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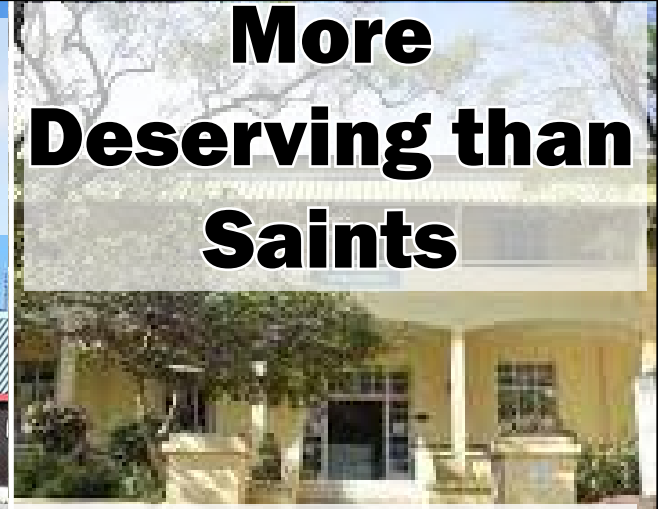
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What a successful St. Helena's 2025 St Helena Agricultural Show Day ! Well done all.

What great community spirit! This was something that was first thought would not be possible, but thanks to the hard work of the organisers and district reps, their immense efforts made it an overwhelming success.

The show was opened with a powerful opening address, delivered by the island's Culture Champion, Councillor Dennis Leo.

Denny framed the event as a tribute to the "hard work that binds us together" and a reminder of the community's deep-rooted connection to the soil.

The speech highlighted the long history of agriculture on the island, tracing it back to the first known inhabitant, Fernando Lopez, who planted fruit trees and tended livestock centuries ago. This legacy was further reflected in the early 1800s by Governor Alexander Walker, who introduced the first agricultural fairs to build "pride and self-reliance."

Denny emphasised that the show celebrates more than just farming. It honours the resilience of the island's identity, which has "weathered drought, storms, and shortages." The event recognises everyone who contributes, from farmers and animal raisers to backyard gardeners, bakers, and artisans.

"It isn't just about food. It's about culture, connection, and community. Each seed we plant carries our history. Each animal we rear carries our hope."

A key message was directed at the island's youth, who were called the "future caretakers of this land." Denny stressed that agriculture is vital to their future, holding opportunities for innovation, conservation, and new creative ideas.

After thanking the organisers, volunteers, sponsors, and exhibitors, the show was officially declared open. The event invites all to celebrate the "love, patience, and community" that defines St. Helena.



The event was not only witnessed by local viewers on the Island but also streamed live on Facebook, thanks to Derek Richards from Island Images.

Derek commentated on the event, mingling amongst the exhibitors and chatting to spectators.

The stream has been viewed by more than 10k viewers in less than 24 hours.



On Sunday 16th November, members of the Ascension Community gathered at the islands Air Head Terminal for a fundraising Runway Dash in aid of St Mary's Church.

It was an event dedicated to all ages and abilities, some walked while others run, cycle or enjoy the ride in a stroller.

It was reported to be enjoyed by all and following the walk, all participants were invited back to the Volcano Club for snacks and a medal presentation.



Verdict: from Observers at September's General Election

Recommendations covering many aspects of general election management were published this week by the delegation from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) who were invited to observe how elections are run in St Helena.

From comments in a 26-page report, there are eleven recommendations. The seven-strong delegation was led by Gary Cluett, A member of Tynwald, the Isle of Man Parliament. In his introduction, Mr Cluett wrote, ““On Election Day, we observed a process that was transparent, well-organised, and professionally managed. The commitment and professionalism of those involved in delivering the election were evident throughout the day. We hope our initial observations and forthcoming report will support the people of St Helena in continuing to strengthen democratic processes on the island.” He added, “On a personal note, I would like to say, and I believe that I speak on behalf of all seven members of the Mission, that St Helena has seven new ambassadors for your wonderful island.”

