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Twenty-Three Total - Who's Got Your Vote?

"I am always keen to get more money into people's pockets so that they can make their own choices..."

"I will bring leadership, strategic direction and decisive decision making for the betterment of the island..."

"When we fix the foundations together, we're not just building infrastructure - we're building trust, opportunity, and a future shaped by all of us..."



**Ian Todd to
become New Head
of Public Works**

*Susan O'Bey to Retire in
October*



**Team Titan's
on Show to
St Helena**



Hello everyone

My name is Ronald Coleman and I am letting you all know that I am making myself available again as a Candidate for Legislative Council to represent you the people of St Helena to be your Councillor.

I would like to continue to be your spokesperson, speaking up for you and your island on all the issues that we are going to face in the years ahead.

St Helena is going to be facing many challenges and many people will have many ideas but without a good debate and consultation with the people some of the ideas may not be of any benefit to St Helena or more importantly of any benefit to our people and if we are not careful can make things worse and our people will continue to suffer.

Yes many people on St Helena are suffering and many find it hard to make end meet as they say. And this is true about the cost of living as for some, money

is so hard to come by and for some there is no assistance. In today's world everything is about money and for St Helena it's no exception, the prices of things are always going up – prices of food items like our daily bread, fresh meat and fish, local grown fresh vegetables, fuel, transport, a drop of fresh water, electricity and the internet to name but a few but very essential for living and leading a basic life.

It would seem that nothing much is getting better but I will always be there looking out and speaking on the peoples behalf ensuring that what the Government of the day want to introduce will be for the good of the island and more importantly improve the quality of life for our people and where there is need support for the vulnerable and those really in need and making sure no one is left behind.

Here are some other important areas:

Improvement in the Health and Social Care must continue and people cannot wait years to get the professional help from overseas.

Education Standards need to continue for our children and young people.

Additional Affordable Houses is also needed for those who cannot afford to build their own and we need to look after those houses that we have.

What about local produce – more support is need for Farmers – we have the lands so we can't continue to run out of potatoes and onions.

Another thing close to my heart is the local fishing industry – we need to get this moving again and have a viable fishing economy.

So there is so much to be done; and there are quite a few people running in this election but it is you the people that have to come out and VOTE and pick who you think will take the island forward, improving your quality of life and ensure no one is left behind. We are also looking for those who will keep our people out of poverty and keep the people in their heart in whatever they do.

I am always keen to get more money into people's pockets so that they can make their own choices, so one of the things I will be championing if elected, is to get the Income Tax Threshold Raised from the £7000 which we have had for the last decade which should help everyone including those in the Private Sector.

So put your trust in me if you need a voice and **VOTE for Ronald Coleman X** on Polling Day championing a better future for all. Thank you.

Susan O'Bey To Retire in October

UK Parliamentary Watch Dog Chief to Take Over

The Governor announced this week that Susan O'Bey will retire as Chief Secretary in October. Her successor, to be known as the Head of Public Service is due to take up his duties on 3rd November.

The new Head of Public Service is Ian Todd. Mr Todd also leaves his current job as interim chief executive of the UK Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA) in October. He will have held that position for exactly five years. Previous positions held include health, policing and legal services.

IPSA is responsible for setting the level of and paying MPs' annual salaries; paying the salaries of MPs' staff; drawing up, reviewing, and administering an MPs' allowances scheme; providing MPs with publicly available information relating to taxation issues; and determining the procedures for investigations and complaints relating to MPs. IPSA was established as a consequence on the Expenses Scandal which emerged in 2009. The scandal involved widespread misuse of allowances and expenses by British MPs. This led to public anger, numerous resignations, and significant changes in how Parliament operates. The scandal exposed a perceived culture of entitlement and systemic wrongdoing, impacting public trust in politics. The creation of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA), ended self-regulation of MPs' pay and expenses.



Mr Todd said:

'I am delighted to be joining the Public Service on St Helena at such a crucial time for the island, with a new Legislative Council, Ministerial team and Attorney General. This creates a pivotal opportunity, working with HE the Governor, to enhance and progress the great changes already underway to make St Helena an even better place to live, work and visit. I'm already looking forward to getting started.'

In making this announcement, the Governor said:

I am particularly pleased Ian has extensive experience of working closely the UK Parliament as I am sure it will help us to build on the Governance Review, the purpose of which is to assist Legislative Council in deepening the implementation of a ministerial form of government.'

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by 1pm on Wednesdays.
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SHG Does It – Everyone Else Says DON'T!

Last week SHG announced the latest in a series of similar announcements – they were going to do more tree topping this week, at the Duke of Edinburgh Wasteland.

The announcement claimed, “Tree topping will reduce the height and spread of the tree canopies to a manageable size in order to lower the risk of property damage and personal injury to those who live, work, or use the area.”

That’s not what everyone else in the tree pruning business says.

It is so easy to find information which strongly advises exactly the opposite.

The experts give plenty of good reasons why tree topping is the worst way to prune a tree.

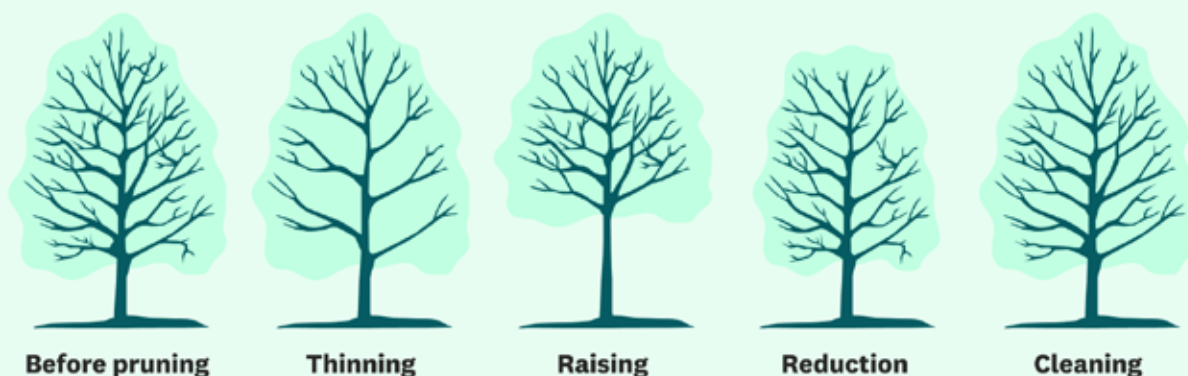
- severe topping can lead to tree death
- The new sprouts that grow after topping are weakly attached and prone to breaking off
- Topping results in an unnatural, often unsightly appearance, drastically altering the tree’s natural form.
- Topped trees often respond by rapidly producing numerous new shoots, which can quickly grow back to the tree’s original size or even larger.

Apart from plenty of reasons being given for why tree topping is a big no-no, there is also plenty of information on proper methods for pruning trees so they remain strong and healthy. After all, weak or dying branches that can grow after tree topping does not fit well with SHG’s stated aim to lower the risk of property damage and personal injury to those who live, work, or use the area.

Sometimes the preferred method is tree removal and replacement with a more suitable species for the location.



Tree pruning methods



The Titans Land Here Tomorrow



Arriving here tomorrow are The Titans, the victorious South African professional cricket team whose trophy cabinet creaks under the weight of silverware. In addition to domestic victories, several players compete in the Indian Premier League, the first and most successful franchise cricket league. The full squad and coaching staff are here for a week. They will be holding an intensive pre-season training camp on Francis Plain and participating in several community engagements.

Also called the Sky Blues, the Titans full, official name is Momentum Multiply Titans; their main sponsor is Momentum Multiply, a health, wellness and insurance provider.

The schedule for the Titan's community engagement is: -

- Sunday, 24 August: The team will attend the Annual Scouts' Sports Day to participate in the traditional event.
- Monday, 25 August: The Titans will hold a cricket session with the St Helena Cricket Association (SHCA). A simultaneous Sports Videography Masterclass will be held with Derek Alberts from SuperSport, covering the theory and practice of sports content creation.
- Tuesday, 26 August: The Titans will join New Horizons Youth Club for youth-focused activities in the morning before undertaking the iconic Jacob's Ladder Challenge in the afternoon.
- Thursday, 28 August: The team will return to the pitch for another session with the SHCA, providing local players with a valuable opportunity to hone their skills alongside professional athletes.

Complete List of Candidates for General Election

Twenty-three candidates will stand for election on Wednesday 3rd September. Eleven of the councillors elected to the previous Legislative Council are putting themselves forward for re-election. Christine Scipio is the only member of the last council who has decided to stand down.

Five candidates in this year's election have been councillors on previous Legislative Councils and the remaining seven are attempting to get elected for the first time.

The complete list of candidates to appear on the ballot paper in twelve days' time is, in alphabetical order: -

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A Life Changing Adventure is Just Weeks Away



St Helena has strong ties with Wavysail. What WavySail offers yachties is an important addition to the standard St Helena attractions for this sector of the travel market. For most yachties that come to St Helena, this island provides what it did historically for sailing ships. St Helena is what has been described as an Ocean Roadhouse. It is a stopping point, a place to rest, to re-stock supplies and complete running repairs on the vessel. For Wavysail travellers, St Helena is the destination. It is the high point of a four to seven week sailing adventure across the wide South Atlantic. The 2026 bookings show the 'epic adventures' from Cape Town to St Helena are filling faster than the rival epic adventures, Madagascar to Zanzibar or the Seychelles.

The Cream on the Cake

WavySail and SHG offers Saints the opportunity to experience this life-changing adventure on WavySail's Aurora, with all major costs paid for by the Open Oceans Fund. Skippered by an experienced skipper and first mate, it is not necessary to have previous sailing experience, the skipper and first mate provide the necessary training at the start of the adventure.

A successful application to the Open Oceans Fund means the following are paid for; -

Flight from St Helena to Cape Town

- Up to three nights of accommodation in Cape Town before departure
- A fully funded place on the Cape Town to St Helena voyage aboard Wavysail's yacht, Aurora.

