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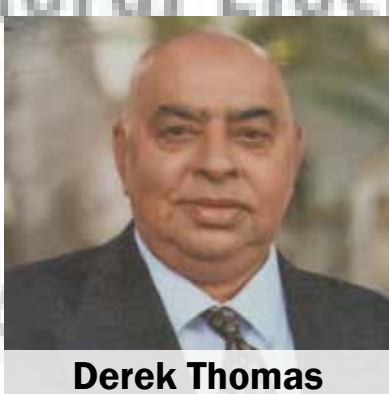
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Karl Thrower



Gillian Brooks



Clint Beard



Rob Midwinter



Ronald Coleman



Martin Henry



Corinda Essex

General Election Result

ELECTED CANDIDATES	
Rebecca Cairns Wicks	823
Andrew Turner	761
Corinda Essex	730
Karl Thrower	650
Denny Leo	644
Derek Thomas	629
Gillian Brooks	543
Martin Henry	541
Rob Midwinter	441
Clint Beard	407
Julie Thomas	403
Ronald Coleman	389

NOT ELECTED	
Colin Bargo	?
Cruyff Buckley	?
Jeffrey Ellick	?
Derek Pedley	?
Kevin Thomas	?
Mark Brooks	?
Patrick Williams	?
Melisa Fowler	?
Tony Green	?
Elizabeth Knipe	?
Cyril Leo	?

A Mixed Bag of Successful Candidates

Eight of the eleven councillors from the previous government were re-elected to serve a further four-year term, two of them being former ministers. Based on number of votes, five of the eight re-elected to serve a second term are positioned in the lower half of the list of successful candidates. Two candidates who were councillors under the old committee system, Derek Thomas and Clint Beard return to serve another four-year term. Two successful candidates will be new to the council chamber.

The candidate with the most votes, Rebecca Cairns Wicks, repeats the outcome of the 2021 election by decisively leading the field with more than 800 votes. Also, for the second consecutive time a woman is the most popular candidate. In 2021, Julie Thomas led the list of successful candidates with 888 votes, 54 more than Andrew Turner who came second in 2021 and was runner-up again in this week's election.

In 2021, Julie Thomas was elected Chief Minister because she gained the most votes. This is not an established method of selection and it will be interesting to see if the newly elected councillors use the same selection procedure.

While Rebecca Cairns Wicks has not been a councillor before, she does have many years of experience dealing with government departments on a range of issues. There will be much which is familiar to her.

We can also speculate whether Andrew Turner will stake a claim to a ministerial position on the basis that for a second consecutive time he has the second highest number of votes. The councillors elect a chief minister but the other four ministers are appointed by the chief minister. Popularity in the polls is not the factor.

Corinda Essex and Karl Thrower are also returned with what can be seen as a vote of confidence; will they accept a ministerial position if offered? Martin Henry is also one of two ministers returned to serve another term. As health minister he gained a reputation for driving forward several improvements in the health service and successfully fighting for more funding. Is Martin in the frame to continue the health service improvements that are clearly close to his heart? Also in the reckoning could be former chief minister Julie Thomas. First, will the councillors vote again for her to be chief minister. Second, will Julie want to do the job for another four years? Would she be prepared to serve in another ministerial post?

With Clint Beard and Derek Thomas back in the saddle and also Ronald Coleman, Gilly Brooks and Rob Midwinter, there will be plenty in the council chamber who have 'previous'. Denny Leo is the only one who pulls a suit, shirt and tie out of the wardrobe, polishes his shoes and sits down at the big table for the first time.

General Election Result

Who Fell at the Final Hurdle?



Mark Brooks and Jeffrey Ellick are former ministers who did not get re-elected for another term. Elizabeth Knipe, who was elected unopposed in a by-election was also unsuccessful. Three former councillors from the committee system era also hit the final hurdle – Tony Green, Cruyff Buckley and Cyril Leo. Other candidates who did make it include some making a first attempt.

Feedback from the Election Campaign

The comment often heard was that candidates did not get out and about to meet and greet people, 'press the flesh' (handshakes and hugs) or even handout leaflets - on a Saturday outside the Canister? Some recalled the time when candidates went door-knocking – none of that this, the Independent was told.

The effort put into displaying posters was variable. Some candidates posted photos with a message fairly far and wide while others didn't display any. The same happened with the traditional manifestos and posters published in newspapers. Some supplied several pages over the course of the campaign while others were presumably relying on publicity on social media. It is notable that Denny Leo was one such candidate and was elected. This is surely testament to his popularity.

Saint FM ignored the entire event, clinging firmly to a policy decision 'not to get involved with politics'. A decision which not only the Independent considers counter-productive but clearly a smack in the face for the democratic process. How much did this decision by Saint FM contribute to a further decline in turnout? At the last general election, the turnout was an uninspiring 60% of those who registered to vote. This week it dropped further to 56%. Discussions during the election campaign often include ways to make election more relevant to people so they become more involved. The actions of Saint FM are clearly damaging and a backward step.

And Finally. . .

The Independent has to go to print, NOW. They say time waits for no man (or woman) and we can wait no longer for SHG to publish the official result. For this reason, the Independent is unable to publish full details of the election result.

Was This the Biggest Election Debate We've Ever Had?

What a Hat Can Say Without Words



Dear Saints,

I write today not to tell you how to vote, nor to judge any candidate's policies, but to share a concern born out of love for the island we all call home. Living in the United States, I have seen firsthand how quickly division can take root and how small symbols can carry weight far beyond their initial appearance.

Recently, I saw that one of the candidates in the upcoming election has chosen to wear a hat that reads "Make St. Helena Great." For some, this might seem harmless—a catchy slogan, perhaps even a bit of humor. But to me, and to many who have lived under the shadow of the nearly identical slogan in America, it represents something deeper. Here, that phrase was used to divide communities, stir resentment, and promise quick fixes that came at the expense of unity and democracy.

Let me be clear: I do not know all of Mr. Pedley's policies or promises, nor do I claim to. In fact, I have never had a personal conversation with him. This is nothing personal toward Mr. Pedley. I may well agree with some of his ideas and disagree with others. The only reason I am singling him out is because of the hat and what that symbol represents. My concern is not about his platform—it is about what the choice to create and wear this hat communicates without words. A symbol like this speaks louder than campaign speeches. It suggests a worldview that carries risks we should all be wary of—especially in a small, close-knit community like ours. St. Helena faces complex challenges. There are no simple fixes. Anyone offering a slogan as a solution should be met with questions, not applause. I urge everyone to look past the headlines and the noise of social media and take the time to understand what each candidate truly stands for, through their words, their actions, and their record.

We all want what is best for St. Helena. I hope that, as you cast your vote, you do so with open eyes and careful thought, protecting not just the present, but the long-term spirit and unity of our island.

I know this election is just around the corner. My words are not meant to interfere in local politics, but to share a perspective from experience: symbols can shape a nation's direction just as much as policies, often more than we realize at the time.

With respect, Natalie (A Saint Abroad)

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me in the recent General Election. Standing as a candidate requires more than just putting your name forward—it begins with the formal process of completing a nomination form, which must include two sponsors and five supporters. I am deeply grateful to those who took that first step with me and gave me the confidence to stand.

I also want to thank every person who voted for me and who offered encouragement during the campaign. It was particularly encouraging to see that over 1,100 ballots were cast, showing how much people care about the future of our Island. Your support helped me to be elected as one of the twelve Members of the new Legislative Council. It is a responsibility I take very seriously, and I will do my best to represent our community with honesty, clarity, and accountability.

I would also like to thank all those involved in the election process itself—whether organising, overseeing, or counting votes. Their hard work and professionalism ensured the election was conducted smoothly, fairly, and transparently.

The next step in the process will be for the twelve elected councillors to meet and elect both a Speaker and a Deputy Speaker, as well as the new Chief Minister, in the coming days. These decisions will shape the direction of the new Council, and I look forward to playing my part in ensuring we have strong and accountable leadership.

For me, the most important outcome is the trust placed in us as councillors. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the months and years ahead to tackle the challenges we face and to build on the opportunities before us.

Thank you once again to everyone who has shown their support.

**Yours sincerely,
Karl Thrower**

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Energy drinks to be banned for under-16s in England

The UK government is planning a new law in England to stop anyone under the age of 16 buying energy drinks such as Red Bull, Monster and Prime from shops, restaurants, cafes, vending machines and online.

Up to a third of UK children are thought to consume these types of drinks every week, despite most supermarkets having already introduced a voluntary ban.

Some popular drinks contain more caffeine than two cups of coffee. Excessive consumption is linked to headaches and sleep problems.

Health and Social Care Secretary Wes Streeting told BBC Radio "You can see the impact on the health, concentration and the learning, and that is why we are acting."

Too much caffeine can cause a rapid heart rate, abnormal heart rhythms and seizures.

Although rare, there have been some deaths linked to excess caffeine.