The Main Issues

One Constituency but No Choice of Eight Polling Stations

The report points out the whole island is one constituency but voters are restricted to voting in the district where they live. The CPA observers thought this restriction may reduce turnout. The report also includes the recommendation that people queueing outside a polling station at 7pm when polling stations close, should be allowed to vote.

One point not mentioned is that polling stations do not open until 10 am, so there is no opportunity to vote on the way to work and little opportunity to vote during the working day. SHG announced during the run-up to election day that electoral law “requires employers to allow employees a reasonable period of time for voting and that no deduction must be made from an employee’s pay or other remuneration when they are given time off for voting”. There was also a reminder that if employers refuse to allow their employees the opportunity to vote during working hours “the penalty for such is a fine of £1,000 or imprisonment for 6 months, or both.”

Why should an employer give employees time off work when it can be argued there is time to vote after work? Polling stations close at 7pm. Polling stations often open much earlier than 10 am, 7 am is a more usual time.

An earlier opening time would give the opportunity to vote on the way to work and lifting the restriction on where to vote could allow some voters to visit a polling station during lunch time. Let’s face it; staff shortages on our depopulated island cause long waits in queues already; the last thing we need is regulations that bring the island to a complete halt.

The Right to Vote

The CPA observers consider the eligibility restrictions on the right to vote are “overly broad”. The report states, “Universal suffrage is guaranteed for St Helenian-status individuals aged 17 and above, but eligibility restrictions – such as for dual allegiance, mental incapacity, long prison sentences and electoral offences – are overly broad. These provisions conflict with international standards on proportionality and non-discrimination, particularly under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).” It is also pointed out, “The Elections Ordinance disqualifies several categories of individuals from voting:

- those who show “allegiance, obedience or adherence” to a foreign power or state;
- are certified as incapable of making decisions due to mental incapacity;
- are serving a prison sentence longer than 12 months;
- were convicted of electoral offences (barred from voting for seven years following their conviction).

These restrictions contravene a number of international standards.

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A statutory curtailment of voting rights for anyone with St Helenian status who also holds foreign citizenship lacks clear definition and guidance, thus risking arbitrary application. This may undermine the principles of universal and equal suffrage and runs counter to norms requiring that any limitation on suffrage be based on objective and reasonable criteria, proportionate to a legitimate aim, and not discriminatory in nature.”

Voter Registration

The CPA observers state, “Registration is active and closed long before election day, limiting late participation and poorly aligning with campaign phases. Only 2,041 voters registered, with youth underrepresented and diaspora largely excluded. Stakeholders call for extended deadlines and reforms to allow St Helenians abroad to vote.”

“These timelines, designed to allow for gazetting and legal scrutiny of the Register, are widely regarded as limiting opportunities for voter registration during the campaign period. Many stakeholders expressed a preference for extending registration deadlines, including up to election day. The existing registration deadline also poorly aligns with nomination and campaign phases, curbing candidates’ ability to promote voter registration. Voter education efforts were limited, largely confined to notices in local newspapers and were generally considered insufficient.”

Other Comments

Governance reforms have improved accountability but remain slow, with unclear roles and limited transparency; a Governance Commission is engaging the public on further changes.

While the 2009 Constitution Order and associated regulations broadly enable democratic elections, it is outdated and lacks provisions for campaign finance, alternative voting methods and administrative complaints. International treaties such as ICCPR and CEDAW apply, but CRPD has not yet been extended.

Election operations were professional and impartial, voter education remains limited and under-resourced, relying mainly on traditional media and minimal digital outreach.

The candidate nomination process was inclusive and efficient, with 23 candidates standing, but the short timeframe – closing only two weeks before polling – limited grievance resolution. Confusion over impartiality rules discourages some civil servants from acting as sponsors or supporters, creating uncertainty.

Campaign finance is entirely unregulated, with no spending limits, disclosure requirements, or auditing. This undermines transparency and accountability and risks foreign influence. Calls for regulations to ensure a level playing field and public trust are growing.

Media coverage was factual and neutral but lacked critical analysis of policies. Reliance on government advertising may constrain editorial independence and limited diversity reduces scrutiny. Digital campaigning is increasing, highlighting the need for clearer online regulations.

