerships with telecommunications providers.

Teacher Training and Support

Our teachers need intensive professional development in educational technology. We should establish partnerships with UK universities to provide online teacher training programs. Every teacher should be proficient in digital tools, online pedagogy, and virtual classroom management.

Community Engagement and Support

Parents and community members must understand technology's importance for their children's futures. We need digital literacy programs for adults, community workshops on supporting online learning, and clear communication about how technology enhances rather than replaces traditional education.

Local businesses should sponsor technology initiatives, provide internships, and create mentorship programs connecting young people with technology professionals worldwide.

Partnerships for Progress

St. Helena cannot transform alone. We need strategic partnerships with international educational institutions, technology companies, and development organizations. These partnerships should focus on knowledge transfer, funding support, and creating pathways for our students to access global opportunities.

The island should explore twinning arrangements with technologically advanced communities, joint degree programs with overseas universities, and corporate partnerships that provide real-world project opportunities for students.

The Innovation Mindset

Most importantly, we must cultivate an innovation mindset across the island. This means encouraging experimentation, accepting that failure is part of learning, and celebrating creative problem-solving. We need to show young people that they can be creators of technology, not just consumers.

The digital revolution won't wait for St. Helena to catch up. Every month of delay means our young people fall further behind their global peers. We need coordinated action from government, schools, businesses, and families to ensure that technology becomes a bridge to opportunity rather than a barrier.

The choice is clear: invest boldly in digital transformation today, or watch our young people's opportunities diminish tomorrow. St. Helena's future depends on the decisions we make now about technology, education, and career preparation. Our island has always been defined by its ability to adapt and survive in challenging circumstances. Now we must adapt to thrive in a digital world—and give our young people the tools they need to succeed anywhere on the planet. *The time for planning is over. The time for action is now.*

Till Next Time, keep Well

11th
The Rock Christian Fellowship invites you to our:

ANNIVERSARY Celebrations

Celebrate 11 years of ministry with us at our special Sunday afternoon Service! With special guest, Pastor Hebert Mahuni from Every Home for Christ (EHC) South Africa!



THEME: DIVINE ACCELERATION
3 PM | SUNDAY | 13TH JULY
TRCF CENTRE, LONGWOOD AVENUE

Amos 9v13: "The time will come," says the Lord, "when the grain and grapes will grow faster than they can be harvested. Then the terraced vineyards on the hills of Israel will drip with sweet wine!"

VBS COMING SOON!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

18th - 22nd August, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
SDA Church Hall, Jamestown

Crafts
Bible Stories
Singing
Games



Snacks & Drinks Provided  **Boys & Girls aged 3-11 years**

Limited space available! so to register your child, please complete the form via the QR code or the web link, by 18th July. For more information call Bronia on 24969.




Diocese of St Helena

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
Thursday 17th July		
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
Tuesday 15th July		
7.00 p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark

Baha'i Faith

'My love has made in thee its home, it cannot be concealed. My light is manifest to thee, it cannot be obscured.'

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



Another sad loss for St Helena's national bird: Monitored Wirebird found dead

Over the weekend a dead Wirebird (St Helena Plover) was found—one of the flagged individuals currently being monitored as part of ongoing conservation efforts. The cause of death is yet to be determined, but the loss highlights the ongoing pressures facing this critically endangered species and the delicate balance required to sustain the population.

The most recent population count for 2025 recorded just over 600 adult birds, a slight decline from previous years. With a small population, every individual counts. The death of a monitored bird is a significant setback for conservation efforts, especially when it involves a juvenile lost before it has had the chance to breed and contribute to future generations.

The Trust works in partnership with RSPB/ St Helena Government, has been tracking flagged birds to monitor and gather critical data on their movement, breeding success, and survival. This information is essential in understanding how best to protect the species.