The Wavysail voyage itself costs around £7,250 and includes a two-day stop at Lüderitz as you sail up the west coast of Africa to Namibia. You can explore the desert 'ghost' town of Kolmanskop while there.

Andrew Cowen, Co-founder of Wavysail with Wavy Immelman said:

"We established Wavysail to promote inclusive and sustainable ocean adventures, led by the world's top skippers. Our very first destination was St Helena, so our yacht, Aurora, is already a familiar sight to many on the island. We are proud to continue offering opportunities for people to experience everything St Helena has to offer."

APPLY NOW

Applications for the next Open Oceans Fund grant are now open and will close on 31 August 2025. Applicants must be at least 18 years old at the time of departure and must either live on St Helena or have a strong personal connection to the island. For complete details, terms and conditions, and to apply, please visit: www.wavysail.com/OpenOceans or email info@wavysail.com.

Wavysail is a UK-based adventure sailing company offering tailored, sustainable sailing experiences for individuals of all skill levels. Founded on a commitment to inclusivity and environmental responsibility, Wavysail provides exceptional hands-on sailing expeditions to some of the world's most breathtaking destinations. Its groundbreaking Open Oceans Fund continues to transform lives by enabling new audiences to experience the magic of sailing while ensuring the planet's protection for future generations. Visit www.wavysail.com for more information.



When Will They Get the Message?

Here is a selection of headlines from international media on just one day this week.

- Wildfire smoke far more dangerous than thought, say scientists
- Trees, homes, roads: how the sea is swallowing coastal villages in the Philippines
- Outdoor workers risk their lives during heatwaves. How many will die before politicians finally act?
- How can England possibly be running out of water?
- Early ripening of berries in UK shows nature is under stress, say experts

It's the same on any day. We all know wherever you look, it's just one environmental disaster after another. 'Rain Bomb' is a weather phenomenon first described as such in the 1940s. The flash floods which killed hundreds of people in Pakistan and India last week are said to be caused by rain bombs, otherwise known as microbursts; when localised and intense downpours fall from a massive rain cloud. They cause landslides which bury villages and wash away the people in it to their deaths, if they are not buried alive.

The 30th Climate Change Conference (COP 30) will be held in Brazil in November. The first, (COP1) was held in 1995. No one can claim these attempts to reverse the effects of climate change have been a great success - abject failures is closer to the truth. And so it seems to be with all attempts to contain the disastrous effects of man-made apocalypse. Another headline this week was 'A climate of unparalleled malevolence: are we on our way to the sixth major mass extinction?', followed by 'Churning quantities of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere at the rate we are going could lead the planet to another Great Dying'. Yes, during the Earth's long history mass extinctions were caused by catastrophic amounts of carbon being released into the atmosphere. Back in the day, it was thousands of volcanic eruptions that did it. Now, we have found ways to do it ourselves. Last Friday the world's representatives did it all over again, just to show how incompetent human beings can be. Once again negotiators left the plastic summit without a treaty, having failed to reach agreement in what was supposed to have been the final round of talks. The chair of the negotiating committee, wrote and presented two drafts of a treaty text based on the views expressed by the participants. The representatives from 184 countries did not agree to use either one as the basis for their negotiations. No further action was proposed at this stage on the latest drafts.

Small Islands Frustrated

Palau, speaking for 39 small island developing states (Sids), voiced frustration at repeatedly investing resources and personnel in such discussion and "repeatedly returning home with insufficient progress to show our people ... It is unjust for Sids to face the brunt of yet another global environmental crisis we contribute minimally to."

Representatives of Norway, Australia, Tuvalu and other countries said they were deeply disappointed to be leaving the plastic summit without a treaty. The European Union had higher expectations for this meeting, but while the draft fell short of demands, thought it would be a good basis for another negotiating session.

Petrostates Oppose Limits on Plastic Production

Powerful oil and gas producing countries and the plastics industry oppose production limits.



This turtle will probably not survive swimming in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch

When Will They Get the Message?

They want a treaty focused on better waste management and re-use. About 100 countries want to limit production. Many said it was also essential to address toxic chemicals used to make plastics. Saudi Arabia said both treaty drafts lacked balance, and Saudi and Kuwaiti negotiators said the latest proposal took other states' views more into account and addressed plastic production, which they considered outside the scope of the treaty. The biggest issue of the talks has been whether the treaty should impose caps on producing new plastic or focus instead on things such as better design, recycling and reuse.

Clearly, the world is million miles away from turning the tide on plastic pollution. Most countries said the drafts for the international treaty did not go far enough. They wanted to limit production as well as tackle cleanup and recycling. Many have said it's essential to address toxic chemicals. Oil-producing countries only want to try to control plastic waste. Oil-producing states said the text went too far for their liking. Oil-producing states, including Saudi Arabia, Russia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Iran, want the treaty to focus primarily on waste management. Kuwait, speaking for the group, said the text had "gone beyond our red lines", adding that "without consensus, there is no treaty worth signing". The petrostates made sure there was no consensus.

Every year, the world makes more than 400 million tonnes of new plastic, and that could increase by about 70% by 2040 without policy changes. Half of the 400 million tonnes is single-use plastic. About 100 countries want to limit production. Many said it was also essential to address toxic chemicals used to make plastics. The Plastic Pollution Coalition argues there is plenty of evidence that plastic recycling is not only failing to live up to its promises, it is also making plastic pollution worse. Nearly half, or 46 percent of plastic waste ends up in landfills, while 17 percent is incinerated and 22 percent is mismanaged and becomes rubbish.

The European Union said the draft treaty was "not acceptable" and lacked "clear, robust and actionable measures", while Kenya said there were "no global binding obligations on anything". Tuvalu, speaking for 14 developing Pacific Island states, said the draft risked producing a treaty "that fails to protect our people, culture and ecosystem from the existential threat of plastic pollution".

Britain called it a text that drives countries "towards the lowest common denominator", and Norway said it was "not delivering on our promise ... to end plastic pollution".

Bangladesh said the draft "fundamentally fails" to reflect the "urgency of the crisis", saying that it did not address the full life cycle of plastic items, nor their toxic chemical ingredients and their health impacts.

The Scientists' Coalition for an Effective Plastics Treaty repeated what is needed to find a solution. Science supported addressing the full lifecycle of plastics, beginning with extraction and production, and restricting some chemicals to ensure plastics were safer and more sustainable.

"The science has not changed. It cannot be down negotiated" said a Scientists' Coalition spokesperson.



The plastic pollution problem is estimated to cost up to £1.6 trillion each year in the many kinds of damage caused



TAKING FLIGHT: YOUR PATH TO AVIATION ELECTRONICS-From St. Helena's Runway to Global Airways- Written By *Ed Oyewo*

"Every time I watch planes land at our airport, I wonder about all the electronics that make it possible," says Alex*, a Year 10 student at St. Helena Secondary School. "The navigation systems, the communication equipment, the radar – I want to be the person who keeps all that working perfectly."

With St. Helena's airport connecting us to the world, aviation electronics has never been more relevant to our island's future. So what does it take to turn that fascination into a career maintaining the sophisticated systems that keep aircraft safely in the sky?

The GCSE Foundation: Building Your Electronics Base

Essential Subjects: **Mathematics (Grade 6+, ideally 7+)** – Electronics is mathematics in action. Every circuit calculation, frequency analysis, and system diagnosis requires solid mathematical foundations. **Physics (Grade 6+)** – Understanding electrical principles, waves, and energy systems is crucial for aviation electronics. **English Language (Grade 5+)** – Aviation technicians must communicate precisely with pilots, engineers, and international teams where miscommunication could be dangerous.

Highly Recommended: Design & Technology (Grade 6+) – Shows practical problem-solving and understanding of electronic systems.

Computer Science (Grade 5+) – Modern aircraft rely heavily on digital systems and software. **Chemistry (Grade 5+)** – Understanding materials and corrosion is vital for aircraft maintenance.

"I'm worried my grades aren't perfect," admits another student. **Here's the reality:**

aviation colleges and universities value practical aptitude alongside academic achievement. A passionate personal statement explaining your interest in aviation electronics, combined with solid core grades, opens many doors.

Pathways to the Skies: Your Training Options

UK Aviation Colleges: The College of North West London offers excellent Aviation Engineering programs with industry partnerships requiring BBC at A-level including Maths and Physics. Coventry University provides Electrical and Electronic Engineering with aviation specialization (BBB-ABB), while the University of South Wales delivers hands-on Aircraft Maintenance Engineering courses (ABB-BBB) with direct industry connections.

South African Excellence: University of the Witwatersrand offers world-class Electrical Engineering programs (strong maths and physics required) with many graduates working in aviation. The University of Cape Town provides excellent Electronic Engineering degrees with more accessible entry for international students, particularly understanding the challenges faced by island students.

Specialized Aviation Training: Many Saints pursue direct aviation maintenance training through organizations like the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) or Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved schools, which focus specifically on aircraft electronics and often provide faster routes into employment.



The A-Level Bridge and Alternative Routes

Traditional university entry requires Mathematics and Physics A-levels (essential), plus one additional subject like Chemistry, Further Mathematics, or Design Technology. However, many successful aviation electronics technicians pursue alternative pathways including foundation years specifically designed for international students, Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) in Electronic Engineering offering practical, industry-focused training, or direct aviation maintenance courses that combine academic study with hands-on experience.

Making Your Dream Reality

"How do I get practical experience on St. Helena?" asks Alex. Start by connecting with our airport technical team – many are happy to share insights about aviation electronics systems. Consider online courses in basic electronics through platforms like FutureLearn or Coursera to build foundational knowledge. Research aviation companies that offer apprenticeships combining work and study, and maintain excellent grades in Maths and Physics while building a portfolio of any electronics projects or interests.