The sugary versions of the drinks can also cause damage to teeth and contribute to obesity, according to The Association of UK Dieticians.

A consultation will now run for 12 weeks to gather evidence from health and education experts as well as the public and retailers and manufacturers who already ban the drinks.

While no official date has been set for the ban, Streeting said it will come in "a lot sooner" than the end of this parliament - the deadline Labour had previously promised.

Streeting said the government needs to "change with the times" and tackle social media advertising.

Lower-caffeine soft drinks, such as Diet Coke, are not affected by the ban, and neither are tea and coffee.

TV chef Jamie Oliver has repeatedly warned of the dangers and disruption energy drinks can cause, with kids coming into school "bouncing off the walls" having had energy drinks for breakfast.














"We are talking about three, four shots of espresso in one of these things. Loads of sugar. An absolute nightmare," he said in a video posted on X last year.

Under current labelling rules, any drink, other than tea or coffee, with over 150mg of caffeine per litre requires a warning label saying: "High caffeine content. Not recommended for children or pregnant or breast-feeding women." Young people have smaller bodies and their brains are still developing, which can make them more sensitive to caffeine, say experts.

For most adults, up to 400mg of caffeine a day, or about four cups of instant coffee or five cups of tea, is safe.

Caffeine: How do popular drinks compare?

Amount of caffeine in average portions of each drink

Drink	Caffeine
 Can of cola (355ml)	40mg
 Mug of black tea (250ml)	around 50mg
 Double espresso (60ml)	80mg
 Mug of instant coffee (250ml)	100mg
 Can of Red Bull (250ml)	80mg =  2 cans of cola or  1 double espresso
 Can of Monster or Relentless energy drinks (500ml)	160mg =  4 cans of cola or  2 double espressos
 Can of Prime energy drink (330ml)	140mg =  3.5 cans of cola or  1.5 double espressos

Sources: EFSA, BBC research



Overseas Delegation ‘Observed’ Wednesday’s General Election

Seven observers arrived in St Helena in advance of the general election to assess various aspects of it in relation to compliance with local laws, regulations and procedures. International standards are also taken into account but local legislation takes precedence. Five members of the delegation arrived on 23rd August, the remaining two touched down at the airport a week later.

The delegation is organised by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA). It is the second time the CPA has observed a St Helena general election. The first time was in 2021 but was adversely impacted by the Covid pandemic. Due to the many restrictions on movement, observations were conducted via video conferencing.



Head of Mission, Gary Clueit (centre) takes questions during a press conference soon held after arriving here. Gary is flanked by Stefan Szwed (left) and Craig Whittaker (right), both are election analysts.

The observer delegation does not compare nations or territories when making their report on the execution of the general election. One reason being that accurate comparisons are not possible when local situations frequently differ. The assessment is based on local criteria and aspirations.

Head of Mission, Gary Clueit, is a member of Tynwald, the Isle of Man Parliament. Tynwald is of Norse origin and over 1,000 years old and is thus claimed to be the oldest parliament in the world with an unbroken existence.

Gary has an extensive background in a wide range of activities. His interests range from beekeeping to microfinancing/microlending to entrepreneurs in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Mr Clueit told the Independent that Isle of Man tourism benefited from its United Nations designation as a Biosphere. The Isle of Man is the world's only whole-nation designation as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve; this includes the waters surrounding the island. Mr Clueit felt confident St Helena would be successful if an application for biosphere designation is made. He added that the benefits of designation included attracting 'high worth' visitors to the Isle of Man.

EDITOR'S ACERBIC NOTE

To our future Tourism Minister - Based on past performance, the chances of SHG pursuing Mr Clueit's comment on biosphere designation is remote. Efforts to obtain Dark Sky Island designation for St Helena included handing a draft Ordinance and the accompanying regulations to SHG, on a plate. This was at least a decade ago. Absolutely nothing resulted from this. So far, the government have clearly shown no appreciation for the benefit to economic development such accreditations encourage.

Also, involvement with the efforts of the Liberated African Advisory Committee (LAAC) have previously been deliberately avoided. The aims and efforts of the LAAC are focussed on giving due commemoration and respect to the thousands liberated from slave ships, only to die as a result of their captivity after being released on St Helena. The part St Helena played in the history of the Middle Passage is huge but largely unrecognised. Look around you; Black History is increasingly recognised on a global scale. With regard to the islands' economy, there is potential here for another niche tourism market and an opportunity to emphasise yet another aspect of St Helena's rich history.

Will the new government have a more positive attitude to facilitating tourism and economic development more generally?

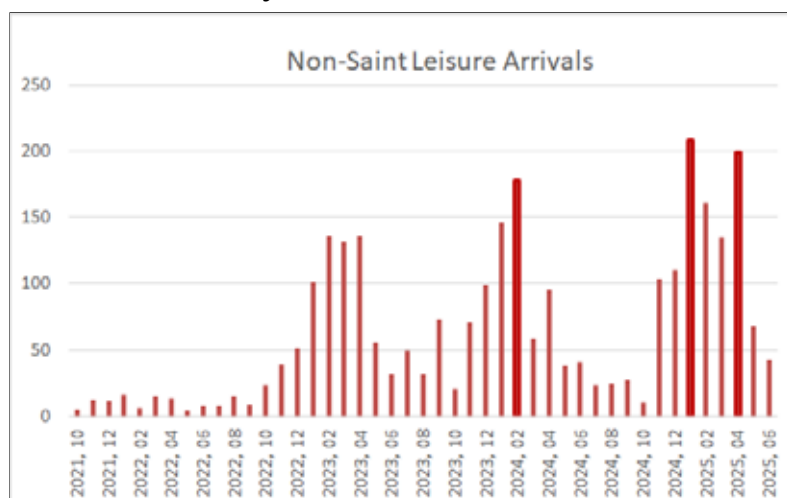
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It is possible that during the next four years of the new government ministers will need to think long and hard about how to manage the number of tourists arriving here. This is not being optimistic, that time will come and it's best to be fully prepared, well ahead of the time decisions need to be made.

A major consideration when attempting to be fully prepared is also to be reliably informed. The next minister to lead on tourism development will find that the information available is not reliable. Since January this year the data gathered and given to the Statistics Office does not include Saints who return from overseas to visit family and friends nor does it include returning residents. The method used for data gathering has changed and it is now as if these arrivals categories do not exist. It follows therefore, that the total number of people arriving this year is not known.

It is often the case, everywhere, that the basic data gathered cannot be used by statisticians in the form it is received. The data has to be broken down and reorganised before any sense can be made of it. This can mean the numbers are a best guess rather than an accurate count. With St Helena arrivals there are huge holes in the data. The new tourism minister will have unsatisfactory data provided upon which vital decisions have to be made. Much more on that later. In the meantime, gathering data on arrivals means one government department works against another because the different uses for the data gathered is not considered. This blinkered approach results in time-wasting; it is also very inefficient and eye-wateringly expensive. The entire ministerial team needs to get to grips with that one. There must be other similar examples.

Working on best guesses, since June 2023 (well past the COVID shutdown) non-Saint arrivals for leisure purposes make up about 23% of all arrivals. In February 2024, January and April 2025 the number of non-Saint leisure arrivals during those months was very close to what is thought to be roughly the total number of bed spaces (a double or twin equals two) available across the Island. This is a best guess because there is no reliable list of accommodation providers. There are about 200 bed spaces advertised on various tourism websites. Of course, tourists are more likely to stay for week rather than a month but the overall trend is clearly upward and the new Tourism Minister will be well advised to start preparing now for the time when more seats are needed for passengers on planes and more accommodation is required. Getting reliable information on tourist arrivals will not be achieved in just a few weeks.



The rising trend in tourist arrivals is clear. The busiest months show arrivals close to or just over 200 – a rise of 50 tourists a month in the peak season across two years. Will it be that in three years' time changes need to be made in order to meet demand?

As well as the Tourism Minister driving forward on getting reliable numbers on arrivals in all categories and introducing a registration system for buildings used for commercial accommodation, future passenger loadings need serious contemplation.

First, taking the data available as a rough guide, the number of overseas Saints and Non-Saint tourists arriving between June 2023 and June 2025 is about equal. Passengers who come here on contract work or are in transit (mostly yacht crews) are also about equal, each making up almost 20% of all arriving passengers. The remaining

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category is returning residents, one of the two categories with incomplete data. The best guess is these passengers also make up about the same number as transits and contract workers. The unknown is the number of vacant seats. Despite a few attempts being made over time to obtain it, this vital information is withheld by our secretive government.

The Tourism Minister will need to keep a close eye on which categories of passenger arrivals increase or decrease and by how much. And then assess if the tourism demand can still be met in terms of seats on planes and beds on-island. With the various situations prevailing at present, no reliable forecasting is possible.

The biggest decision will be when and how to accommodate more arrivals on planes. It is a big jump to change from one to two planes each week. It would be insane to bring on an extra plane for just five or ten passengers. The expense would outweigh hoped-for benefits.