Wirebirds face numerous threats, including habitat disturbance, predation, and collisions with vehicles. This latest incident is a reminder of the importance of remaining vigilant, especially in Wirebird habitats such as the Millennium Forest, Bottom Woods, Deadwood Plain, and Prosperous Bay.

Wirebirds are known to bathe in shallow pools of water, such as roadsides puddles – especially during the rainy season. The airport road, which passes through key Wirebird territory, becomes particularly hazardous during wet weather attract birds, as puddles attract the birds and increase the risk of vehicle collision. Drivers are urged to be aware of these birds, to be vigilant and drive with caution.

During the last rainy season, over 15 Wirebirds – roughly 3% were killed as a result of traffic-related incidents. Most of these incidents were not reported at the time and were only discovered later by monitoring teams. This highlights the need for the public to remain alert and report any such occurrences.

What can you do to help?

- Drive slowly and carefully near known Wirebird sites
- Keep dogs on leads in sensitive areas
- Report any sightings of injured, dead, or flagged birds
- Help spread awareness about our national bird

Together, we can make a difference in protecting this unique and fragile part of St Helena's natural heritage.

To report a sighting or incident, contact the St Helena National Trust on dennis.leo@trust.org.sh, 22569



Photo: Example of flagged Wirebird at Horse Point (white flag on right leg)

The Wirebird is a protected species under the Environmental Protection Ordinance (EPO) 2016, and it is therefore an offence to **knowingly** wound or kill Wirebirds or any other protected animal. Anyone found guilty of doing so could face a fine of up to £50,000 or imprisonment.

#StHelena #Wirebirds #ProtectTheWirebird

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PORTFOLIO ISSUES SCHEDULE OF FEES 2024/25 FOR OVERSEAS VISITORS

The Health and Social Care Portfolio has adopted the following schedule of fees, effective 28 May 2025, for individuals who visit St Helena and who are subject to a Short Term Entry Permit (STEP/holiday visa).

It is a requirement of entry for the purposes of immigration that all Short Term Entry Permit (or holiday visa) holders possess valid travel insurance; hold insurance from a St Helena provider; or have sufficient means to cover medical costs. These fees apply to individuals who visit St Helena either for the purposes of a vacation, day trip, visiting for the purposes of business or work (and not to take up residence in the course of that employment for up to, and including, 183 days) or as part of a medical emergency attendance such as a passing vessel medical emergency.

Specific exemptions to these fees are:

Any individual

- Who takes up direct employment with the Government of St Helena
- Who obtains a Long Term Entry Permit (LTEP) (or work permit) for a non-government employer in excess of 183 days

- Who was born, registered or naturalised in St Helena; or
- Who was adopted in St Helena; or
- Who is a dependent, spouse, or long term partner of someone who was born, registered or naturalised in St Helena; or who was adopted in St Helena

These individuals will be charged at the rate applied to residents.

Additionally, in line with the UK reciprocal agreement of 11 May 2023, any individual visiting St Helena for any purpose as outlined above

- Who was born, registered or naturalised in United Kingdom; and
- Who is a British passport holder

Remains eligible for medical treatment at the rate charged to residents (dentistry excluded), up to and including any requirement for overseas medical evacuation. Access to elective overseas medical referrals is only available to those individuals who hold St Helenian status.

The Schedule of Fees 2024/25 and Criteria of Application of Overseas Fees – Decision Matrix can be viewed on the SHG website at <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/portfolios/health/>.