Financial and Practical Considerations

Aviation training can be expensive, but numerous funding options exist including UK Student Finance covering tuition and maintenance costs, aviation industry scholarships for promising students, and company-sponsored training programs where employers fund your education in exchange for work commitment. Many airlines and aviation companies actively recruit from small island states, recognizing the unique problem-solving skills and attention to detail that island life develops.

Your Flight Path Starts Now

"I love the idea that systems I maintain could safely carry Saints traveling home," says Alex. *"It feels like I'd be contributing to connecting our island with the world."* This sentiment captures why aviation electronics is perfect for ambitious Saints – it combines technical expertise with global impact, offering careers that literally keep the world connected. Whether you dream of maintaining aircraft at major international airports, working for airlines, or specializing in the cutting-edge avionics systems of modern aircraft, your journey begins with those GCSE choices you're making right now. The aviation industry desperately needs skilled electronics technicians, and your St. Helena background – with its emphasis on resourcefulness, precision, and community responsibility – makes you exactly what they're looking for.

Don't let distance discourage you. Every expert was once a beginner, and every flight you've watched land on our runway represents thousands of hours of work by aviation electronics technicians who started exactly where you are now – with curiosity, determination, and the dream of keeping aircraft safely in the sky.

Till Next Time, Keep Well



Improved Playgrounds – What Would You (and your kids) Like to See

The SHG Property Division is asking you what you would like to see provided when two existing playgrounds are given a new lease of life. Known also as recreation areas, the two locations where it is planned to create modern, safe and inclusive recreation areas for families are at the existing playground in Half Tree Hollow (Lower Graveyard) and at Longwood Green.

In addition to the equipment usually provided, such as swings or climbing frames, also under consideration is outdoor gym equipment designed specifically for children, locally crafted wooden seating and concrete picnic benches, solar-powered street lighting, and communal litter and recycling bins. Suggestions already made include BBQ stands and a cricket practice pitch. Whether or not suggestions can be followed through depends on legal and safety considerations. Also of vital importance is whether the funding available is enough to provide the equipment or facility suggested.

Sponsor Recreation Area Equipment

For this playground project, businesses and individuals are being asked to think about helping to fund improvements. The EDIP funding available will very likely soon be fully committed once the procurement list is close to being finalised. A 'top-up' of sponsorship money from businesses or individuals will make possible the provision of equipment or facility which would otherwise be financially out of reach. As an example, outdoor gym equipment has been suggested, a small selection of this equipment can cost around £8,000. Add other items and the funding available for the two areas earmarked for improvement can soon be fully committed.

Some associated work has already been completed. Existing equipment at Longwood Green has been stripped down and repainted in cheerful colours by inmates of HM Prison Jamestown. That was a useful job completed at least expense.

Suggestions for what can be included in the improvements at the two locations Should be submitted to the Project Manager, Mike Durnford, via email at Mike.Durnford@sainthelena.gov.sh by Friday, 29 August 2025. All contributions will be instrumental in shaping these new and improved community assets.



Underwater Tribute on VJ Day

Last Friday was the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War when Japan followed Germany and surrendered to Allied Forces. As part of the commemoration of this anniversary, members of the Governor's Office, with Dive St Helena and two other divers, conducted a memorial dive to the wreck of the RFA Darkdale. At the same time, a wreath-laying ceremony was held at the Jamestown Cenotaph, led by HE Governor Phillips and Bishop Dale. The service was attended by the Veterans Association, members of the uniformed services, and public.

The dive to the Darkdale held particular significance, as the vessel – sunk by enemy action in James Bay in 1941 – now rests 46 metres below the surface as a designated war grave. Divers descended to observe a minute's silence and to illuminate the wreck, paying tribute to the 41 crew members who lost their lives. This act of remembrance also served as a solemn reminder of St Helena's enduring connection to the wider history of the Second World War.



Divers at the wreck of the Darkdale illuminated the wreck in lights and held a moment of silence in commemoration of VJ Day



Members of the Veterans Association, posed in front of the Cenotaph, attended the commemoration service.



Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 24th August 2025 – 21st Sunday of the Year

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Helena & The Cross
5.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Cathedral

The Parish of St James

Sunday 24th August 2025 – 21st Sunday of the Year

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 28th August	
7.00 p.m.	Mass with Healing	St John

The Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 24th August 2025 – 21st Sunday of the Year

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthew
	Tuesday 26th August	
7.00 p.m.	Praise and Worship	St Mark

BAHA'I FAITH HE IS THE GLORY OF GLORIES



This is that which hath descended from the realm of glory, uttered by the tongue of power and might, and revealed unto the Prophets of old. We have taken the inner essence thereof and clothed it in the garment of brevity, as a token of grace unto the righteous, that they may stand faithful unto the Covenant of God, may fulfil in their lives His trust, and in the realm of spirit obtain the gem of Divine virtue.

————— **Baha'u'llah**

O SON OF SPIRIT !

My first counsel is this: Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart, that thine may be a sovereignty ancient, imperishable and everlasting. ————— **Baha'u'llah**

If the Baha'i Faith may be of interest to you, Please phone Delia or Cliff Huxtable. 24342.



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Voting: Your questions answered

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YALE, Peter	

Polling Day is on Wednesday, 3 September 2025, and in this paper we provide information on all you need to know about voting, along with an example of a ballot paper.

Polling Stations will be set up in each of the eight electoral districts. Each station will be manned by a Presiding Officer and an Assistant Presiding Officer.

The Presiding Officer will provide each voter with a ballot paper which will have a unique number printed on the back and an official mark on both sides.

You must put an 'X' in the box alongside the names of **no more than 12 candidates** you want to vote for.

You don't have to vote for 12 candidates but if you vote for more than 12 then your votes **will not** be counted.

All you need to know about
voting, including voting by proxy.

Questions and Answers

General Election 2025 - Questions & Answers

Q. I want to vote in the General Election this year but I am not registered. Is it too late to get my name on the Register?

A. Yes, unfortunately, it's too late to register to vote for the General Election on 3 September 2025.

While you can apply to be added to the register at any time, applications received after a Writ of Election has been issued cannot be processed until after the election. The official register for this election was published in the St Helena Government Extraordinary Gazette number 71 on 30 June 2025. If your name is not on that list, you won't be able to vote this time.

Q. I can't remember which polling district I am registered under. Where can I view this information?

A. This information is printed in the Register of Electors; this can be inspected at the office of the Registration Officer in the Castle or you can check with any of the Assistant Registration Officers. If you are unable to inspect the register in person, you can call the Registration Officers on tel no 22470 or 22590. Copies are also available at the Customer Services Centre, the Public Library and on the [SHG Website](#).

Q. Where can I cast my vote?

A. There will be one polling station in each electoral district. The venues are as follows: Blue Hill Community Centre, Sandy Bay Community Centre, Kingshurst Community Centre, Half Tree Hollow Community Centre, Jamestown Community Centre, Harford Community Centre, Levelwood Clinic and St Mary's Church, the Briars in Alarm Forest. You must vote in the electoral district you are registered under on the Register of Electors published on 30 June 2025.

Q. When will the Polling Stations open and close?

A. Polling Stations will open at 10am and will close at 7pm sharp on Wednesday, 3 September 2025.

Q. If I am working in Jamestown on Polling Day, can I vote at the Jamestown Community Centre?

A. You can only do so if you are registered in the Jamestown electoral district. If, for example, you are registered in Levelwood, you will have to vote at the Levelwood Clinic.

Q. Will I be allowed to have time off work to cast my vote?

A. Polling Stations will be open until 7pm. However, the Elections Ordinance states that employers **must** allow their employees reasonable time to vote on Polling Day. The employer cannot deduct this time from the employee's pay. If an employer refuses to grant a reasonable period for the employee to vote, then the employer will commit an offence (maximum penalty fine of £1,000, six months imprisonment or both). This applies to all employers, including the private sector.

Q. If there's more than 12 candidates, can I vote for all of them?

A. No. You can only vote for a maximum of 12 candidates to fill the seats on Legislative Council.

Q. Can I vote for fewer than 12 candidates?

A. Yes. If you don't wish to vote for 12 candidates, you can vote for fewer than 12 that decision is entirely up to you.

Q. Will candidates be allowed to vote?

A. Yes, candidates can vote in the electoral district in which they are registered.

Q. Who will I find at the Polling Station?

A. At the Polling Station you will find a Presiding Officer and an Assistant Presiding Officer. You may also find candidates and their Polling Agents since they are allowed to be at the Polling Stations. The Returning Officer or one of the Assistant Returning Officers and a Police Officer might also be present. This year the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK is organising an Election Observation Mission to oversee the General Election and two members of that team may also be present at the Polling Station when you vote.

Q. How will the names of the candidates be listed on my ballot paper?

A. Names will be listed alphabetically with the surname appearing first. When there are a number of candidates with the same surname, those candidates will be listed in alphabetical order of their surname, followed by their first and any other names. It is important to take time to read the ballot paper carefully and ensure you mark an 'X' in the box alongside the name of the candidate you wish to vote for.

Q. Why will my ballot paper be numbered?

A. Each ballot paper has a unique number. In addition, the Presiding Officer will write your serial number as in the Register of Electors effective from 1 July 2025 on your ballot paper counterfoil before you vote. This is needed in case anyone challenges the election before the Supreme Court. The election papers are sealed up in separate packages in such a way that an individual ballot paper cannot be linked to its voter unless the Supreme Court orders the opening of the packages; this would only be done if there was good reason to suspect some kind of electoral fraud.

Q. When I select my candidates, should I use a tick or an 'X'?

A. You should put an 'X' in the box alongside the name of the candidates you want to represent you on Legislative Council.

More Q&As on the next page



General Election 2025 - Questions & Answers Continued

Q. What should I do if I mark the wrong box on my ballot paper by mistake?

A. If you mark the wrong box, take your ballot paper to the Presiding Officer, explain your mistake and if the Presiding Officer is content that you made a mistake they will take your ballot paper and will provide you with a new one.