Legal and practical barriers persist for participation of persons with disabilities, including disqualification for mental incapacity, inaccessible polling stations and lack of assistive tools. CRPD has not been extended, and assistance rules could compromise ballot secrecy. The Council chamber remains inaccessible, discouraging candidacy.

Women do hold key positions, but representation in the Legislative Council fell to four out of 12 seats. No measures exist to promote women’s participation despite international obligations under CEDAW. The count was transparent and broadcast live, but slow and labour-intensive, concluding at 5am. While the process reflected the will of voters, procedural improvements could enhance efficiency without compromising integrity.

Judicial remedies exist through election petitions, but no election specific administrative mechanism is in place. This limits accessible redress and transparency.

The Chief Minister's Brief Moment of Fame

Chief Minister, Dr. Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, was interviewed on Tuesday during a broadcast by the BBC World Service in conjunction with the COP30 Climate Change Conference in Brazil.

Rebecca focussed first on the big problems associated with attracting funds for any climate change action plans. She pointed to the Green Overseas (GO) Programme as an example of islands working together and benefitting from it. Ironically, the GO Programme is funded by the European Union, not the UK.

The interviewer asked if the difficulties were compounded because Britain negotiates on St Helena's behalf, leaving St Helen with limited direct influence. The Chief Minister pointed to the 'partnership' British Overseas Territories have with the UK and the Joint Ministerial Council which she will be attending later this month. However, she did say St Helena is 'highly dependent' on obtaining UK funding to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change.

Also being interviewed was Vishal Prasad, Campaign Director at Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change. Speaking after Rebecca, Vishal was asked his view on developed countries pulling back from climate action, citing the UK pulling it's funding for Brazil's flagship plan to protect the Amazon rain forest.



**Vishal Prasad, Campaign Director,
Pacific Islands Fighting Climate
Change**

Vishal is from Fiji, one of the Pacific Islands at the front line of destruction through climate change. There is a stark contrast between St Helena and many Pacific Islands. Vishal mentioned low-lying Tuvalu, Kiribati, and the Marshall Islands which are threatened with disappearing completely beneath the waves. He also mentioned forty communities in Fiji that had to be relocated because the advancing ocean displace them. For the Pacific Islands, climate threatens in several ways; including extreme weather events such as floods and cyclones, sinking islands, increased displacement, biodiversity loss, rising sea-levels, economic and food insecurity and the spread of infectious diseases. These issues can sometimes feel overwhelming and seem never-ending.

In 2019 SHG published 'A Climate Change Policy for St Helena'. The policy itself is very short, superficial and incomplete. It is not known if the 2019 Policy has been updated or replaced. There was no-one at SHG to respond to enquiries. Nothing can be found on the SHG website. The 2019 Policy mentions Climate Change Action Plans. The 2019 Policy states Climate Change Action Plans will be developed for sustainable homes, energy generation, waste management, transport system, low carbon economy, lifestyles, planning, agriculture and land use. Again, there is no sign of any of them and no-one available at SHG to provide information.

Not mentioned is the effect of climate change on the marine environment. Not mentioned in the Policy and also ignored in the long list of Action Plans. This does not mean we are unaware of threats to our marine environment but a comprehensive and cohesive plan to identify the number and extent of climate change threats is not visible. Is it that we have a problem getting funding for action against climate change, but if we did get some, we would not know what to spend it on? Apart from what there is in which order. Where are the plans? Where are the priorities?

Yesterday, Karl Thrower, Minister for Economic Development, Environment, Natural Resources & Planning spoke on behalf of the island at an Island Voices @ COP30 session. It will be interesting to know what he talked about. The 'more information' link did not have more information on what Karl was doing.

A Not So Happy Christmas at Rupert's Cargo Handling



'Can you wait a bit'. That's the message for people who have ordered items from overseas for Christmas and are expected on the recent arrival of the Karoline. The ship arrived on Monday morning and left on Tuesday afternoon for Ascension; expected arrival at Ascension is midday today. During that time, it's reported the consolidated cargo unloaded at Rupert's hasn't moved much. The situation explained by consolidated freight handlers is the process in place for unloading

containers so cargo can be sorted for customers is a cause of delay. There are also more containers on this week's shipment – overall, there are about ten or so more containers than usual.