Noticeable by its absence is a northbound airbridge flight with connecting flights from St Helena to Ascension. The connection is probably not allowed because it would take passengers away from the Airlink flight. But things do change. When the time comes to look for extra passenger capacity on planes, the airbridge flight from Ascension to Brize Norton is the first place to look. The MOD will need to give permission for civilians to travel on the airbridge, and it can never be too early to start discussions with them. The main decision, to have two weekly flights to St Helena airport can then be put back to a time when tourism expansion is more certain and stronger.

A further step-change will be deciding when the right time is to open existing hospitality businesses for longer and to develop new businesses focussing in cafés, bars and restaurants. The most noticeable dead time in Jamestown at the moment is in the afternoon, after the lunchtime customers return to work. It is also the time when tour guides bring their customers back to Jamestown. Tourists wander around Main Street looking for a place to sit down and have a coffee – but cannot find anywhere open.



The welcome change will be from Jamestown being a quiet ghost town noted only for being suffocated by parked cars and no parking cones to a lively commercial district with a variety of places to have a meal or sit and sip coffee as the Island passes by. This change needs much more than private sector interests deciding individually whether to stay open longer because more tourists mean the lunch hour is no longer the last gasp of commercial opportunity.

Change works best when plans are fully considered and guided by professional development planning. This includes the Island-wide Development Plan (LDCP) indicating areas in lower Jamestown where new development such as pavement cafés are encouraged or preferred. Unfortunately, there is no Development Plan, the last one expired in 2022. No one in authority appears to realise the importance of completing this important work.

Adequate and effective planning is important because it will help avoid a possible shift of hospitality businesses to the seafront after the containers move out. It is a fine balance requiring the area

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Street life – lets have some

from the Duke of Edinburgh 'playground' to Grand Parade receiving skilled and extensive attention. It is important to ensure lower Jamestown thrives when tourist do come in useful numbers to spend their money. Lack of action could mean lower Jamestown is at risk of deteriorating at the cost of possible success developing the seafront. The Bridge is an obvious candidate for putting a beating heart into a ghost town.



People Like Doing it in the Street

Worsley Is the Centre of Attraction Again

Last week, the 23 strong Titan cricket team were honoured by the Governor with a reception at Plantation House. Co-host at the reception is Worsley, the resident Plantation House dog. He loves having the room full of people and says 'hello' to everyone in his doggie way.

As Worsley so often does, he fetches his favourite soft toy and shows it to all the guests. He keeps it closely guarded, never letting it out of his possession. The big blue toy is clearly his pride and joy.

Who knows what the toy represents to Worsley in his lively canine mind.



Worsley sitting at he centre of things, never letting his soft toy out of his sight.

How sheer luck made this tiny Caribbean Island millions from its web address

*Anguilla is a British Overseas Territory renowned for its pristine beaches - **Jacob Evans***



Back in the 1980s when the internet was still in its infancy, countries were being handed their own unique website addresses to navigate this nascent new online world. Such as .us for the US or .uk for the UK.

Eventually, almost every country and territory had a domain based on either its English or own language name. This included the small Caribbean Island of

Anguilla, which landed the address .ai.

Unbeknownst to Anguilla at the time, this would become a future jackpot.

With the continuing boom in artificial intelligence (AI), more and more companies and individuals are paying Anguilla to register new websites with the .ai tag.

Such as US tech boss Dharmesh Shah, who earlier this year spent a reported \$700,000 (£519,000) on the address you.ai.

Speaking to the BBC, Mr Shah says he purchased it because he had "an idea for an AI product that would allow people to create digital versions of themselves that could do specific tasks on their behalf".

The number of .ai websites has increased more than 10-fold in the past five years, and has doubled in the past 12 months alone, according to a website that tracks domain name registrations. The challenge for Anguilla, which has a population of just 16,000 people, is how to harness this lucrative bit of luck and turn it into a long-term and sustainable source of income.

Similar to other small Caribbean islands, Anguilla's economy is built on a bedrock of tourism. Recently, it's been attracting visitors in the luxury travel market, particularly from the US. Anguilla's statistics department says there was a record number of visitors to the island last year, with 111,639 people entering its shores.

Yet Anguilla's tourism sector is vulnerable to damage from hurricanes every autumn. Situated in the northeast of the Caribbean island arc, Anguilla lies perfectly within the North Atlantic hurricane belt. So gaining an increasing income from selling website addresses is playing an important role in diversifying the island's economy, and making it more resilient to the financial damage that storms may bring. This is something that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) noted in a recent report on Anguilla.

In its draft 2025 budget document, the Anguillian government says that in 2024 it earned 105.5m East Caribbean dollars (\$39m; £29m) from selling domain names. That was almost a quarter (23%) of its total revenues last year. Tourism accounts for some 37%, according to the IMF.

The Anguillian government expects its .ai revenues to increase further to 132m Eastern Caribbean dollars this year, and to 138m in 2026. It comes as more than 850,000 .ai domains are now in existence, up from fewer than 50,000 in 2020.

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As a British Overseas Territory, Anguilla is under the sovereignty of the UK, but with a high level of internal self-governance.

The UK has significant influence on the island's defence and security, and has provided financial assistance during times of crisis. After Hurricane Irma severely damaged it in 2017, the UK gave £60m to Anguilla over five years to help meet the repair bill.

The UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office tells the BBC it welcomes Anguilla's efforts "to find innovative ways to deliver economic growth" as it helps "contribute to Anguilla's financial self-sufficiency".

To manage its burgeoning domain name income, in October 2024 Anguilla signed a five-year deal with a US tech firm called Identity Digital, which specialises in internet domain name registries.

At the start of this year, Identity Digital announced that it had moved where all the .ai domains are hosted, from servers in Anguilla, to its own global server network. This is to prevent any disruption from future hurricanes, or any other risks to the island's infrastructure, such as power cuts.

The exact cost of .ai addresses isn't publicly disclosed, but registration prices are said to start from roughly \$150 to \$200. With renewal fees of around the same amount every two years.

At the same time, more in-demand domain names are auctioned off, with some fetching hundreds of thousands of US dollars. The owners of these then have to pay the same small renewal fees as everyone else.

In all cases, the government of Anguilla gets the sales revenue, with Identity Digital getting a cut said to be around 10%. However, they appear to be sensitive about the topic, as both declined to be interviewed for this article.

However, Anguilla's position is not without precedent. The similarly tiny Pacific island nation of Tuvalu signed an exclusive deal in 1998 to license its .tv domain name.

Reports say this granted exclusive rights to US domain name registry firm, VeriSign in exchange for \$2m a year, which later rose to \$5m.

A decade later and with the internet expanding exponentially, Tuvalu's finance minister, Lotoala Metia, said VeriSign, paid "peanuts" for the right to run the domain name. The country signed a new deal with a different domain provider, GoDaddy, in 2021.

Anguilla is operating in a different fashion, having handed over management of the domain name in a revenue-sharing model, not a fixed payment.

Cashing in on this new line of income sustainably has been a major goal for the island. It's hoped the increasing incomings will allow for a new airport to be built to facilitate tourism growth, as well as fund improvements to public infrastructure and access to health care.

As the number of registered .ai domains hurtles toward the million mark, Anguillians will hope this money is managed safely and invested in their future.

What Kind of Chief Minister Do We Want?

It is widely accepted that a leader is more likely to succeed if the person has a friendly nature, a sense of humour, is approachable and shows an interest in the people he or she is in contact with. How many leading politicians do you know in the world with that kind of personality? So many are intensely serious, egocentric, insist they are right all the time and never laugh. No wonder there is a yawning gap in so many countries between the governing and the governed.

Immediately it is obvious that for a leader to carry people along, a wide range of skills is needed. Many of the world's leaders cannot do it; they persuade people by getting the military mobilised. The miserable leaders we have to endure is one of the reasons democracies are on the back foot.

Which of our elected candidates can talk WITH people rather than AT them. How many can discuss and explain some issue of government business without imitating a boring lecturer reading from notes to yet another new intake of students. Can any of our newly elected councillors talk to you as if you were chatting casually in the street or in a pub. All government business does not have to be serious, grim and inevitably, bad news.

Let's Party!



Maybe Not?

Is it possible we could have a Chief Minister who tells us what direction has been chosen on any particular subject and how and why it is important to get a result? Can we have a Chief Minister who accepts mistakes can be made and is flexible enough to change direction if this happens.

This is written before Wednesday's election. How many people will take time to go to a polling station to vote. There is no evidence the turnout will any different to previous general elections.

After four years as Chief Minister, will the person voted in by our newly elected councillors be able to show success in bringing along with him or her a good proportion of islanders, whether they are on the voting register or not? Will proof of this success be a much greater turnout at the next election in 2029? Leaders cannot lead if no-one follows.