Q. What happens if I vote for more than 12 candidates?

A. If you vote for more than 12 candidates, none of your votes will be counted. If you notice you have marked an 'X' against more than 12 candidates before you place your ballot paper into the ballot box, explain this to the Presiding Officer who will give you a new ballot paper.

Q. Can I take a photo of my ballot paper?

A. No. Under no circumstances should you take a photo of your ballot paper, whether before or after it has been completed. This is to protect the secrecy and integrity of the voting process.

Q. If I am incapacitated, can I arrange for someone to accompany me to the Polling Station?

A. Yes, this is allowed but they cannot help you to vote. Your helper can take you to the Presiding Officer who will help you to cast your vote if necessary. As an alternative, you can choose to vote by Proxy.

Q. Are candidates allowed inside of the Polling Station?

A. Yes, candidates are allowed inside, along with one of their Polling Agents. However, they are not allowed to communicate with voters. Candidates must inform the Returning Officer of the names and addresses of their Polling Agents at least 48 hours before the poll opens.

Q. Will I be allowed to witness the counting of votes on Polling Day?

A. No, the law restricts access to the count, so that the count can proceed efficiently without unnecessary distraction. However, the candidates and their Counting Agents are entitled to attend and the count will be broadcast live on local radio.

Q. When the votes have been counted, can a Candidate or a Counting Agent demand a recount?

A. Candidates and Counting Agents, who are present when the count is complete, can ask for a recount. The Returning Officer can refuse if she considers the request to be unreasonable.

Q. How can Assistant Registration Officers help me?

A. Assistant Registration Officers hold copies of the current Register of Electors so if you want to check whether you are entitled to vote, Assistant Registration Officers can let you look at the Register.

Q. How can I get additional information?

A. If you need more information, please contact the Returning Officer, Carol Henry, on tel: 22470 or via email: carol.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh or Assistant Returning Officers:

- Anita Legg on tel: 22590 or email anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh
- Gillian Francis, on tel: 22314 or via email: gillian.francis@sainthelena.gov.sh
- Connie Johnson on tel: 22470 or via email: connie.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh

Voting By Proxy

Q. If I can't make it to the Polling Station, can someone else vote on my behalf?

A. Yes. Those on the Register of Electors effective from 1 July 2025 should know that if they are ill, physically incapacitated, or off-Island and cannot make it to the Polling Station on Polling Day, there is provision to vote by Proxy. **This includes Saints overseas whose names are included on this Register.**

However, you must get permission from the Returning Officer before this can happen. To get permission, you need to complete the relevant form and this must be handed in by **no later than 10am GMT on Monday, 1 September 2025.**

Forms are available from the office of the Returning Officer, the Public Library, Customer Services Centre, the SHG website and from Assistant Returning Officers, Anita Legg, Gillian Francis and Connie Johnson who can be contacted on tel no 22470.

Q. Can I ask anyone to be my Proxy?

A. No. Your Proxy must be registered in the same electoral district that you are registered in. An elector can only act as a Proxy for one person and should vote for the candidates requested by the person, which should be no more than 12.

Q. How will my Proxy prove to the Presiding Officer that they are my Proxy?

A. The Returning Officer will have informed the Presiding Officer in advance. In addition, the Returning Officer will provide your Proxy with a form certifying that they can vote on your behalf. **Your Proxy must present this form to the Presiding Officer on polling day and will need to sign it in the presence of the Presiding Officer.**

A General Election will be held on Wednesday 3 September 2025, if more than 12 valid nominations are received by no later than 12 noon on Nomination Day, Wednesday, 20 August 2025. This year's Election will be the second under a ministerial system of Government. Leading up to the General Election we have been providing information articles on how a Ministerial Government works. This week we focus on the role of the Public Accounts Committee and Select (Scrutiny) Committees.

What is the Public Accounts Committee?

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) is established under section 69 of the Constitution. The PAC reports to Legislative Council. It must examine the annual statement of accounts of the Government of St Helena as audited by the Chief Auditor. It also considers such management letters and reports of the Chief Auditor as laid before Legislative Council or brought to the attention of the Council by the Chief Auditor. The Committee can also carry out other functions prescribed in law.

The Public Accounts Committee in accordance with the Constitution is independent and not subject to direction or control by any other person or body. Its functions and composition (including both Elected Members and non-Elected Members as detailed below) enhance the political accountability of Government.

In carrying out its functions the Committee scrutinises how the Government and other public bodies spend money, it helps ensure good standards of fiscal management and accountability. It also considers compliance with relevant Ordinances and financial reporting standards. The PAC has power, subject to other laws, to summon individuals before it and to require answers to questions. Formal meetings of the PAC are guided by Standing Orders and the Public Accounts Committee (Procedure) Ordinance 2019.

What is the membership of the PAC?

Legislative Council will elect by majority vote three Councillors (who are not Ministers) to the PAC and the Governor, in consultation with Legislative Council, appoints two independent members of the public, one of whom must take on the role as the Chairperson. Pursuant to the Constitution, the Chief Auditor acts as Adviser to the PAC.

How often does the PAC meet?

The PAC meet as a group at least once a month and public meetings of the PAC are held at least four times in a year.

What are Select (Scrutiny) Committees?

The amendment to the St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha Constitution Order 2009 in 2021, provides for the establishment of at least two Select Committees. Part of the remit of the seven Elected Members of Legislative Council who are not Ministers is to examine and scrutinise the performance of sectors of government through these Select Committees. This includes scrutinising the decision making of Ministers, thus contributing to ensuring the effective use of public funds. The Committees are referred to as Select Committee 1 and Select Committee 2.

Following the introduction of the new Ministerial form of Government in October 2021,

the Select Committee (Establishment) Order, 2022 (“the Order”) established Select Committees. Two Select Committees have been set up and the Councillors who are not Ministers are the members of these committees, with Select Committee 1 comprising four Elected Members and Select Committee 2 comprising three Elected Members. Ministers cannot be part of a Select Committee.

The Order allows Elected Members to elect, at a formal meeting of the Legislative Council, the Chair and members of the Select Committees from amongst the Elected Members who are not Ministers. An Elected Member who is not a Minister would only be on one Select Committee. The Governor receives the names of the Elected Members to be on each Select Committee from the Clerk to the Legislative Council, and issues a letter of appointment to each member.

Select Committees will meet on a regular basis and are responsible for after-the-fact review and scrutiny of decisions and activities of the Government. Generally, meetings will be held in public unless the matter being discussed is confidential. Public officers must attend Select Committee meetings to give evidence if called upon to do so.

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



VACANCY FOR ASSISTANT AUDITOR

Salary range £11,091 to £12,929 per annum

Audit St Helena is seeking to recruit an Assistant Auditor to join its Audit Team.

The person will assist with financial and performance audits across the public sector and will support other business processes. No prior experience in this field is required.

Prospective candidates are required to have good GCSE grades or Functional Skills Level 2 in English and Mathematics and be prepared to study for the ACCA Foundations in Accountancy programme. On-the-job training will be provided.

Key skills for this position include efficiency in business processes, good communication skills and an aptitude for figures. IT proficiency including Excel, Word and Outlook is also essential.

For further information, Job Profiles and Application Forms please contact Helene Williams by telephoning 22111 or emailing helene.v.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh. Completed application forms should be submitted to this email address or by hand to Audit St Helena, First Floor, New Porteous House, Jamestown, by no later than close of business on **Friday 12 September 2025**.

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

Join us! We are recruiting...



St Helena
Government

Health & Safety Officer (£15,373 per annum)

The Health & Safety Officer contributes to the prosperity of the island by serving as a diligent Safety Officer who implements and ensures adherence to SHG occupational health and safety (OHS) guidelines. The main responsibility involves providing advice on strategies to reduce hazards and uphold a secure working environment throughout SHG, while meeting legal safety requirements and nurturing a culture that prioritizes health and safety.

Health and safety professionals are essential in safeguarding employees within the workplace. You will be instrumental in fostering a safe working environment by offering guidance on safety protocols, performing risk assessments, and enforcing preventive measures. The primary objective is to create a secure workplace in compliance with legal standards and to promote a culture that emphasizes health and safety. Contact us for information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Anel O'Bey on Tel No 25052 or Email anel.obey@helanta.co.sh

Closing date: 27 August 2025

Shortlisting date: 29 August 2025

Interview date: 11 September 2025

Forest Worker (£9,698 per annum)

The Forestry Section is looking to recruit a Forest Worker to provide support for a labour service under the supervision of the Nursery Chargehand, Silviculture Officer, or Forestry Officer. The role involves primarily all aspects of tree seedling production but does include performing manual forestry tasks, which encompass land clearing, control of invasive and alien plant species, ground preparation, planting, thinning, pruning, fencing, cleaning, and the harvesting of sawlogs, firewood, and fence posts, as specified by the relevant line manager. Contact us for information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Myra Young on Tel No 24724 or Email myra.young@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 27 August 2025

Shortlisting date: 29 August 2025

Interview date: 11 September 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.

The St Helena Public Service welcomes all applications from across our whole community, including our St Helenian diaspora wishing to return to St Helena. If you are a St Helenian currently living and working overseas, please contact us at recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh to discuss how we can support you.

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Judicial Services Officer (£13,569 per annum)

The Judicial Services Officer will contribute to the prosperity of the island by assisting the Judicial Services Manager with all issues related to the St Helena Judicial System. This role includes serving as the Clerk to the Coroner, Clerk to the Labour Regulating Authority, Clerk to the Land Development Appeals Tribunal and occasionally Clerk of the Peace. You will also maintain the Companies Registry, process wills and probate and maintain the accounts for Judicial Services and the Legal Assistance Fund. Responsibilities also encompass the drafting of legal and court-related documents, such as summonses, letters, and writs. The officer is accountable for covering the Judicial Services Manager during all court hearings and must possess the ability to deliver proficient court clerking services in both public and private courts.