People expecting to collect items they have ordered are asked to use the pre-payment method for import duty to save time when making collections.

This involves emailing the invoices for the goods listed on the manifest, to Customs at cienquiries@sainthelena.gov.sh. If the waybill (HM Customs Simplified Declaration) has been provided, email that too. Import duty will be calculated and an Assessment Notice is emailed back showing the required import duty payment. The Assessment Notice together with proof of payment at the Post Office, at the Bank or online can save a lot of time when shown at the time of collection.

For the major importers with full container loads the story is different. The message from feedback is clear. There is much more space to work in. It is a safer working environment because people are not passing by the working area for all sorts of purposes, and the unloading of containers and loading of delivery vehicles is quicker for those reasons. The downside is the time and cost of transporting the cargo to Jamestown. To end on a lighter note, Napoleon Street is said not to present any more problems than it has always done for pedestrians as well as vehicles.

Another not-so-welcome new feature since cargo handling moved to Rupert's is Solomon's Cargo Handling Tariff. In addition to the cost of the imported cargo and cargo collection costs, plus sea freight and handling charges, there is now the Solomon's cargo handling charge at this end. Where this cost disappeared to before is unknown. Now it has a separate line on the invoice. The handling charge is £2.50 per cubic metre. This means that moving 40 boxes of printing paper around Rupert's cargo area costs nearly £1 per box. This is almost as much as the haulage charge from Rupert's to the Independent's printing machines. The increases in the cost of doing anything is relentless.

Police hear about a jewel robbery by an elephant – so they interview the old man who claims to have witnessed it.

'You saw it?' asks the policeman.

'Yes,' says the old man.

'Tell us everything,' says the policeman.

'Well, this elephant came up to the jewellery shop, smashed the window, sucked all the jewellery up in his trunk and then ran away.'

'Was it an African or an Indian elephant?' asked the policeman.

'How should I know the difference?' says the old man.

'Well, African elephants have bigger ears than Indian elephants,' says the policeman.

'How on earth would I know?' says the old man. 'He was wearing a stocking over his head.'

Are Falkland Islanders somehow more deserving than Saints?

Explainer –

The Falklands campaign group Justice4Patients has successfully reached a settlement with the Falkland Islands Government (FIG) and the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital (KEMH) over medical data breaches that occurred in 2019 and 2022.

Two former staff members at the KEMH, the islands' only hospital, accessed the confidential medical records of hundreds of patients without authorisation. The 2022 breach alone affected around 289 patient records.

There are clear similarities between the Falklands unauthorised access to confidential medical records and the St Helena clinical negligence compensation claims.

Supreme Court of the Falkland Islands and Justice4patients

On Tuesday, in the Supreme Court of the Falkland Islands, the Chief Justice read the Consent Order in which the Falkland Islands Government accepted they had breached the Constitutional Rights of those members of the Justice4patients group who had their medical records illegally accessed.

The Consent Order includes a commitment by the Falklands government to pay compensation to those affected by the data breaches and the legal costs incurred by the group. There is also a commitment to an independent external review to understand what went wrong including why Government officers responded as they did when these concerns were first brought to their attention 6 years ago.

The Falklands campaign group, Justice4Patients were supported by Waverley Law, an independent law firm based in the Falklands. Justice4Patients state the satisfactory Consent Order marks an important point in their 6-year campaign and the end of their legal case.

From the Patients of Dr Sergio and Dr Soto, St Helena, Support Group Facebook page

UK lawyer Niall Kilgannon, posted this on the Dr Sergio and Dr Soto, St Helena, Support Group Facebook page: "I would urge every Saint to read this post from the Falkland Islands and ask the St Helena Government, the Governor's Office and your recently appointed LegCo representatives why the hundreds of patients of Sergio, Soto and others should not be afforded the same apology, public enquiry, Constitutional protection and compensation as is rightly being provided to Falkland Islanders?"

AND THEN THERE WAS CANADA

On day six of the Creation, God announced to his arch angel underlings, "Today we're creating a place called Canada. Pull out all the stops. Give it beautiful mountains, lakes, plains, forests and sandy beaches. Underground, give it oil, gold, etc. Oh, and plenty of fish and wildlife." "Sir" interjected an arch angel, "Aren't you being overly generous to these Canadians?" "Don't worry, I'll balance it out," said God. "Wait till you see the neighbors I'm giving them."