No matter how much our new Chief Minister is 'of the people' there is some nitty gritty politics to stay on top of. Will our new Chief Minister already have well informed and well researched views on the main issues expected to be faced in the foreseeable future? When listening to advice and information given on a daily basis, will he or she be able to identify gaps revealing information suppressed or advice withheld? Will our new Chief Minister be able to closely question anyone until confident all information given is both reliable and satisfactory? Lastly and crucially, will our Chief Minister strongly maintain that there is no division between making and implementing policy? The second is a natural continuation of the first and ministers are ultimately responsible for both. Will he or she prevail upon the government officers when arguing that implementing policy includes making important decisions which only ministers can take because they are accountable for them?

The Dutch Invasion and Occupation of St. Helena Island - 29 December 1672 to 15 May 1673

Contributed - Aubrey George

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A brief summary of the Dutch Invasion

A new Dutch Commander Ijsbrand Goske arrived at the Dutch Settlement at Table Bay - Capetown in October 1672 with secret orders. On 30th November 1672, the Dutch Council approved a plan for the invasion.

Led by Jacob de Gens, four Dutch Ships - Vryheid, Cattenburg, Vliegende Swaen, and Zuid Posbrook, with 180 soldiers and 150 sailors above normal crews departed from Table Bay on December 13, 1672, with Lieutenant Coenrad van Breitenbach as deputy and commander of land forces. The squadron arrived at St. Helena Island on 29th December 1672 to invade. After many failed attempts in Chapel Valley - now Jamestown, on December 31st a landing party came ashore at Lemon Valley, but was retreated by English Planters rolling and hurling rocks from the hillsides above. Continuing westward along the coast, the force landed near Bennetts Point, being helped by a traitor named William Coxe and his enslaved, thereafter guided the invaders via Swanley Valley and over the hills. The Dutch force over-whelmed English guards at a lookout post at High Peak before heading to James Fort.

Dutch troops repeated advances to James Fort - now the Castle, but were driven back. Island Governor Anthony Beale knew he would not be able to defend entirely. Governor Beale then spiked and spoiled their defensive positions before retreating with his entourage, defenders and crew to the ship -Humphrey and Elizabeth – commanded by Captain Metford and anchored in the bay. They then escaped sailing to Iseyle in Brazil.

The Dutch invasion force had taken the Island on 31st December 1672, and had captured an English slave ship - Anne Catherine with 220 slaves, and 551 tusks of ivory from Mozambique. Five sick English farmers and a slave asked for pardon. De Geus knew the English would return immediately. He repaired James Fort, leaving 100 men to defend, commanded by John Coon and deputy Peter Dacy.

A brief summary of the recapture

Upon reaching Brazil, Governor Anthony Beale hired a sloop - a small 1 mast ship and crew. On 4th May 1673 waiting to the windward in St. Helena waters a good distance of 36 miles from the island. By chance, Beale met the approaching convoy led by Captain Richard Munden. He had sailed from the Downs - England on January 12th, escorting out Honourable East India Company ships. Munden was to escort home-ward bound East Indiamen at St. Helena. Governor Beale informed Captain Munden immediately of the Dutch invasion. A plan was made to re-capture the Island. Captain Munden's fleet of ships were - HMS Assistance, Levant, Mary and Martha, Prosperous, Unity, and Castle of Freedom.

On 14th May, Captain Richard Munden's ships commenced a bombardment attack as his convoy sailed into James Bay, distracting the Dutch at James Fort. Captain Richard Keigwin's ship Prosperous and the ship Castle of Freedom had gathered on the Eastern Side of the Island landing 400 men, at what is now called Prosperous Bay - named after Keigwin's ship. Tom a sailor, climbed a high cliff face to the top and later dropped ropes for the other men to follow. The location is now called Holdfast Tom. A slave named Black Oliver who was with Governor Beale's party led the way across the island for the troops to James Fort.

The Dutch Invasion and Occupation of St. Helena Island - 29 December 1672 to 15 May 1673

Contributed - Aubrey George

St. Helena Heritage Society Member - 2024 and National Trust Member - 2002.

The following day, Captain Keigwin and his troops at his planned position found James Fort in English control. Upon Captain Richard Munden's first bombardment of James Fort, the Dutch invaders had surrendered. The English forces had re-possessioned St. Helena Island at sunset on 15 May 1673.

Contributors' summary

Upon the Dutch attack on James's fortification, Island Governor Anthony Beale's decision to retreat and escape the Dutch invaders, no doubt may have saved English lives, not only his entourage and others but also Captain Richard Munden's Ships and crews. Munden's ship, HMS Assistance and the convoy was not a Task Force sent to re-capture a sovereign territory, but was to escort out-bound and returning East Indiamen trading fleet home-ward from the East Indies at St. Helena Island. Had Governor Beale not returned to St. Helena waters and not briefed Captain Munden, his ship and convoy may have entered into an ambush and become destroyed, as there was three Dutch Warships in the bay. Thereby the attempt by Captain Richard Munden and his ships to re-capture the Island may have been un-successful.

A Dedicated Monument to Honour the Liberation of St. Helena Island from the Dutch Occupation - 29 December 1672 to 15 May 1673

From the brief summaries outlined, it is clear the heroic acts of courage and bravery demonstrated by these persons namely - Governor Anthony Beale, his entourage, defenders and crew of the Ship Humphrey and Elizabeth, a sloop (small 1 mast ship) and its crew, Captain Richard Munden's ship, the convoy and their crews, Captain Richard Keigwin and his men, a sailor named Tom, and a slave named Black Oliver, greatly justify the erecting of a Memorial to this historic event in St. Helena's early history. It is long over-due.

After the Liberation - further sea battles occurred

A brief summary from an account recorded by Johan Struys on board the Dutch ship Frans Europa. On 1st May 1673, Governor Ijsbrand Goske of the Dutch settlement at Table Bay - Capetown, ordered the Dutch Ship Frans Europa to leave for St. Helena Island, taking Captain Coenrad van Breitenbach to be set as Governor. Breitenbach was commander of land forces at the time of the invasion and occupation on 29th December 1672. Other ships were to follow 7 - 8 days later. Arriving upon St. Helena Island on 31st May 1673, as the Frans Europa rounded the Cape roads, saw 7 large English warships, a fireship and three merchantmen in the bay. Being in range of the English warships the Frans Europa was welcome with their lower and upper tiers of cannons, were lost of ship and cargo, not without dead and wounded.

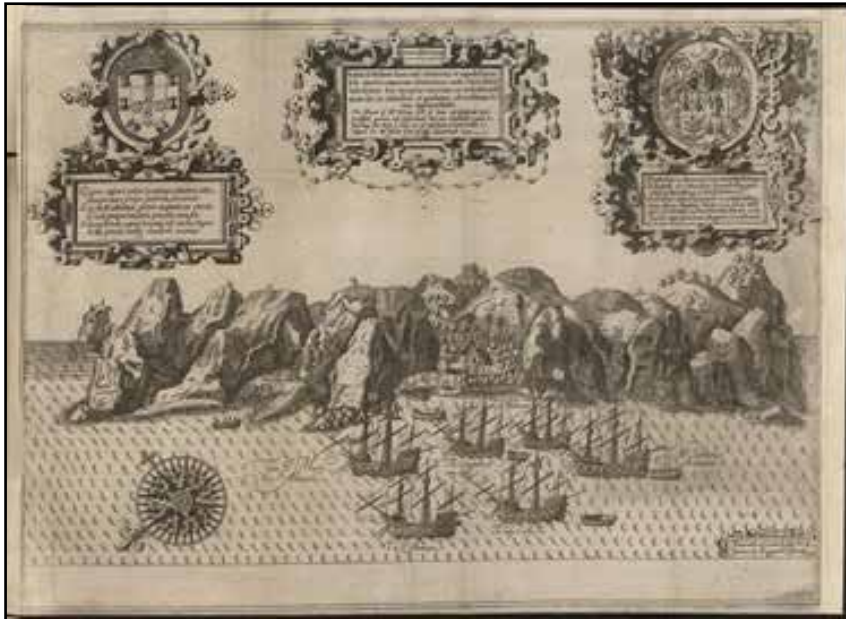
With only 60 men able to use and do little with 5 - 6 guns, resolved to grapple the English Frigate Assistance with Admiral Munden of 50 guns which followed us with the fireship and board her. The ship Assistance with balls, bar-shot, and grapeshot from their 12 and 18 pounders could not endure any longer. Unable to do the ship Assistance any damage, were compelled to surrender our ship with crew and cargo. Thereafter Captain Coenrad van Breitenbach was taken prisoner. And from the Frans Europa the English heard of other Dutch ships to follow.