Contact us for information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Amelia Gough on Tel No 22340 or Email amelia.gough@judicialservices.sh

Closing date: 27 August 2025

Shortlisting date: 29 August 2025

Interview date: 16 September 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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How to apply

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REVIEW OF BUSINESS

During the year the Bank began working towards the agreed strategic objectives outlined in the Bank's Strategic Plan for 2024-2029. As in previous years, Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) were set in line with these objectives to monitor and review the Bank's performance throughout the year.

One of the biggest achievements for the Bank continues to be the ability to remain profitable, whilst maintaining current interest rates and being able to assist customers with an ever-changing economic and financial climate. The Tourist Card app has grown in popularity during its first year in operation, with over one thousand customers to date taking advantage of the bespoke product which alleviates the need for visitors to carry physical cash with the limited number of businesses accepting international debit and credit cards. Continued networking with other banks and financial institutions outside of St Helena enhances the Bank's ability to tap into support for current services and the introduction of new products and services as well as providing training and development for staff.

The performance of the Bank continues to be influenced by the current economic climate which includes customer deposits, revenue generated and the Lending Portfolio.

The Bank made an operating profit of £759,499 for the year 2024/25 which was an increase of £128,466 from 2023/24; a 30.1% net profit margin and a cost to income ratio of 59.9%;

The Bank's total income, net of interest payable, decreased by £190,656 (7.0%). Interest received decreased by £180,219 (6.8%) from £2,635,122 to £2,454,902, with interest from investments experiencing the most significant decrease, reducing by £170,357 (10.6%) compared to 2023/24 which is the result of the Bank investing in treasury bills which are bought at a discounted price rather than pay coupon interest; whilst interest payable increased by £10,771 (2.8%), with the largest increase seen in deposit accounts. Fees and commissions decreased by £4,949 (1.5%), with the most significant reduction being in remittance fees which reduced by £19,350, whilst the most significant increase was experienced in fees for online banking and commissions for Local Debit Card which increased by £5,888 and £11,066 respectively. Other income increased by £5,283 (4.1%) from 2023/24; and was largely due to the fluctuation in the amount of foreign currency during the year. The Bank is aware of its exposure to foreign exchange risk and whilst payments will always need to be made, the Bank tries to minimise this exposure by reducing foreign cash holdings whilst still maintaining sufficient funds to service customer requests.

Total expenditures decreased by £361,945 (19.3%) and is mainly due to the Bank experiencing investment amortisation gains rather than losses during the period with a decrease of £728,726 (16.4%) compared to the prior year which is largely due to the Bank increasing investment into Treasury Bills which are purchased at a discounted price. Staff costs also reduced by £67,834 (6.6%) compared to the previous year, with the Managing Directors post being vacant since July 2024. Increases in expenditure was experienced in most of the Bank's other costs, with the most significant increases seen in other expenses and bad debt provisions, which increased by £137,512 (19.5%) and £228,616 (79.8%) respectively, the latter of which was due to the reversal in provisions for a significant business loan at the end of 2023/24.

The Capital Value of the Bank's investments has increased by £4,370,689 (7.3%) for 2024/25, with the increase being partially due to the reinvestment of treasury bills previously classified as cash equivalents. All funds are invested in fixed income instruments with yields ranging from 0.99% to





5.1%. Investments are initially recorded at cost and subsequently measured at amortised cost with changes recognised in the income statement. The interest income from investments for the year ended 31 March 2025 was £1,436,980. The Bank monitors its cash holdings and operational requirements closely and additional funds will be invested when it is deemed appropriate, with an additional £4.5m being invested during 2024/25.

The Lending Portfolio increased by £363,093 (2.5%), with housing and commercial loans increasing by £265,352 (2.6%) and £635,521 (15%) respectively, which was due to a large commercial loan being signed at the end of March 2025 and the Bank seeing demand for higher value housing loans. Personal loans decreased by £61,437 (5.3%); however, the most noticeable decrease was experienced in overdrafts which reduced by £166,155 and is the result of a reduction in the authorised secured overdrafts of businesses during the year.

Customer monies held by the Bank showed an increase of £2,481,289 (3.2%) at the end of 2024/25, with individual and business current accounts experiencing a collective growth of £3,811,404 (6%). The Bank's higher earning interest accounts, Child Bond and New Life also continue to be popular, increasing by £70,533 (5%) and £293,230 (9%) respectively, whilst the largest decrease was experienced in the current accounts of other organisations, which reduced by £1,626,839 (40%) compared to 2023/24.

The Bank has a Strategic Plan for 2024-29 which will guide its activities for the next five years and builds upon the previous plan. The plan encapsulates the expectations articulated through various engagements and includes a comprehensive approach, encompassing various aspects of operations, technology, growth, risk management and customer services.

The Bank is optimistic that over this period much will be achieved with the support of our customers, St Helena Government as shareholder, Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) and various other stakeholders. With the onset of enhanced internet connectivity for the island, customer needs, economic outlook and regulatory requirements, the Bank has devised a transformative strategy to modernise banking operations. This includes prioritising adaptability and agility to respond to market changes, technology advancement and customer preference whilst fostering a culture of innovation, embracing change and continuously improving processes and offerings.

The Bank's priority areas remain securing a continuous service for all who rely on the Bank, providing financial assistance for personal and business customers, safety and security of customer deposits and ensuring that it retains the strength to be able to assist customers in the years to come. Security and compliance are a fundamental priority, with the protection of customer data and compliance with regulatory requirements being paramount.

Automation remains essential to reducing risk, streamlining operations, improving efficiencies and innovating new products and services to reflect modern banking operations whilst supporting Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) which measures our impact on our society. It is also hoped that the Bank's investment portfolio will continue to grow and new revenue streams can be identified which will allow the Bank to continue to invest in new products and services which will benefit customers, the stakeholder, shareholders, the Bank and the Island's economy.



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DIRECTORS' REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2024 - 25



STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
Interest Receivable	2,454,903	2,635,122
Interest Payable	(396,093)	(385,322)
Net Interest Income	2,058,810	2,249,800
Fees & Commissions	330,736	335,685
Other Income	133,215	127,932
Total Income	2,522,761	2,713,417
Expenditure		
Employee Costs	961,050	1,028,884
Premises Costs	91,647	79,035
Investment Management Fees	128,992	130,098
Investment Amortisation	(773,152)	(44,426)
Depreciation Tangible Fixed Assets	148,463	133,465
Depreciation Intangible Fixed Assets	28,911	29,953
Bad Debt Provision	(57,847)	(286,463)
Audit Fees	96,111	60,705
Financial Services Authority Fees	42,695	35,076
Other Expenditure	843,225	705,713
Total Expenditure	1,510,095	1,872,040
Profit on ordinary activities, before taxation	1,012,666	841,377
Taxation	(236,635)	(139,892)
Deferred Taxation	(16,532)	(70,452)
Profit on ordinary activities, after tax	759,499	631,033

The income statement has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Fixed Assets	419,456	503,496
Intangible Fixed Assets	62,594	91,505
	482,050	595,001
Current Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	951,723	3,952,128
Bank Balances	7,256,730	4,140,641
Investments	31,789,318	21,374,367
Other Assets	1,197,656	2,627,447
Lending	477,655	1,454,657
	41,673,082	33,549,240
Non-Current Assets		
Investments	32,794,812	38,839,074
Lending	14,360,792	13,020,697
	47,155,604	51,859,771
Total Assets	89,310,736	86,004,012
Liabilities		
Customer Current & Deposit Accounts	79,884,863	77,403,574
Other Liabilities	815,202	499,266
Total Liabilities	80,700,065	77,902,840
TOTAL NET ASSETS	8,610,671	8,101,172
REPRESENTED BY:		
Share Capital	3,219,285	3,219,285
Retained Earnings	5,391,386	4,881,887
Total Equity	8,610,671	8,101,172

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 13 August 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Michael Bird - Chairman

13th August 2025

Date



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



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**PHYSIOTHERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
EQUIPMENT RETURN INITIATIVE**

The Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Services request that patients please return loaned Physiotherapy or Occupational Therapy equipment that is no longer being used (either at home or in residential care)

This could be equipment such as:

- **Walking frames**
- **Walking sticks**
- **Crutches**
- **Wheelchairs**
- **Bath chairs/boards**
- **Bath lifts**
- **Over Bed tables**
- **Commodes**
- **Toilet Frames**
- **Chair raisers**
- **Grab rails**

These types of equipment can be reused for new clients that are in need of them. By returning the equipment when it is no longer needed it will help make sure that people who need it, receive it quicker which may result in preventing falls. This equipment should always be returned when it is no longer in use/needed by clients or patients.

If possible please return the equipment directly to the Hospital reception or to Saint John's Villa where the Occupational Therapy Service is located.

On the Hospital reception there is currently a book that we kindly ask if people who are returning any equipment please fill in providing information on who the equipment is from.

If you are not able to return the equipment to the hospital please contact the Physiotherapy or Occupational Therapy Departments on the telephone number 22500 ex 2055 or 23222 to arrange collection. Please be aware that in this instance it may not be collected immediately.

If you have any of the above or similar equipment that you have purchased privately that is no longer needed and you wish to donate it to the Occupational Therapy or Physiotherapy Departments this would be received with thanks.

“The Annual General Meeting
of the Women's Corona
Society (St Helena Branch)
will be held at the Baptist
School Room, Jamestown on
Wednesday 27th August at
3.30pm. All interested ladies
are warmly welcome to come
along and join us.

We look forward to seeing you
there.”



Expression of interest - Content Creators



We are compiling a list of on-island content creators who are interested in being contacted for potential collaboration to create fresh, engaging, and inspiring content.

If you're passionate about St Helena, creativity, and storytelling, we want to hear from you. Please complete the form at the following link:
<https://forms.gle/o31o5JMhERU6j5K66>

You'll be asked to provide:

- Your name and contact information
- A short introduction about yourself and why you would like to create content about St Helena
- Links to your portfolio or past work
- Any specific areas of interest or expertise

We look forward to connecting with individuals who are keen to collaborate.

For further information, contact tyanne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh

NOTIFICATION

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

"The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, 04th September 2025, at 10 am at the St Helena Community College Main Hall, Jamestown. Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors.