Tax Reminder

All Employees and persons
receiving employment related income,
please be advised of the following
Tax Due Date for the 2024/25 tax year

**Thursday
31 July
2025**

Last day for submitting *Annual Income Tax Returns* (P50)
if the PAYE tax deducted from your income for the 2024/25 tax year
is greater than the tax that should have been deducted.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples of when PAYE tax deductions may be greater: income received for part of the tax year; several sources of income; or personal contributions were made to the MiSaint Pension Plan Scheme. • PAYE Tax deductions will be recorded on your <i>Certificate of Income and Tax Deducted</i> (P60 or P5) which you should have received from your employer in April 2025. • Contact us if you require guidance on calculating PAYE tax due. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Income Tax Returns can be obtained by e-mailing kaelyn.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh or alternatively, visit the Income Tax Office. • File Annual Income Tax Returns as instructed on this form, by 31 July 2025. • A separate return is not required if you were in receipt of other income and filed an Annual Income Tax Return by the 30 June 2025 due date. |
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For clarification on whether you need to complete the Annual Income Tax Return or to find out more about the PAYE system:

Contact us	Tele. No. 25880 e-mail: pamela.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh Income Tax Office, 1st Floor, Post Office Building, Main Street, Jamestown
Visit our webpage	https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/public-services/income-tax/ Refer to Tax Guide No.13 – Employers Guide to PAYE.

'Restoring a globally significant Cloud Forest'

News from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project



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

Today we encourage you to check out the incredible findings detailed in the St Helena Cloud Forest Project Year 4 Climate and Water Resource Report, put together by our expert Water Team! (<https://sthelenatourism.com/shcfp-climate-and-water-resource-year-4-report/>)

A critical focus area under the project's water pillar - to secure the Island's water security and inform and improve St Helena's climate change adaptation efforts - is water and climate monitoring, data collection, and research through innovative techniques, many of which have been utilised on St Helena for the very first time through our project.



Our Water Team have compiled the key findings during Year 4. This comprehensive 88-page document comprises a report on the Year 4 objectives relating to the continuous water resource and climate monitoring data, the Island's water balance, as well as climate change assessment, with detailed information alongside visual aids such as charts, graphs, photos and maps, giving readers a thorough understanding of St Helena's updated water resources after Y4 of the St Helena Cloud Forest Project.

A special thanks and well done to our Water Team for their work in compiling this insightful and informative Water Report.

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

Scan the QR Codes below for quick access to:

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Thanks are extended from The Chapel warden and Sides-persons from the St Helena & The Cross church to all who attended the coffee morning held on Saturday 21st June at the Blue Hill Community Centre.

Thanks also to those who donated so generously towards the Raffle prizes and tea Refreshments.

And we cannot forget Vincent and his lively musicians for the enjoyable entertainment throughout the morning, thanks for getting everyone in the dancing mood Vincent!!

It was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all! The amount raised from the coffee morning was £375.00

Once again many thanks to you all and God bless!

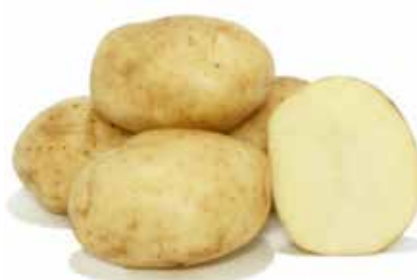


Thorpe's

Seed Potato Refund

Due to issues with seed potato on MAC15, Thorpe's are refunding all customers. Please visit Thorpe's Wholesale store before the 1st August 2025 for a refund. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Contact Melanie Williams in Thorpe's Wholesale store on 22393 or wholesale@thorpes.sh





Jamestown, St Helena STHL 1ZZ
Registered No. 7 Charities Ordinance

From Disability to Ability: Local Charity Embraces New Name and Mission

We are pleased to announce that the charity formerly known as “The Disabled Society” has officially changed its name to ****Saint Abilities****.

Disability is not a choice, and living with a disability often comes with unique challenges and extra costs—sometimes unseen or misunderstood. At Saint Abilities, we believe that understanding these challenges is the first step to meaningful support and inclusion.

Why the Change?

This new name focuses on the ability of persons with disabilities, rather than focusing solely on their limitations. Our belief that every individual has strengths, talents, and abilities that deserve to be acknowledged and supported. Saint Abilities emphasizes their commitment to support individuals, champion inclusion and promote dignity and respect—core values that guide our mission.