On 4th June, the English captured two more ships of the five that followed the Frans Europa, together with a hooker (a small ship) that sailed in without any suspicion. With the Prince's flag above the English ships and a red flag on a height, a signal to sail in without fear. But having barely

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Dutch ships anchored in James Bay

rounded the cape saw all the English ships approaching them at the same time. The Dutch ships now sought a good escape. Their ships were full of cargoes and the guns stowed, nothing else could be done. As the English ships were close on their heels, two ships fell into their hands, the other three escaping the fight. The English ship William and James capturing the Dutch Admiral in the Wapen Van de Veer, and the Assistance with Admiral Munden capturing the Dutch Vice - Admiral in the Alfen.

Contributor's conclusion to the compiled summaries. -

A Dedicated Monument - further Justified

Upon the recapture of St. Helena Island from the Dutch Invasion and Occupation on 15th May 1673, Captain Richard Munden's ship HMS Assistance, and the convoy maintained their presence at the Island for a period, to defend and protect from further incursions and aggression by the Dutch or others.

Governor Ijsbrand Goske and the Dutch Council at Table Bay - Cape, may have planned to settle and develop the island, in sending Captain Breitenbach to be set as Governor, but was captured by Munden's ship Assistance and taken as a prisoner.

Likewise, the Dutch Admiral and Vice - Admiral, also may have had plans to further fortify the island as their ships was jammed full of cargo, but was also captured by Captain Richard Munden's fleet and taken as prisoners, as three other ships escape the fight.

Captain Richard Munden on his departure made Captain Keigwin Governor. Black Oliver was accorded the status of a white settler and rewarded for his services by a grant of land. Captain Richard Munden's ship - HMS Assistance with the East Indiamen returned to London with his three captured Dutch prizes - the Frans Europa, Wapen Van de Veer, and the Alfen with their crews, prisoners and a large quantity of silver, being Knighted by King Charles II and rewarded with a cash sum of £2,500.

On going efforts to erect a Dedicated Monument

Presently, the St. Helena Museum and the Island's Heritage Society Director Adam Sizeland, upon convening a recent committee meeting is under - taking research into a design and build for the memorial and the funding for the project. And the location for this monument is propose within the Jamestown Public Gardens



"But I didn't get five 5s in my GCSEs," Marcus tells me over coffee at the Mantis Hotel, his voice carrying that familiar mix of disappointment and uncertainty that I've heard from too many of our island's young people. "Does that mean I can't do sixth form? That I'll never get proper qualifications?" I lean back in my chair, watching the afternoon light filter through the hotel's windows, and I can't help but smile. "Marcus," I say, "what if I told you that you could start earning a proper salary next month, gain professional qualifications that employers actually want, and still be doing sixth form education? What if getting those five 5s wasn't the only way to succeed?" His eyes widen. "You mean like an apprenticeship?" But those are just for trade jobs, aren't they?

And that's where Marcus – like many of our island's young people – has fallen into the old-fashioned thinking that apprenticeships are somehow "lesser than" traditional education. The reality? Modern apprenticeships, especially those available through Career Access St. Helena and our island's major employers, are revolutionizing what sixth form education can look like.

The Apprenticeship Advantage: Learning While You Earn-

"Let me paint you a picture," I tell Marcus, stirring my tea. "Your mate Sarah is starting traditional A-levels next week. She'll spend two years studying, hoping to get into university where she'll graduate and look for an entry-level job at 21." "Meanwhile, you could start an apprenticeship in forensic investigation with the St. Helena Police or the Attorney General's Chambers. You'll be earning a wage from day one, getting hands-on experience with real cases, working alongside experienced professionals, and studying for qualifications that are directly relevant to your career goals." Marcus looks intrigued. "So I'd be getting paid to learn?" "Exactly! And here's the kicker – by the time Sarah graduates from university, you'll have three years of professional experience, industry connections, and qualifications that employers recognize. You might even be training the new university graduates!"

The Career Access Revolution: More Than Just Training- This is the conversation we need to be having more often on St. Helena. "Think about it," I continue, "our island has unique opportunities. Solomon & Company needs apprentice managers, logistics specialists, and retail experts. The St. Helena Government is constantly looking for apprentices in administration, finance, and public services. The hospital needs healthcare support workers and medical administration apprentices. Even our tourism sector is crying out for hospitality and guide apprentices." "But here's what makes it special – these aren't just jobs with a bit of training thrown in. They're structured programmes where you're studying towards nationally recognized qualifications while gaining experience you simply can't get in a classroom." Marcus nods thoughtfully. "So it's like having a job and doing sixth form at the same time?" "Think about it, Marcus," I continue, warming to the theme. "You mentioned you're interested in investigation and forensics. Now, you could spend two years studying traditional A-levels in subjects that might not directly relate to your passion, then hope to get into a university course that teaches you theoretical knowledge about

forensics. Or..." "Or?" he prompts. "Or you could dive straight into learning investigative techniques, evidence handling, crime scene photography, legal procedures – all the hands-on skills that will actually make you employable in that field. And here's the kicker – you'll be learning these skills in the context of St. Helena, understanding our legal system, our challenges, our opportunities." I watch Marcus's face light up. It's the same expression I've seen on dozens of young Saints when they realize that their education doesn't have to follow a rigid, predetermined path.

The Support Network: Mentorship That Matters- One thing that strikes me about apprenticeships on St. Helena is how they mirror the best aspects of our island community – they're personal, supportive, and focused on practical outcomes. "When you're struggling with a concept in traditional sixth form, you might get extra tutoring," I explain to Marcus. "As an apprentice, you get mentorship from experienced professionals who have a vested interest in your success. Your supervisor isn't just teaching you – they're investing in their future colleague."



The Real Sixth Form Choice: Academic vs. Applied Learning-

As our conversation winds down, and the afternoon light begins to fade over Jamestown, I want Marcus – and every young Saint reading this – to understand something crucial: "The choice isn't between 'proper' education and 'lesser' education," I tell him firmly. "It's between learning in theory and learning in practice. Both approaches can lead to brilliant careers and fulfilling lives." "Traditional A-levels are perfect for students who thrive on academic study, who love theoretical learning, who learn best through books and exams. Apprenticeships are perfect for students who learn by doing, who want immediate practical application, who prefer to understand 'why' by seeing 'how' things work in the real world."

"But here's the crucial difference: apprentices start their professional journey at 16, earning money and gaining experience while their classmates are still in the classroom. By 19, they're not just qualified – they're experienced professionals with three years of real-world knowledge."

A Personal Challenge to Parents and Students- As I finish writing this column, I'm thinking about all the parents who will read it – parents who might worry that an apprenticeship isn't as 'good' as traditional A-levels, parents who remember when apprenticeships were limited to manual trades. Here's my challenge to you: visit an apprentice at work. See how James troubleshoot internet connectivity issues, and observe David providing compassionate care to hospital patients. These aren't kids doing work experience – they're young professionals earning their place in our island's economy while gaining qualifications that will serve them for life. After all, on St. Helena, we've always known that the best way to learn something is to do it. Some people learn about forensic investigation from textbooks and lectures. Others learn by solving real cases, handling actual evidence, and working with experienced investigators from day one. Both approaches create skilled professionals – but guess which ones are ready to hit the ground running?

Till Next Time, Keep Well!

'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 encourage you to check out all of the latest reports published under the St Helena Cloud Forest Project, available on our webpage:

<https://sthelenatourism.com/st-helenas-cloud-forest-project>

- ✓ **Year 4 Invertebrate Survey Report** (Direct link: <https://rebrand.ly/ggc5fny>)
- ✓ **Damp-wood termite *Heterotermes* spp. distribution assessment and control feasibility in the Peaks National Park and its fringes, St Helena** (Direct link: <https://rb.gy/g6exs5>)
- ✓ ***Vespula vulgaris* (Common Wasp) control and its effects on the fringes of the Peaks National Park** (Direct link: <https://rebrand.ly/ki11u08>)
- ✓ **Golden Sail Spider Ecology Study Report** (Direct link: <https://rebrand.ly/cyb8dll>)
- ✓ ***Elachista Trifasciata* Monitoring Report** (Direct link: <https://rebrand.ly/v5esf45>)
- ✓ **Habitats and biology of high altitude endemic *Opogona* of St Helena** (Direct link: <https://rebrand.ly/of26pd6>)

These reports have all been produced under the St Helena Cloud Forest Project through the work of partners in the St Helena National Trust and via a St Helena Research Institute bursary.

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



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Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 7th September 2025 – 23rd Sunday of the Year

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
	Tuesday 9th September	
7.00 p.m.	Praise & Worship	Sandy Bay Community Centre

The Parish of St James

Sunday 7th September 2025 – 23rd Sunday of the Year

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Michael
	Thursday 11th September	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John

The Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 7th September 2025 – 23rd Sunday of the Year

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 9th September	
7.00 p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark

BAHA'I FAITH

HE IS THE GLORY OF GLORIES



O SON OF MAN!

I loved thy creation, hence I created thee.
Wherefore, do thou love Me, that I may name thy name and fill thy soul with the spirit of life.

O SON OF BEING!

Love Me, that I may love thee. If thou lovest Me not, My love can in no wise reach thee, know this O servant.

O SON OF BEING!