The Agenda and redacted version of the Handling Reports will be available on the LDCA Web Page of the SHG Web Site. Should you require assistance, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 24724.

Applicants and objectors may speak at the meeting providing that a summary of the points to be raised has been submitted to the Secretary at least 24 hours before the meeting".



CUSTOMER NOTICE Temporary Closure to The Star's FTG

To allow for renovations, our Food-to-Go Counter at The Star will be closed from Tuesday 26 August 2025, for approximately one week.

We will keep you updated on progress and confirm the re-opening date as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and continued support and we cannot wait to welcome you back with fresh meals soon!

Vacancy

Senior Accounts Clerk (General)

Salary for the post will commence at £10,200 per annum (£850 per month)



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Finance Department for a Senior Accounts Clerk (General).

As Senior Accounts Clerk (General) you will be responsible for ensuring a reliable and efficient service is provided for the daily processing of Accounts data in the Finance Department.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess grades C or above in GCSE Maths & English or equivalent and desirably an Accounting qualification
- Be experienced in the use of Microsoft Office applications and desirably Access Dimensions
- Have the ability to multitask, organise workload and meet tight deadlines in a fast-paced environment
- Be analytical, with a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail
- Have excellent communication skills and an ability to liaise effectively with staff on all levels
- Be able to work independently and to use own initiative

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

Claire Williams, Accountant (General) via ☎ 22380 ✉ accounts@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **Thursday, 28 August 2025**.

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

- ◆ Pension Contributions
- ◆ Staff Discounts

World Maritime Day 2025

We are planning a week of activities focusing on and promoting all things maritime starting on Sunday 21 September, through to Friday 26 September. If you would like to join in by hosting a maritime-themed event, then please get in contact with Wendy Benjamin on Tel: 23043 or by email on wendy.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh. We look forward to hearing from you!!



25 September 2025



INVITATION TO TENDER
PROPOSED COURT YARD ROOF EXTENSION NO.8 PICCOLO & PROPOSED COURT YARD
ROOF EXTENSION NO.14 PICCOLO

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

HSC1-2025/26 – Proposed Court Yard Roof Extension No.8 Piccolo
HSC2-2025/26 – Proposed Court Yard Roof Extension No.14 Piccolo



Site visits for the above-mentioned works will be held as follows:

HSC1-2025/26 – Roof Extension No.8 Piccolo: Monday, 01 September 2025 at 09:30
HSC2-2025/26 – Roof Extension No.14 Piccolo: Monday, 01 September 2025 at 09:00

Contractors should note that site visits requested after this 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 Wednesday, 10 September 2025, clearly marked with the tender number.

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



INVITATION TO TENDER

REPLACE ASBESTOS ROOF WITH ALUMINIUM ROOFING ST PAULS PRIMARY
SCHOOL (BLOCK A) & ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE COMPOUND AND SCHOOL
FIELD FENCING

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

ESE-25-14-001 – Replace Asbestos Roof with Aluminium Roofing St Paul's Primary School (Block A)
ESE-25-14-002 – St Paul's Primary School Site Compound and School Field Fencing

Site visits for the above-mentioned works will be held as follows:

ESE-25-14-001- Roofing Works: Wednesday, 27 August 2025 at 15:00

ESE-25-14-002 – Site Compound and Fencing Works: Thursday, 28 August 2025 at 15:00

Contractors should note that site visits requested after the given dates 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 Friday, 05 September 2025, clearly marked with the tender number.

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

1ST JAMESTOWN SCOUT GROUP PRESENTS

FUN DAY 2025!

SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST
JAMESTOWN, LOWER WHARF

EXCITING NEW LOCATION & ADDITIONS
FOR THIS YEARS FUN DAY!

- > SPONSORED WALK STARTING AT 12 NOON
- > SCOUTS SEASIDE NOVELTY SPORTS – 3PM

> HOT FOOD

> BAR

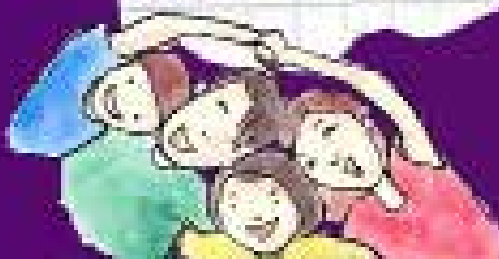
> CAKE & TEA

> MUSIC ALL DAY

> VARIOUS STALLS

> LIVE BAND

> RAFFLES



1st Jamestown Scout Group

Highwood St, Jamestown, St Helena Island
0794 122, Tel: 0840 22118

be prepared...



"Stride against Cancer"

Ascension Island

SATURDAY, 13th SEPT 2025



Walk In aid of 'St.Helena Cancer Support'
charity & 'Xmas gifts of appreciation' for
General Hospital Nurses (STH & ASI)

If anybody on St.Helena wish to make
little donation (who not online), you
can kindly pass to:-

- Brenda Stevens, Alarm Hill
- Dianne Benjamin, Longwood
- Tracey Williams, St.Pauls
- Erika Bowers, Jamestown

Thanks from Tony.

Tony Peters (in transit from Falklands - waiting on
home to St.Helena), will aim to walk around the
'whole' of Ascension Island on Friday 12th Sept
2025 in an effort to raise funds for St.Helena
Cancer Support charity + 'gifts of appreciation from
community' @ Xmas for Nurses @ General
Hospital (STH & ASC)

He will start from Long Beach, Georgetown @ 8.00
am. His route will be up past Cross Hill to One Boat
- English Bay Beach - return One Boat - Two Boats
Club - North East Bay (Arianne Station) - return to
Two Boats - up to Green Mountain (Dev Pond) -
down through Travellers Hill - up to Devils Ashpit
(ex NASA Site) - back down and round under
Command Hill to Air Head - through US Base - back
up past Red Hill to junction under Command Hill -
turn back round and then back down to Long
Beach, Georgetown via Pierhead road.

Please make a little donation if you wish to do so. It
will be greatly appreciated.



St Helena
Government

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST UPDATING SELECT TENDER LIST FOR DIVE WORK

St Helena Government is seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified contractors to assist in a range of scuba diving focused work to be added to select tender list.

The requirements in order to be added to the list are, PADI Dive Master certification (or equivalent/above), own a boat with it being able to hold 4 marine and fisheries conservation staff, minimum and equipment; access to serviced tanks and ability to rent scuba equipment to the marine and fisheries conservation section if needed, and in date EFR certificate and emergency oxygen certificate.

If you are already on the select tender list then you do not need to re-apply.

For further information, please contact the Marine and Fisheries Conservation Officer, Adam Riggs, on tel: 25966 or via email: adam.riggs@sainthelena.gov.sh.

The closing date for Expressions of Interest to be submitted is 12:00 on Friday, 29 August 2025, and should be addressed to Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, at Top Floor of the Post Office Building, Jamestown.



My name is Melissa Kim Fowler, and I am standing for Election 2025. Firstly, I would like to thank those of you who previously voted for me and hope that you will continue to support me at this election. I stand because I would like to be given the opportunity to improve the lives for the people St Helena. I bring a wealth of experience in sectors such as Health, Agriculture, Education, Tourism, Investment, and Housing by working as a public servant and independently.

The people of St Helena are really struggling with the cost of living, more noticeably now, negatively impacting those from young families to our most vulnerable. This truly breaks my heart. I love my island but I feel we cannot continue to live with these financial burdens. My grandfather once explained to me the hardships they experienced back in the olden days and he said "Melissa these are now the good days we are living in" however if he was still around, I believe he would say we are heading back to those days of

hardships.

We know the areas which need work but we need solutions and innovative thinking to create new income streams.

I am grateful to the UK Government for the financial support we are receiving, noting that they are also cutting benefits and subsidies to ensure their own economy survives. Nevertheless, when receiving financial aid, we must act responsibly and use it wisely, unless how are we able to ask for more.

I am not here to point fingers or pass blame, but what we haven't achieved is unity; we need to stand together. St Helena ECONOMY is non-existent and it is going to take years to rebuild. There is no quick solution to what is happening, as we are facing low numbers and an ageing population. That said, let's stay positive and take the necessary steps to build an economy to improve the lives of our people. We have been stuck in the past for too long, innovative thinking is needed, moving on and refocusing on what we can achieve together. Again we cannot continue to solely rely on the UK Government to sustain us, we need to create new income streams and spend monies that are given wisely.

I would like to improve the following:

Connect St Helena

SHG outsourced the utilities in the private sector, which became Connect St Helena, and we are feeling the hardships driven by high utility costs. The fact of the matter is that the utilities cost will continue rise if new innovative solutions are not being put forward. Some also suggest that perhaps Connect should be brought back to Government. What I do know is that we should be looking at the business model of this company, there are smarter ways to achieve reasonable utility costs.

Fishing

Hot topic for St Helena. What I factually know is that 500k was given to investors to put back into the factory (equipment) and they did. I don't know why this was not offered to those who also expressed an interest, but what I do know is that SHG does not want to continue subsidizing the factory. We should take into account the hundreds, thousands we have invested into this sector. What is the actual return which has benefited then island is in entirety. There also appears to be different rules for different people; some would say this is the norm however quite simply if we can't work together then how can we progress or achieve anything. That said it is pleasing to know that we will soon have a canning factory.

Agriculture

This area has been neglected, don't forget we supplied sailing ships. Much needed investment is needed. We shouldn't be debating this as we know this sector has thrived in the past. What we need to do now is equip people with basic tools that they need. We shouldn't be relying on one or two people to make this work. Again the key is to work together and collaborate to benefit the Island.

Education/scholarship

On St Helena we are multi-talented people; we can try our hand at anything and will succeed. I am extremely disappointed to hear that we have students, who are achieving A Grade's in key subjects, but are not able to study abroad because there are no scholarship opportunities. We also have students who have achieved theses grades but not able to get the job that they are passionate about. We also have students returning with honours

and are unable to do the same. It is mind boggling, we talk about retaining our youth, but yet we do opposite and pull the funding, which is outrageous.