Our Focus

Saint Abilities is dedicated to: - Creating a more inclusive and accessible community for all, - Highlighting and supporting the abilities of persons with disabilities, - Making the systems work for persons with disabilities, - More accessible parking bays and access to public transport for persons with disabilities.

It is essential that people with disabilities are actively consulted and included in the development of all policies that affect them - truly embodying the principle of disability - “nothing about us, without us”.

A Disabilities Register

We want to better support the people with disabilities on St Helena. To do this, we are making a confidential list of people with disabilities. This list will help us understand what you need, find out what you’re missing, and give you the right support. By joining, you let us talk with you directly about your needs and concerns in confidence. If you want to be included, or you know someone who would benefit then email SaintAbilities.sthena@gmail.com or telephone Wendy Anthony 63119.

Let’s work together to create a more accessible and inclusive St Helena, where abilities are celebrated and everyone can participate fully on an equal basis in community life.

Every Space Has Its Place - Let Disabled Bays Do Their Job

We would like to remind all motorists that disabled parking bays in Jamestown are only for individuals who have been issued a disabled parking badge. These dedicated spaces are vital for providing people with disabilities convenient access to the main facilities in our town.

We kindly ask that non-badge holders respect these designated spaces and avoid parking in them. By leaving them free, you help ensure that those who genuinely need easier access can get it without unnecessary obstacles.

At this time, no new disabled parking badges will be issued while the scheme is under review. We appreciate your understanding and ongoing support as we work to improve accessibility for everyone in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

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

For further information contact:

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

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Please note applicants must be resident on St Helena at the time of applying

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.

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JULY OPENING HOURS

Main Branch*

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

Airport Kiosk

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

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

*The Business Banking Station is open Monday to Friday, 09:30 - 13:30.



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Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc

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Tel: 290 22380, Email: generalenquiries@solomons.co.sh
Web: www.solomons-sthelena.com

Prosperity Through Partnership

FOR SALE BY TENDER

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for "sale by tender" a Vauxhall Astra Hatchback Formerly registered as vehicle number 1277

This vehicle has been damaged as a result of a road traffic accident and will be offered on an "as is, where is basis", with no warrantee given or guarantee implied. Viewing has been set for Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 10am and persons interested in viewing should, in the first instance, contact Solomon's Insurance Office on telephone number 22860.

Offers should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating the registration number on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Monday 21 July 2025.

07 July 2025

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

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, advise 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

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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)

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

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.

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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

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

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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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

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

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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 £11,091 per annum progressing to £11,604 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

Benefits

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VACANCY



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

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.

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Market Street, Jamestown



Bank of St Helena Ltd

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



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

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



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KNOCKOUT RESULTS 06 JULY 2025		
 ACE ANGELS	25 - 10	DIG THAT
LOM: DANIELLE BENJAMIN		
 VOLLEY VIKENS	18 - 25	NET NINJAS
	9 - 25	
LOM: EMMA BENNETT YLM: WHITNEY YOUNG		
 NO DIG'GITY	21 - 25	ACE ANGELS
	26 - 24	
	15 - 10	
LOM: CERYS JOSHUA		

Knockout Results



Knockout Fixtures

The St Helena Football Association 2025 Football Season has confirmed there are six teams in the 2025 upcoming season which is due to start this weekend.

The Teams are as follows:

Rovers captained by Rico Benjamin

Wirebirds captained by Dylan Stevens

Bellboys captained by Shane Benjamin

La Verde captained by Jordan Yon

Fugees captained by Travis Yon-Samuel

Intergalactic captained by Cryuff Buckley

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 there will be great action on Francis Plain.

Fixtures

Saturday 12th July @2pm - Rovers vs La Verde

Sunday 13th July @ 1:30pm - Intergalactic vs Bellboys

Sunday 13th July @ 3:30pm - Wirebirds vs Fugees