Falklands Forge Ahead Without Fibre

When the 720-mile fibre optic connection was being laid from the Equiano cable to St Helena, the Sure Falklands customers were very envious of the promised benefits we in St Helena expected to enjoy. Falkland Islanders had long voiced frustration with Sure's high prices, restrictive data caps, and limited bandwidth. The telecom service handed down to them was even worse than we had to endure.

In the four years that have passed since then, the situation is reversed. After a tortuous time, the Falklands now have a telecoms service they are happy with while in St Helena we still await the real benefits of fibre-optic connectivity. After an equally tortuous time, St Helen has fallen short at the final stage.

The Falkland Starlink Petition Group recently announced, “the 3rd of November 2025 marks a truly historic and exciting milestone for the Falkland Islands: the official launch of licensed Starlink services, and the reopening of personal VSAT licensing by the Communications Regulator. This achievement represents the



culmination of a determined community effort and the tremendous success of the Starlink petition, which galvanised widespread support across the Islands to secure a more modern, affordable and reliable broadband future.”

It all kicked off on the Falklands when the ever-expanding network of Starlink communication satellites extended enough to cover the Falklands. In St Helena, Starlink was banned. In the Falklands antennae able to connect with Starlink were already in use. Restrictions applied for 'the public' but some businesses could obtain a licence for the antennae upon payment of an unbelievable several £thousands. The Falkland government regulations allowed the government free use.

While getting a licence for antennae was mostly impossible, getting all the necessary Starlink equipment was not. A major and unofficial switch from Sure to Starlink was underway. Government attempts to turn the tide were met with public anger. Sure Falklands complained bitterly that

their monopoly, high prices, restrictive data caps, and limited bandwidth were being challenged. We are very familiar with all of that.

Only the strong and sustained public protest persuaded the Falkland government it could sit on its backside any longer. They realised they would have to do what they are paid to do – sort out the mess, which was mostly of their own making. Sorting it out meant Sure Falklands lodged a legal challenge because the protections they enjoyed were being shredded. This led to serious negotiations with Falklands government. The result was that appalling antennae restrictions were swept away, Starlink was officially accepted and offered a welcome choice and Sure Falklands announced they will offer Unlimited Broadband For All from 1st December at much cheaper prices.

Meanwhile in St Helena we wait and wait for the big breakthrough.

Lloyds Bank interested in operating in the Falkland Islands

The Falkland Islands Government has published a notice in Falklands Penguin News announcing a public meeting where Matt Pendrey from Lloyds Banking (Head of UK Government & British Overseas, Institutional Coverage) would “promote and discuss” Lloyds Bank’s institutional desire to be the No.1 Bank for the British Overseas Territories.

Standard Chartered Bank has been present in the Falkland Islands since 1983 and provides an essential service, but does not offer the facility to accept modern payment methods. Debit and credit cards are only possible in partnership with Gibraltar International Bank and Square.

The public meeting led by Matt Pendrey was held two weeks ago. Strangely, no follow up news seems to have been published. The Bank of St Helena and SHG have been in discussion with Lloyds Bank on and off over several years.

Ascension – Sure South Atlantic Negotiations End with No Agreement

Ascension Island Government (AIG) announced on Tuesday they had come to the end of the road on negotiations with Sure South Atlantic. Sure had already stated it was their intention to pull out of Ascension on 28th February 2026. However, they did submit a revised proposal for a subsidy package.



Last week the Island Council met to discuss the latest developments. It was reported the Governor had proposed the revised subsidy arrangements submitted by Sure should not be accepted and that a counter proposal from AIG should not be offered. This would effectively bring negotiations to a close.

The Island Council supported the Governor's proposal. Alternative options will now continue to be explored for the future provision of mobile telecoms on Ascension Island. It is recognised there may be a disruption to service while negotiations are concluded with a potential mobile telecom provider. However, they state it would be in the long-term best interests of Ascension Island. AIG state that further information will be provided as the situation develops.