Thy Paradise is My love; thy heavenly home, reunion with Me.

Enter therein and tarry not. This is that which hath been destined for thee In Our kingdom above and Our exalted dominion.

O SON OF MAN!

If thou lovest Me, turn away from thyself, and if thou sleekest My pleasure, regard not thine own; that thou mayest die in Me and I may eternally live in thee.

BAHA'U'LLAH



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT VACANCY NOTICE

Conservation Assistant – Endemic Plant Restoration

Total package value up to £21,385

(comprising salary of up to £9,928.00 per annum plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits)

About the role

We're looking for a Conservation Assistant to join the Conservation & Fisheries Directorate and support our programme of endemic plant restoration. This role is central to protecting Ascension's unique biodiversity, working both in the plant nursery and out in the field to conserve and restore threatened native species. It's a hands-on and varied position that also contributes to public engagement, education, and wider conservation initiatives across the island.

What you'll do

As Conservation Assistant, you'll support endemic plant research and restoration through nursery work, seed and spore collection, invasive weed and pest control, and regular plant censuses. You'll also contribute to micro-propagation trials to develop plant propagation protocols and maintain important conservation databases and herbarium records. In addition, you'll help deliver outreach and education, including supporting the Ascension Explorers programme for children, designing public engagement materials, and leading community activities. You may also assist with wider conservation projects, such as invasive species control and seabird, turtle, and land crab monitoring, as well as helping to manage the island's small conservation shop.

What you'll bring

You'll have a background in biology or conservation, either through study or hands-on experience, with practical skills such as plant propagation, nursery work, or invasive species management. You'll be a confident communicator, able to engage the public and support volunteers, and you'll have good IT and data handling skills. A clean driving licence is essential, and additional practical skills (e.g. safe tool use, pesticide handling, or off-road driving) would be an advantage.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £9,928 per annum (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a single status contract and these benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth up to £2,400 pa (taxable benefit)
- A single status food allowance of £3,840 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance worth £3,296 per year
- A single status water allowance worth £1,921 pa
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free annual travel insurance

This appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory Employment References.
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check.
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance.

Closing date: 21 September 2025

Interviews: week commencing 22 September 2025

Start date: February 2026

For more information, a full job description, and to apply visit: [Vacancies – Ascension Island Government](#)

If you have any queries about the role, please email recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

****Applicants must be at least 18 years of age by the time the role commences. Candidates who are currently 17 but will turn 18 before the agreed start date are welcome to apply****



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

Social Worker

Total Package value up to £44,950 per annum

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

About the role

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

What you'll do

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

What you'll bring

You'll be a qualified Social Worker, registered with Social Work England (or equivalent), with substantial experience applying UK social care legislation, statutory guidance, and best practice. This may have been gained in a UK setting or through equivalent international roles where UK frameworks were directly applied. You'll be confident working independently, with sound judgement, strong communication, and a trauma-informed approach. Resilient and adaptable, you'll build trust quickly and be focused on ensuring individuals and families receive the support they need in a remote setting.

What we offer

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

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth up to £3,000 pa (taxable benefit)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £7,680 pa accompanied, or Single status £3,840 pa
- An electricity allowance worth £3,296 pa
- A water allowance worth £3,202 pa accompanied, or £1,850 single status
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- 30 days' annual holiday (with an additional 9 days public holidays)
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free schooling for dependant children from 4 to 16 years.
- Free annual travel insurance
- Death in Service insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing date: 21 September 2025

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

Start date: As soon as possible

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



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT
~ TWO BOATS SCHOOL ~



VACANCY NOTICE

Secondary English Teacher

Total package value up to £41,018 per annum

Comprising salary of up to £23,840 plus food and utilities allowances, housing and other benefits – details below.

About the role

Two Boats School is a delightful primary and secondary school on the beautiful and tiny island of Ascension in the South Atlantic who has recently achieved COBIS Accredited member status (July 2024). We have approximately 75 students between the ages of 3-16 (Primary 50, Secondary 25) and we offer a range of subjects up to IGCSE level.

What you'll do

Due to the current post holder reaching the end of their contract, we have a vacancy for a secondary English Teacher to teach up to IGCSE level, required for a January 2026 start. The ability to teach an additional subject would be desirable. As we are a small all-through school the willingness to teach across the key stages and outside of your specialism would be advantageous.

What you'll bring

With ideally 2-3 years' of experience teaching English up to IGCSE level, you'll hold qualified teacher status. You'll have strong interpersonal and communication skills (oral and written) and you'll be excited and passionate about working as part of a small team of professionals making a big difference to the education and development of children on Ascension Island.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of between £22,181 and £23,840, dependent on qualifications and experience (taxable on Ascension), this role attracts an accompanied status contract and the following benefits:

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

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check and Teacher Status checks
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance (employee and any accompanying dependants)

What's it like to work on Ascension?

Ascension is a small volcanic island, situated in the South Atlantic, with a warm stable climate (26-34 °C). We are part of the wider British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, situated approximately 1,000 miles from the mainland of Africa and 800 miles from our nearest neighbour, the island of St Helena. To thrive here on this unique, challenging and beautiful island, you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live and work in an incredibly small community.

Closing date: Friday 03 October 2025.

Interviews: Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and interviews [by MS Teams or Skype] may be scheduled before the application deadline. Early applications are encouraged.

Required start date: January 2026.

For more information, a full job description, and to apply visit: www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/

If you have any queries about the role, email recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

Vacancy

Assistant Supervisor - Silver Hill Shop



Salary for the post will commence at £962 per month (£11,544 per annum)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within Silver Hill Shop for an Assistant Supervisor.

The Assistant Supervisor will assist with the day-to-day supervision of Silver Hill Shop, ensuring customers receive a high standard of service.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess experience in leadership with the ability to organise and lead a team
- Possess grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English
- Be computer literate namely in the use of Microsoft applications and able to perform administrative duties
- Be knowledgeable of Health & Safety and Manual Handling practices
- Be able to coach and develop team members
- Have a customer focused approach with excellent frontline customer service skills
- Possess knowledge and experience in Stock Management / Control
- Have experience in Cash Handling
- Ideally have experience working in a retail environment
- Have excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Have the ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment.
- Be able to work on weekends

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

Nicola Constantine, Senior Mercantile Manager via ☎ 25989/22137 ✉ nicola.constantine@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hadmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **11 September 2025**.

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

☛ Pension Contributions

☛ Staff Discounts



CALLING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTERESTS TO SERVE ON THE ST HELENA HOTEL DEVELOPMENT LTD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

St Helena Hotel Development Ltd. is seeking Expressions of Interests from suitably qualified persons interested in serving as a non-Executive Director.

The Board of Directors has responsibility for the strategic direction of the business and for monitoring the performance of the Hotel, in line with the Hotel Management Agreement in place with the Operator, Mantis.

A copy of the terms of reference for the Board, and a form to register an interest may be requested from the Company Secretary, Miss Nicole Plato via email nicole.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh or collected from the Castle, Jamestown.

Expressions of Interest should be made using the form and should be submitted, along with a current Curriculum Vitae to the Company Secretary, Miss Nicole Plato via email, or in hardcopy addressed to the Secretary at the Castle, by **12 September 2025**.

Please note that registering an interest does not guarantee an appointment to the board as this is subject to applicant's having the required knowledge, skills and experience. This position attracts a monthly fee.

VACANCY



Bank Teller

Commencing at £8,976 per annum

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person on a full-time basis to fill the vacant position of a Bank Teller.

This position will incur significant contact with the public and other Bank staff. The successful candidate must be flexible, demonstrate courtesy and provide excellent customer service at all times. Must have a keen eye for detail, exhibit high accuracy levels and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank team.

The main duties of the post include:

- Undertaking counter transactions for customers and posting these to the Bank's computer system;
- Cash handling and assisting customers in meeting their banking needs and queries;
- Providing assistance in the delivery of Remote Banking services;
- Any other duties.

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

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

Closing date for applications is Friday, 19 September 2025.

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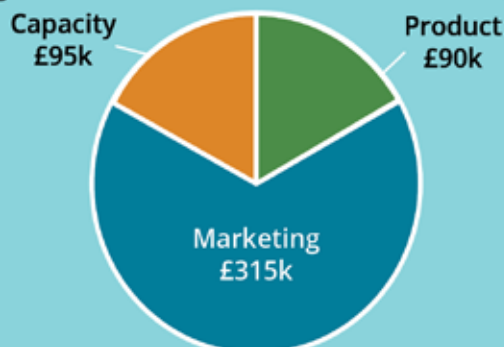


Bank of St Helena Ltd

Tourism Development Programme – Year 2

Overall Objective

In financial year 2024/2025, ring-fenced funding of £500,000 was added to Tourism's and Marketing's recurrent budgets to support actions under the Tourism Recovery Strategy 2022-2024, this is titled the Tourism Development Programme (TDP) fund. The overall objective of the programme aligns with the primary objective of the Tourism Recovery Strategy: to see a return to the arrivals numbers experienced in 2019 (c. 5,000, excluding cruise ship visits) by the end of 2024, with appropriate tourism and hospitality services in place to meet the needs of visitors.