This is a serious matter, we need to find new funding streams to support our youth as they are the future. Now, please don't forget about those who are not academically minded, who can't put everything on paper as they also need an opportunity to shine, therefore we need to reinstate the trades schools, the skills that are achieved before you head towards employment is invaluable. (Ask those who went to trade school and where they are today)

Recently there was a proposal to change the house names as we know it to be Mundens, Jenkins Dutton and Cavendish. This change was recommended due to the number of children. Whilst I agree the principle, this could have been easily rectified by dropping one house name and if there is an increase students in the future then we can bring back the four house names. The house names is a cultural element to all of us who attended, we look forward to knowing if our children are in the same house as we are.

However, I have now learned that an option was given to students to vote for house names which includes mythical creatures. I am not here to impose my faith on others however how can we as parents support a three headed dog "is this really where we are headed".

Housing

Social housing has never been taken seriously on the island, but the demand for social housing is high to include affordable housing this should be acknowledged and addressed. The current social housing properties requires significant investment to be brought back to the standard that are fit for purpose, and indeed if we want to build new properties to meet the demand.

Health

Urgent investment is needed to build new care facilities to support our elderly. This is the reality that we are living in. They also have the right to stay in their home for as long as possible, but what they don't deserve is to be left in a hospital for months awaiting for a placement.

We must also reinstate the nursing programme and upskill the staff that are currently employed. We say that we want more nurses but yet there is no career path available to them.

Succession Planning

To retain our young families and youth we have to ensure that succession planning takes place. I have worked with many TC's and believe me they really do want us to succeed into this role, however this doesn't happen and I've had first-hand experience in this. I would look into how this can be achieved requesting that portfolio directors recognise achievements and performance in there section identifying individuals who can succeed.

Freight Costs

The cost of freight will remain high as we just do not have the people on Island to drive these costs down. Innovative thinking is needed here whether this is having the scheduled visits decreased and consolidation of shipments we need to investigate this further as we cannot continue like this.

Thank you for taking the time to read the above and as you consider your candidate for voting, please consider we need twelve people who can work together and bring new innovative ideas to the table, as the old is just not working. We need a collaborative approach to put St Helena and its people first.

By voting for me, I will bring leadership, strategic direction and decisive decision making for the betterment of the island. Inevitably I cannot make decisions that would satisfy everyone, however what I can guarantee is that your voice will be heard if I am elected.

Finally, I would like thank my sponsors Mr Shane Williams and Mrs Coral Yon for believing that I can make a difference.

Also to my supporters Petra Joshua, Debbie Yon, Shane Williams (Hicks), Priscilla and Nigel Joshua.

Not forgetting Caitlyn Buckley (aka campaign Manager, for free)

Thank you all so much I am truly blessed to have your support!

Vote Melissa Kim Fowler- THE CHANGE WE NEED



FIXING THE FOUNDATIONS: BUILDING ST HELENA'S FUTURE FROM THE GROUND UP



When I launched this campaign, I spoke about something many of us feel: that the voices of ordinary people are being drowned out in the halls of Government. "Our Island, Our Say" is not just a slogan—it's a commitment to restoring that voice, a commitment to your rights, and putting you back in the driving seat of our future.

But reclaiming our say means more than just being heard. It means having the tools, the infrastructure, and the stability that enables people to get what they want out of life. Whether that's starting a business, building your home or enjoying a comfortable retirement, we all rely on the same foundations and right now, too much of our energy is spent just trying to get by.

Over the last term in Council, I often found myself frustrated by how frequently we've been drawn into debates that felt like arguing over what colour to paint the walls while the house's foundation is crumbling. The truth is simple: no matter how good the paint looks, if the structure underneath is unstable, the whole house is at risk.

St Helena is that house — and the time has come to stop painting over cracks and start reinforcing the foundations.

Those foundations are the services and infrastructure every one of us relies on: stable, affordable electricity; clean and reliable water; and roads that are safe and fit for purpose. They might not sound revolutionary, but they are the bedrock of everything else we want to achieve. Without them, progress in other areas is built on sand.

We've all felt the cost of inaction. Take renewable energy: the lack of movement towards cheaper, cleaner power has hit every household hard. As energy bills climb, families are forced to make impossible choices. Businesses face the same squeeze — and when they raise prices to survive, the burden falls back on the community, driving up the cost of living yet again. It's a vicious cycle that keeps us locked in survival mode and stifles any chance of growth.

I believe in facing these realities head-on. It means setting priorities based not on short-term political wins but on what will make life genuinely better for everyone. By focusing our resources on fixing these fundamentals now, we can break that cycle — creating an environment where people can plan for the future, businesses can invest and expand, and the island as a whole can shift from getting by to truly thriving.

This is not about lowering our ambition. It's about laying the groundwork so ambition has something solid to stand on.

Above all, fixing the foundations must be a shared effort. "Our Island, Our Say" means that if we, as a community, commit to building that strong, resilient foundation together, there will be no limit to what St Helena can achieve. A strong future isn't built on promises made in the Council Chamber; it's built on a foundation we all help lay.

When we fix the foundations together, we're not just building infrastructure—we're building trust, opportunity, and a future shaped by all of us. Our Island, Our Say.



**"OUR ISLAND
OUR SAY"**

**VOTE ANDREW
TURNER**



**YOUR VOICE IN
DECISIONS**



**YOUR RIGHTS
UPHELD**



**YOUR TRUST
VALUED**



No Going Backwards Keep Moving Forwards

Robert Midwinter

Candidate for Re-Election 2025

No Going Backwards, Keep Moving Forwards

Having been elected to sit on the Legislative Council at the last General Election, which brought about change to a Ministerial form of Government, I have spent my first term of office focused on delivering the commitments that I made when I stood for this crucially important role in 2021.

In this respect I have worked with colleagues, the National Trust and the community, to ensure that the remains of the Liberated Africans were reinterred and that appropriate memorialisation is developed alongside of this, including an interpretation centre in Rupert's Valley, a body of work that I commit to continuing to support if I am re-elected.

I also pushed for the island to be re-opened following the extensive vaccination programme that was undertaken in the wake of COVID-19, whilst ensuring that adequate safeguards were put in place as we experienced community spread. Having re-opened, I subsequently lobbied the FCDO for project funding in support of the island's Tourism Recovery Plan, which has been provided as £500K ring-fenced for Tourism over the past 3 consecutive years.

As a Councillor, I took on responsibility for St Paul's District Area, where I have held regular monthly drop-in surgeries and quarterly constituency meetings, whilst having participated in a wide range of community activities. In this role, I have dealt with well over a hundred individual requests for support or assistance on a wide range of community and personal issues, such as roads, mirrors, sewerage, flooding, pensions, benefits, utilities, and medical referrals, to name but a few. I have also continued to stress the importance of youth engagement; I supported the re-establishment of the St Helena Youth Parliament, and have been actively involved with the island's primary schools. If re-elected, I will endeavour to ensure the planned re-organisation of primary education happens in as smooth a manner as possible, for the benefit of our youth, and in particular those with special needs.

I took on Chairmanship of the Select Committee that has oversight of the St Helena Government

portfolios relating to Health and Social Care, Education, Skills and Employment, and Environment, Natural Resources, and Planning. This Select Committee has published 3 reports, relating to Farming, Fishing, and also Health and Social Care. I have also been an active member of the White Ribbon Campaign to end violence against women and girls, and have pushed for legislation to be strengthened in this area. Outside of my official duties, I have continued to undertake a number of roles within the community, such as my Vice Chairmanship of the SHAPE Board of Directors. As an Elected Member, I have raised numerous questions and issues in the House; I have pushed for legislative and policy changes, in line with commitments made when I stood for election in 2021, and I also pushed for the Independent Fishing Audit and the Governance Review.

I believe we have moved forward since 2021, despite the external pressures we have faced, such as global oil prices; for example, we have already seen a return to pre-COVID visitor numbers and the introduction of unlimited broadband packages. However, St Helena is on a journey, which started over a decade ago; a journey that has been bumpy, but one that we need to complete.

This is why I am campaigning with the message “No Going Backwards, Keep Moving Forwards”, as I genuinely believe that great strides are being made under the new Ministerial form of Government, and we therefore need to keep pushing forward with this. If re-elected, I will continue to push for physical progress, particularly in respect of developing the island’s human capital through improved health and education, and further supporting the development of a private sector led economy, particularly in the areas of farming and fishing.

Robert Midwinter – Candidate for Re-Election 2025

‘Restoring a globally significant Cloud Forest’

News from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project



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

Today, we’re thrilled to present the latest project film covering Phase One of the St Helena Cloud Forest Project (2021-2025), available now on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMxkmPtWDAE>

Thanks again to the incredible talent of Capricorn Studios, an insightful documentary-style film has been produced which reflects on the first four years of our Cloud Forest Project. One of the most vital conservation efforts underway on the planet.

This 40-minute feature follows the progress of the project over phase one, giving viewers a rare look at what goes into saving the last natural cloud forest in all of the UK and it’s territories across all pillars— from biodiversity to water

security, education to outreach.

A huge shout out to all of the project staff, current and former, that have contributed to this incredible documentary, and a massive thank you and well done to Darrin and Sharon Henry of Capricorn Studios for this production!

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

Scan the QR Codes below for quick access to:

Website



Facebook



Twitter/X





ST HELENA! ... Our FIRST, Our LAST, Our EVERYTHING!

I'm standing as a candidate in this year's general election having decided in 2021 to take a break. My name is Anthony Green but I am more commonly known as Tony. This election is about you, the people of St Helena! You will get a say in who forms a new government. Government is responsible for caring for its people as well as making sure

society abides by its laws and customs.

St Helena is well blessed in many ways but there will always be much to do and a lot that can be done better. It will be about making the best use of what we have. I offer to do my very best if elected and we can achieve so much more by working together.