Waste Lubrication Oil from US Base to be Used in AIG Incinerator

Waste lubrication oil from the United States Space Force (USSF) Base will be supplied to AIG and put to further use to enhance the combustion efficiency for solid waste processed through AIG's incinerator.

The AIG announcement states this partnership supports the One Island Vision to identify opportunities for collaboration on joint projects in support of resource efficiency, environmental impact reduction, and strengthening co-operation between island stakeholders.



The Ascension incinerator



The path to a self-sustaining skills sector on St. Helena isn't just about training more people. It's about fundamentally transforming how we develop our human capital, connect to the world, and learn from the successes and failures of our fellow British Overseas Territories. With a workforce of just 2,539 people as of 2016, and many Saints continuing to seek employment in Ascension, the Falklands, and the UK, our island faces a challenge that's both urgent and familiar to small island territories across the globe. The question isn't whether we need to act, but how quickly we can move from planning to real transformation.

The Human Capital Challenge

The numbers tell a sobering story. According to government statistics, 60% of our economy depends on the public sector, with Public Administration being our largest industrial sector. While this provides stability, it also means our private sector remains limited and heavily dependent on imports that totalled £30.7 million in 2024/25.

Our situation mirrors challenges faced by other British Overseas Territories, but the comparisons also show what's possible. Take the Cayman Islands, where a 2022 Labour Market Assessment revealed that 46% of future job growth is predicted to be in IT-related fields, yet only 8% of qualified Caymanians showed genuine interest in pursuing these careers. This mismatch between opportunity and interest is something we're beginning to see here too, particularly as our fibre optic connection opens new possibilities in digital services.

The Falkland Islands, with a population similar to ours, has tackled workforce development head-on with a comprehensive strategy that recognises a fundamental truth: *you can't build a skilled workforce without first making your territory an attractive place to stay*. Their approach focuses on housing, connectivity, and career development as an integrated package, not separate initiatives.

The Digital Divide We Must Bridge

In October 2023, St. Helena finally connected to the Equiano submarine fibre optic cable, a £21.5 million project funded by the European Union. This should have been transformational. The cable offers 100 Gigabits of bandwidth to Portugal and 10 Gigabits per second of internet capacity, a massive leap from the satellite service that previously gave our entire island an estimated 50 Megabits per second with latency reaching 600 to 700 milliseconds.

But here's where we must learn from painful lessons. The collapse of the Maestro Fibre Optic Project in mid-2024 means that despite having a multi-terabyte undersea cable landed on our shores, we still don't have the terrestrial fibre-to-the-home network to connect businesses and residents properly. It's like having a motorway that stops at the edge of town. Compare this to the Cayman Islands, where 81% of the population had internet access as of late 2025, and where the government has moved quickly to establish workforce development initiatives specifically tied to digital infrastructure. Cayman's experience shows that connectivity alone isn't enough. You need training programmes, digital literacy initiatives, and a clear strategy for how improved internet will actually change your economy.



Learning from Our Neighbours

When Montserrat, with a population of just 4,399 (mid-year 2024 estimates) and facing similar challenges to ours, needed to strengthen its nursing workforce, it didn't try to build everything from scratch. Instead, it partnered with Keele University and NHS trusts for a comprehensive three-phase training programme covering everything from online learning to evidence-based practice. This model of strategic partnerships is something St. Helena must embrace more aggressively. The Falkland Islands' Workforce Development Strategy makes another crucial point: you need a Skills Assessment Council to provide oversight and ensure that limited resources are directed toward high-impact actions. With our constrained budget and small population, every pound spent on training needs to deliver measurable returns.

The Path Forward

First, we must urgently resolve the terrestrial fibre network situation. Every day without proper internet connectivity is a day we fall further behind. The government's Communications Bill 2025, currently in consultation, needs to create a regulatory framework that actually drives deployment, not just regulates it. Second, we need a comprehensive digital literacy programme. Not just computer skills, but AI literacy, data analysis, cybersecurity basics, and project management. These are the skills that the Cayman Islands, with its stronger economy, has identified as essential. We need them even more.