2024/2025 Achievements



Air arrivals have 99% recovered since the pandemic



Business travellers have 100% recovered since the pandemic.



Cruise ship visitors are at 131% recovered since the pandemic.

Product

Product development was centred on beautification, improving visitor experiences, and laying the groundwork for future initiatives that celebrate the island's unique history and heritage.



In partnership with the St Helena National Trust, improvements continue to be made at High Knoll Fort as part of the restoration plan. In addition, a contribution has been given to develop the No. 1 Building at Rupert's as an interpretation centre, through the Liberated Africans legacy.



In partnership with New Horizons Youth Club, an offering for water sports equipment hire for visitors and locals to enjoy marine activities.



Approved visitor landmarks and buildings decorated and cleaned.



4 new Post Box Walks created and accredited

Marketing

International marketing raises awareness of St Helena as an emerging destination, including attendance at trade shows, familiarisation trips for media and tour operators, online and print promotion, and support to on-island events.



31 tour operators selling St Helena



5 travel trade shows attended



2 familiarisation trips hosting a total of 8 people



3.4 million reach from paid promotion



43.9k followers/subscribers across all social media platforms at March 2025 with a growth of 7.8% on previous year



2 influencers generating 10.7 million views online

Capacity

Training programmes were delivered for those working in, and those wanting to work in, the tourism sector. The programmes aimed to enhance service provision and increase the island's offering of tours, activities, and experiences.



200+ course attendees



Tour guide training topics including: general tour guide, enslaved Africans legacy, Chinese, Zulu & Boer history on St Helena, fortifications, maintenance & building of hiking trails, hospitality, safeguarding awareness within the tourism sector

In aid of St Matthews Parish



Quiz Master: Gavin Jack

Join us on Friday, 12th September
Starting at 7.30pm
At the St Helena Golf Club

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

Contact Cavell on Tele 25756 to register your Team!



FOR SALE

Dolomite Lime £35p per Kg

Interested persons please call 22190
or email
amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh

Vacancy

Part-Time Passenger Services Agent



Rate of pay will be £6.20 per hour

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

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

Interested Persons Should:

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

For further information contact:

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

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hadmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **18 September 2025**.

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

REMINDER FROM THE FINANCIAL SERVICES AUTHORITY REGULATORY

The provision of financial services in St Helena is regulated by the Financial Services Ordinance 2008. A business cannot provide financial services which are “regulated activities” under the Ordinance unless it has first obtained a licence to do so from the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA). The Ordinance contains a detailed description of these regulated activities, and they include the provision of most types of financial services.

If a business wishes to provide financial services in St Helena it should discuss its intentions with the FSRA to determine whether a licensing requirement applies. Questions about the licensing requirements and the procedure for obtaining a licence may in the first instance be addressed to the FSRA by email at info@fsra.sh.

The carrying out of regulated activities without a licence is a serious matter and may constitute a criminal offence.

INVITATION TO TENDER

FIRE ASSEMBLY POINT, WET ROOM CONVERSIONS & TOILET FACILITY EXTENSION

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contracts at Cape Villa Care Centre:

HSC6-2025/26 – Fire Assembly Point
HSC7-2025/26 – Wet Room Conversions
HSC8-2025/26 – Toilet Facility Extension



Site visits for the above-mentioned works will be held at Cape Villa Care Centre, St Pauls, as follows:

HSC7-2025/26 – Wet Room Conversions: Monday, 15 September at 09:00
HSC8-2025/26 – Toilet Facility Extension: Monday, 15 September at 09:30
HSC6-2025/26 – Fire Assembly Point: Monday, 15 September at 10:00

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 on the Top Floor, Post Office Building, Jamestown on telephone no: 25932 or via email 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, 24 September 2025, clearly marked with the tender number.

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



JOIN US! WE ARE RECRUITING...

BENEFITS

- 30 days annual leave + public holidays
- 15% SHG pension contribution (defined contribution scheme)
- Training & development opportunities
- Paid sickness absence

HOW TO APPLY

Job profiles and application forms:
www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies or from Central HR & OD, The Castle, Jamestown.

For queries, contact the recruitment team on 22470 or recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh

Submit completed application forms (not CVs) via your Director/Line Manager (if applicable) to the HR Officer, either by email or paper copy, by the closing date.

Education IT Systems Administrator (£15,418 per annum on the IT Cadre)

Are you interested in playing a key supporting role within the transforming digital landscape of the Education Skills & Employment Portfolio? If you are, then the IT section has an exciting and rewarding opportunity for you to join their team. This role will entail responsibility for the provision of technical support and the management and maintaining of the IT teaching and learning platforms across the Primary and Secondary sectors. You will undertake or assist in the setup, deployment and management of e-learning and teaching platforms that facilitate progression and delivery of technology within our schools and will provide support and data management of the associated platforms.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Nicole Richards on Tel No. 22819 or nicole.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 12 September 2025
Shortlisting date: 17 September 2025
Interview date: 25 September 2025

Senior HR Assistants (£11,604 per annum)

Here is a great opportunity to start your career in HR! Central Human Resources is seeking to recruit a motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our HR Transactional team. In this post, you will be responsible for undertaking a range of HR transactional processes to ensure the delivery of a high quality HR service. Key areas include recruitment and selection, processing of leavers, contractual changes and providing advice on employment related policies and procedures.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Sharnell Benjamin or Anya Richards on Tel No. 22470 or Anya.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh or Sharnell.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 18 September 2025
Shortlisting date: 24 September 2025
Interview date: 07 October 2025

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We encourage applications regardless of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief. Selection is based solely on merit against the role profile and person specification.

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Housing Officer (£11,604 per annum)

If you are a highly motivated individual with excellent communication skills, then here is an opportunity for you to join the team at the Property Section, where you will provide an effective and high quality administrative support to the Housing Service. You will be required to carry out housing management functions to include, appropriate checks on all housing applications received, checking references and conducting estate/government property visits.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Melissa Fowler on Tel No 22270 or Email melissa.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 12 September 2025

Shortlisting date: 17 September 2025

Interview date: 25 September 2025

Assistant PAYE Officer (£10,088 per annum)

Are you interested in taxation? If so, the Treasury has an opportunity to join their Income Tax team. As the Assistant PAYE Officer, you will help employers and employees in understanding the PAYE tax system and confirming that the correct taxes are paid. You will assist the PAYE Officer with the day to day management of the PAYE system in accordance with the Income Tax legislation, providing tax codes and responding to tax queries. You will also maintain the PAYE database and audit tax data.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Pamela Joshua on Tel No 25880 or Email Pamela.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh

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FROM THE COUCH

Contributed by Leigh & Louis

Match of the week, chosen and reported on by 10 year old Football Enthusiast Louis this week was Sundays game between Liverpool and Arsenal.

Dominik Szoboszlai's sensational free-kick maintained Liverpool's winning start to the 2025/26 Premier League season, as they beat title rivals Arsenal 1-0 at Anfield.

Last season's top two were the only teams defending perfect records by Sunday, but it looked as though they would have to settle for a point apiece until the 83rd minute, when Szoboszlai provided a moment of magic.

Arsenal were without Bukayo Saka due to a hamstring issue and started with captain Martin Odegaard on the bench, while they suffered a further blow when William Saliba was forced off injured early on.



Premier League Results

Saturday 30th	Chelsea	2	0	Fulham
Saturday 30th	Man United	3	2	Burnley
Saturday 30th	Sunderland	2	1	Brentford
Saturday 30th	Tottenham	0	1	Bournemouth
Saturday 30th	Wolves	2	3	Everton
Saturday 30th	Leeds	0	0	Newcastle
Sunday 31st	Brighton	2	1	Man City
Sunday 31st	Nottm Forest	0	3	West Ham
Sunday 31st	Liverpool	1	0	Arsenal
Sunday 31st	Aston Villa	0	3	Crystal Palace

Mikel Arteta's depleted side still looked set to escape with a point, but Szoboszlai whipped a spectacular dead-ball effort against David Raya's right-hand post and in.

The result ensures the champions will spend the international break top of the table as the only team on maximum points, with Arsenal in third.

Arsenal had to replace Saliba with Cristhian Mosquera after just five minutes, though the Gunners limited Liverpool to one wayward effort from Cody Gakpo in the early stages.

Noni Madueke's volley forced Alisson Becker into a smart save, while Virgil van Dijk passed up a great chance to shoot at the other end in what was a quiet first half.

Liverpool had the ball in the net around the hour via Hugo Ekitike, but the goal was disallowed as Gakpo was offside when he followed up on Raya's save from a Florian Wirtz strike, before the Frenchman prodded home.