I'm a supporter of the Ministerial System of Government and having this relatively new form of Government progressed to the next stage is very important! The recent report by the Governance Review Team says "There have been some concerns that the full benefits of the new system have not yet been realised, particularly in terms of more accountability and more effective decision-making".

Ministers must now step up and be personally responsible and accountable to Legislative Council and ultimately to you the people for their decisions and the performance of their portfolios. This means that they will have to 'take the can' if something goes wrong. For this to work the constitution and supporting codes and rules need to say clearly that Ministers do indeed have the political authority over their Directorates to deliver services in line and on budget with their policies. This was not always the case under the committee system.

The Governance Review Team's

Report of June 2025, yet to be discussed, has some very good proposed amendments to the constitution and elsewhere and it is to be hoped that these will not be watered down as we could then be back to square one.

The financial position of government is also crucial for the new government to be able to effectively move forward and needs early clarity. It has been mentioned that the balance in the consolidated fund for financial year ending March 2025 has been allowed to drop to £1.9m. This would be a significant and serious decrease from the approximate £8m when the previous council completed its term in 2021. This would not even take account of possible litigation costs. Around 2021 it had been agreed that a safe level for this reserve money should be £5m.

Moving on from my top two key issues and to keep this article as short as possible I list below in no particular order some other issues that need to be addressed:

Fisheries: Fish is the major resource we have available and there still seems to be issues that need to be resolved soon.

Communications: Deciding on long-term plans for telecommunications has to be a priority. An examination also of our sea and air communications agreements is also important to see if we are getting maximum benefit.

£6.65m BIOT agreement: It would be interesting to see the full details of this agreement and what parts of it may not yet have been implemented. The extra funding is very

welcomed but what is the deal if any migrants were to arrive? I believe that the people of St Helena should have a say in who can come to our Island.

Utility costs: This has to be a priority and the new Government has to take a close look at where this is going. It affects individuals directly and again through providers of goods and services.

The Environment: Important to keep this moving forward and climate change and solar energy should not be overlooked.

Education: The importance of education and investment in our young people is key! While increasing academic standards and instilling the right mind set are important I would also like to see an arrangement for those with practical abilities being able to achieve recognised certificates of competencies or the like. This would improve job opportunities here and overseas as well as building self-belief and confidence. Having different certified levels of competencies could perhaps eventually lead to academic studies! Perhaps a trade school eventually?

Other: No issue is unimportant and matters like health care, farming, marine and land-based projects, tourism and sports all need to be supported. The gap between the have and the have nots need to be borne in mind as this has become seriously obvious.

I've decided to be a candidate as I believe the new council would benefit from having a mixture of 'youth' and experience and a good balance of males and females. I hope to contribute to the pool of candidates you will have available to choose from.

What have I to offer? I've spent about twenty years each in both the public and private sectors on St Helena plus after leaving government spent some fifteen years on Ascension Island. Jobs have included positions of CEO on both Islands. On Ascension as the Senior Manager of Ascension Island Services (AIS) I initiated and then with support achieved ISO 9000 accreditation (later also ISO 9001) which are internationally recognised management systems.

Long before that while working here for St Helena Government in the 1980's Governor Baker sent me to Ascension Island to be the Acting Administrator for four months. I have a Professional Certificate in Management from the Open University and I've been a JP on Ascension and St Helena and also worked as a Lay Advocate here for about four years. After returning from Ascension Island in 2004 I was first employed as the Constitutional Change Coordinator.

My time as a Member of the Legislative Council, much of it in Executive Council, amounts to about ten years.

Going forward it will be important for the new elected government to work more closely than ever with the civil service to achieve results. Better communications with the public will also be necessary.

I'm available.... Let me be your choice!
Anthony (Tony) Green

FROM THE COUCH IS BACK.....

Contributed by Leigh & Louis

The Premier League began it's 2025/26 season last Friday with Liverpool against AFC Bournemouth, below is a match report from this game.

Late goals from Federico Chiesa and Mohamed Salah gave champions Liverpool a dramatic 4-2 victory over AFC Bournemouth as the 2025/26 Premier League campaign got off to a thrilling start at An-field.



Hugo Ekitike had a goal and an assist in an impressive Premier League debut to put Arne Slot's team in control, with the forward netting a first-half opener before teeing up Cody Gakpo shortly after the interval.

But Antoine Semenyo single-handedly dragged Bournemouth back into the contest, pulling one back in the 64th minute and then travelling from well inside his own half for a spectacular solo goal 14 minutes from time.

Liverpool were not to be denied, however, as substitute Chiesa reacted quickest to volley home in the 88th minute, restoring the hosts' lead with his first Premier League goal.

Salah's breakaway effort then made certain of the result in stoppage time as Liverpool went top of the early standings, having paid an emotional tribute to their late forward Diogo Jota and his brother Andre Silva ahead of kick-off.



Friday 15 th	Liverpool	4	1	Bournemouth AC
Saturday 16 th	Wolves	0	4	Man City
Saturday 16 th	Tottenham	3	0	West Ham
Saturday 16 th	Brighton	1	1	Fulham
Saturday 16 th	Aston Villa	0	0	Newcastle
Sunday 17 th	Man United	0	1	Arsenal
Sunday 17 th	Nottm Forest	3	1	Brentford
Sunday 17 th	Chelsea	0	0	Crystal Palace
Monday 18 th	Leeds	1	0	Everton



Friday 22 nd	20:00	West Ham	vs	Chelsea
Saturday 23 rd	12:30	Man City	vs	Tottenham
Saturday 23 rd	15:00	Bournemouth AC	vs	Wolves
Saturday 23 rd	15:00	Brentford	vs	Aston Villa
Saturday 23 rd	15:00	Burnley	vs	Sunderland
Saturday 23 rd	17:30	Arsenal	vs	Leeds
Sunday 24 th	14:00	Crystal Palace	vs	Nottm Forest
Sunday 24 th	14:00	Everton	vs	Brighton
Sunday 24 th	16:30	Fulham	vs	Man United
Monday 25 th	20:00	Newcastle	vs	Liverpool

We will be back next week with all the latest from the Premier League

FOLLOW THE SHFA SEASON 2025

Week 5 of the season, saw all games postponed due to a water logged pitch.

This weekend will see the start of Round 2 of the fixtures with

Saturday 23rd August @2pm Bellboys vs Intergalactic

Sunday 24th August @ 1:30pm La Verde vs Rovers

Sunday 24th August @ 3:30pm Fugees vs Wirebirds

FOLLOW THE JUNIOR LEAGUE SEASON 2025

New Horizons informed their Junior League members on Saturday 16th August via a Facebook post that all games postponed.

It was imagine this cancellation was due to a water logged pitch seeing that the SHFA had cancelled the entire weekends matches.

Fixtures scheduled for this weekend are as follows

NH STARS	VS	DABBING DEVILS	9am
RUMBLERS	VS	NEW HORIZONS FC	9am
VIKINGS	VS	GOLDEN GLADIATORS	9:45am
FLIX	VS	BLACK MUMBAS	9:45am

ALL MATCHES ON SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST



NEW HORIZONS STARS KITS SPONSORED BY MRS LEEANNE HENRY



RUMBLERS

Golf Report: Grusome Competition

Report by the St Helena Golf Club

The St. Helena Golf Club hosted a Gruesome choose your partner 18-hole stroke play competition on Sunday, August 17th, 2025, with 18 enthusiastic golfers participating. The event was generously sponsored by Douglas Augustus and featured a unique handicap calculation, utilizing three-eighths of the combined handicap for each pair. Despite slightly cool temperatures, the weather conditions were ideal, with no rain throughout the round, ensuring a pleasant day for golf.

The competition saw some impressive performances. Douglas Augustus and Eddy Bowers emerged victorious, securing first place with a net score of 75. Close behind, Larry Legg and Neil Joshua claimed second place with a net score of 76. Rounding out the podium, Bramwell Bushuru and Reuben Oliphant finished in third place with a net score of 79. Congratulations are extended to all prize winners for their excellent play. There was no two-ball pool winner for this event. The club extends a big thank you to the sponsor, Mr. Douglas Augustus, for his continued support.

Looking ahead, the St. Helena Golf Club has a busy schedule. On Sunday, August 24th, the club will host an 18-hole Monthly Medal competition, which will be sponsored by the club itself. Members are also reminded of the upcoming Half-Yearly General Meeting on August 30th, 2025. This important meeting will be preceded by a Texas Scramble competition with a shotgun start teeing off at 11:30 AM. Members are strongly encouraged to participate in both the competition and the meeting to ensure enough members for the general meeting to proceed smoothly. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Happy swinging.....!



INVITATION TO TENDER

ROAD MAINTENANCE SERVICE TO ASSIST THE ROADS SECTION WITH MAINTENANCE OF ADOPTED ROADS

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

SSHA-1932-SHG – Road Maintenance Service to assist the Roads Section with maintenance of adopted roads

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from the Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, Top Floor, Post Office Building, Jamestown by telephone on 25932 or via email through tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Should you require any further details, please contact the Roads and Building Maintenance Manager, Deon Robbertse by telephone on 23765 or via email through roads.manager@helanta.co.sh.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Friday, 29 August 2025, clearly marked: **“Tender SSHA-1932-SHG”**.

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

MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



	GOLDEN KAROO 251216	BRIGHT SKY 251217	GREEN MOUNTAIN 251219
Immingham	12-Jul	09-Aug	06-Sep
	KAROLINE 251708	KAROLINE 251709	KAROLINE 251710
Cape Town	20-Aug	14-Sep	10-Oct
Rupert's Bay	28-Aug	22-Sep	18-Oct
Ascension Island	-	-	-
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- ▶ Good size kitchen and lounge as well as a modern bathroom
- ▶ The property is not overlooked and offers a mature garden with ocean views



Property in Longwood £125,000

- Well finished and well-presented inside and out
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- Modern Lounge and kitchen
- This property offers the buyer good development opportunities subject to planning permission

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