However, Szoboszlai sparked wild celebrations at the Kop end when, from over 30 yards out, he curled a vicious shot over the Arsenal wall and beyond Raya's dive.

Having been thrown on alongside Odegaard as a substitute, Arsenal debutant Eberechi Eze embarked on one threatening run into the area, but he failed to get a shot away under pressure from Joe Gomez as Liverpool held on.



Premier League Fixtures

Saturday 13th	12:30	Arsenal	vs	Nottm Forest
Saturday 13th	15:00	Bournemouth	vs	Brighton
Saturday 13th	15:00	Crystal palace	vs	Sunderland
Saturday 13th	15:00	Everton	vs	Aston Villa
Saturday 13th	15:00	Fulham	vs	Leeds
Saturday 13th	15:00	Newcastle	vs	Wolves
Saturday 13th	17:30	West Ham	vs	Tottenham
Saturday 13th	20:00	Brentford	vs	Chelsea
Sunday 14th	14:00	Burnley	vs	Liverpool
Sunday 14th	16:30	Man City	vs	Man United

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

FOLLOW THE SHFA SEASON 2025

Every week we will bring you the latest results, table standings and all information relating to the SHFA football season 2025.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Saturday 30th August Rovers 2— Bellboys 3

Goalscorers Rovers— Blaize Baldwin, Ronan Legg

Goalscorers Bellboys— Scott Henry, Tyler Brady, Joey Thomas

Man of the Match— Scott Henry (Bellboys)

Sunday 31st August Le Verde 4 — Fugees 3

Goalscorers Le Verde — Tyler Anthony 3, Jordan Yon

Goalscorers Fugees— Lars Williams 3

Man of the Match— Lars Williams (Fugees)

Young Player of the Match— Tyler Anthony (Le Verde)

Sunday 31st August Intergalactic 0— Wirebirds 29

Goalscorers Wirebirds — Kyle Shoesmith 7, Sean-Lee Thomas 5, Ethan Harris 4, Korban Minto 3, Shane Stroud 3, Sanjay Clingham 2, Edson Stevens 2, Alex Osborne 2, Mario Green 1

Man of the Match— Kyle Shoesmith (Wirebirds)

FOOTBALL TABLE

TEAM	PLAYED	WIN	DRAW	LOST	G/FOR	G/AGAINST	G/DIFFERENCE	POINTS
Bellboys	6	6	0	0	89	4	85	18
Wirebirds	7	5	0	2	74	17	57	15
Rovers	6	4	0	2	33	12	21	12
La Verde	7	3	0	4	29	43	-14	9
Fugees	6	1	0	5	16	34	-18	3
Inter Galactic	6	0	0	6	1	132	-131	0

TOP 5 GOALSCORERS

NAME	TEAM	GOALS
Joey Thomas	Bellboys	36
Kyle Shoesmith	Wirebirds	21
Blaize Baldwin	Rovers	14
Jorden Johnson	La Verde	13
Taylan Phillips	Bellboys	13

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Sunday 7th September @11am Rovers vs Bellboys

Sunday 7th September @ 1:30pm La Verde vs Fugees

Sunday 7th September @ 3:30pm Intergalactic vs Wirebirds

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be no Saturday game this week. Instead it will be played on Sunday at 11:30 Intergalactic vs La Verde. Linesmen to be supplied by Fugees and rovers.

The games originally scheduled for Sunday will go ahead as usual.

Reason for Rescheduling is the St Helena Cricket Association has respectfully asked if they could use the field for their Umpire Training. And after speaking to football team captains and Committee Members, we agreed on having three games on Sunday. Allowing St Helena Cricket Association to use the field.

St Helena Golf Club – Sunday Scramble Sparks Excitement

Date: Sunday, 31st August 2025
Format: Texas Scramble Strokeplay
Participants: 32 Players
Sponsor: Rose and Crown

St Helena Golf Club hosted a thrilling Texas Scramble strokeplay event on Sunday, drawing 32 enthusiastic players to the course. Sponsored by Rose and Crown, the competition saw all teams playing off a combined 10 handicap, ensuring a level playing field and a tightly contested leaderboard.

After an intense day on the greens, two teams—Keith Joshua/Arthur Young and Larry Thomas/Danny Thomas—tied at the top with an impressive net score of 59. A countback was required to determine the winner, and it was Larry Thomas and Danny Thomas who clinched 1st prize, leaving KJ and Arthur Young to take a well-earned 2nd prize.

Just behind the leaders, three teams posted strong performances with net scores of 60:

August to December 2025 SHGC Competition Calendar

Date	Sep-25	Sponsor	SHGCC
7th	TURKEY & HAM Strokeplay	SHGC	YES
14th	Par 3 Strokeplay	SHGC	NO
21st	BOSH 2025 Challenge Cup	BOSH	YES
27th	Monthly Medal	SHGC	YES

Date	Oct-25	Sponsor	SHGCC
5th	Over 60's Vs Under 60's Singles	SHGC	NO
12th	Captains Challenge Cup Strokeplay	Captain	YES
19th	Solomons 2025 Trophy Challenge	Solomon's	YES
26th	Monthly Medal	SHGC	YES

Date	Nov-25	Sponsor	SHGCC
2nd	TURKEY & HAM Cross Country Stroke play	SHGC	YES
9th	Stableford Competition	SHGC	YES
16th	2025 BOSH Challenge Cup	BOSH	YES
22nd & 23rd	SHGC PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP	PLAYERS	YES
29th	SHGC PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP (FINAL)	PLAYERS	YES

Date	Dec-25	Sponsor	
7th	TURKEY & HAM Stableford	SHGC	
14th	Tungi Man Strokeplay competition	P Sim	
21th	2 Team Texas Scramble Followed by (Fish Fry)	SHGC	
28th	Monthly Medal (Novelty)	Participants	

Note:

- This calendar is subject to change at short notice
- Morning Tee off will be permitted subject to the approval by the Games Manager provided there is more than 2 players
- Members are advised to register in advance for competitions to avoid inconveniences

- Jeremy Clingham/Kenny Stevens
- Asa Bushuru/Bramwel Bushuru
- Freddy Thomas/Arthur Francis

Nearest to Pin prizes were awarded as follows:

- Hole 7: Kenny Stevens & Jeremy Clingham
- Hole 16: Martin Joshua & Martin Buckley

The Two Ball Pool winners were:

- Hole 5: Peter Johnson & Tony Winfield
- Hole 7: Freddy Thomas & Arthur Francis
- Hole 14: Jeremy Clingham & Kenny Stevens
- Hole 16: Martin Buckley & Martin Joshua

Prizes were presented by Lyn Thomas, Director of Rose and Crown, who expressed heartfelt thanks to all players for their participation. In his remarks, Mr. Larry Thomas, also representing Rose and Crown, reaffirmed the sponsor's commitment to supporting the club in future events.

Following the prize-giving ceremony, the club held its half-annual general meeting. Members were presented with the audited financial statements for 2024, and the Club Captain gave an overview of the current state of affairs. Unfortunately, efforts to fill the position of Games Manager were not successful. Any member willing to volunteer for this role is encouraged to contact any current committee member and express their interest. Looking ahead, the next competition will be held on Sunday, 7th September, marking the start of the Turkey and Ham series. This will be an 18-hole stroke play competition, promising another exciting day on the course.

For further information and access to past golf reports, please visit the club's website: www.sthelenagolf.com

Report by SHGC.





Job Vacancy: Deputy Chief Executive Officer Equality & Human Rights Commission

Are you a seasoned leader with a commitment to fairness, inclusion, and human rights? The EHRC is seeking an exceptional individual to join its leadership team in this newly created role. As Deputy Chief Executive Officer, you will support the CEO in guiding the Commission's vision and serve as a key representative across St Helena and beyond.

This post carries responsibility for:

- Strategic planning and regulatory oversight
- Policy development and stakeholder engagement
- Team leadership and staff development
- Financial and legal compliance in line with international standards

Qualifications & Experience We seek candidates with:

- Proven senior leadership in equality, human rights, or regulatory settings
- Legal qualifications (degree or master's) in Human Rights Law
- Outstanding communication and decision-making skills
- A firm grasp of governance, advocacy, and budget management

This is a rare opportunity to make a lasting impact on St Helena's future. If you are ready to lead with purpose, we welcome your application.

For further details about the role, please contact Catherine Turner, Chief Executive Officer on telephone 22133 or email catherine@humanrightssthelenas.org

CV's and a motivational letter to Carol Thompson, Executive Manager on email carol@humanrightssthelenas.org or addressed to Coles House, Napoleon Street, Jamestown, St Helena Island.

Closing Date: 9 September 2025

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	19-Sep	12-Oct
Rupert's Bay	27-Aug	27-Sep	20-Oct
Ascension Island	-	-	-
	KAROLINE 251808	KAROLINE 251808	KAROLINE 251808
Cape Town	13-Sep	10-Oct	2-Nov

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



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