Third, we must create formal partnerships with institutions in other BOTs and the UK for skills development. Virtual learning means geography matters less than it used to. Our students and workers should have access to the same quality training available in larger territories. Fourth, we need honest conversations about immigration policy and wage levels. The Falklands recognised that attracting skilled workers requires competitive conditions. We can't build a knowledge economy on poverty wages. Finally, we need accountability. A formal Skills Assessment Council, learning from the Falklands model, would ensure that our limited resources go toward training that actually meets economic needs, not just available courses.

The Stakes

St. Helena has historically depended on UK financial aid, as do Montserrat and Pitcairn among the BOTs. Our Sustainable Economic Development Plan rightly focuses on reducing this dependency by growing exports and substituting imports. But this won't happen through wishful thinking. The inflation rate hit 6.3% in Q2 2025, meaning the cost of living continues to rise while many incomes remain stagnant. Young people see this and make rational choices about their futures. If we want them to choose St. Helena, we need to offer more than sentiment and scenery. The good news is that we're not alone in facing these challenges, and we don't have to invent solutions from scratch. The Cayman Islands, Bermuda, the Falklands, and Montserrat have all wrestled with workforce development, connectivity, and economic diversification. Some have succeeded, some have struggled, but all offer lessons we can learn from.

Till Next Time, keep Well.

Guy Fawkes Night on Tristan da Cunha

Report from Kelly Green with photos by Julia Gunther

The familiar words echoed in the cool evening air as the sun slipped quietly behind the volcano. Although there was no official island celebration this year, the spirit of Guy Fawkes Night* was alive and well across Tristan da Cunha. From the settlement to the edges of the island, small groups of families and friends gathered to make their own fires and celebrate in true Tristan style.



Guy on the bonfire



All day, people had been preparing. Old clothes were stuffed with wool and hay, carefully shaped into homemade “Guys” that stood proudly beside each fire. Some were funny, some spooky, all stitched together with laughter and imagination. Children dashed about helping to gather flax, old crate boards, and bits of wood anything that would burn bright against the night sky.

As darkness settled, one by one, little flickers of orange began to appear across the island. Fires came to life near fences, gardens, and open spaces, their flames dancing and crackling in the cold air. The scent of

wood smoke carried on the wind, mingling with the distant sound of laughter and chatter. From afar, you could see the volcano silhouetted against the night, tiny pinpoints of fire glowing like scattered stars across its slopes.

Later in the evening, as the fires burned low, some people joined up for barbecues and nibbles. Smoke curled gently into the night sky, carrying the scent of grilled meat and the hum of easy conversation. It was the kind of night that reminded everyone what makes Tristan da Cunha special, a place where even small gatherings feel full of warmth, laughter, and connection.

So, although this year’s Guy Fawkes Night wasn’t an official event, it became something even more memorable: a night of homemade fun, shared stories, and glowing fires that bound the island together.



Watching the bonfire and having fun down by the Big Watron

EXTENDED DEADLINE - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Member of the Panel of Investigators

St Helena Legislative Council invites Expressions of Interest from members of the public who wish to serve as Members of the Panel of Investigators (POI).

The panel plays a vital role in supporting the Council's commitment to transparency and accountability by assisting with the investigations into the conduct of Members of the Legislative Council. Serving on the POI offers an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to good governance and uphold public confidence in the Legislative Council.

We are seeking individuals who are:

- fair-minded and of good standing within the community
- able to demonstrate relevant knowledge, experience, investigative skills and personal qualities appropriate to this role.

When appointed, from the POI, to serve on an Investigative Commission, members of the Commission will receive remuneration of £35 per meeting. Mileage incurred while carrying out Investigative Commission duties may be claimed at a rate of 77p per mile.

The deadline has been extended to 4pm on Friday, 5 December 2025, for interested persons to submit a résumé to the Legislative Council Office, The Castle, or via email to marita.bagley@sainthelena.gov.sh.

INVITATION TO TENDER

The St Helena National Trust would like to invite suitably experienced boat operators to submit tenders for the following contract:
Operational Support for Whale (Bona) shark research and data collection in St Helena's Marine Protected Area, during the 2026 season (Jan - March).

Only tenders from Accredited Marine Tour Operators will be considered, as per St Helena Research Institute Licence conditions. Tenders should consider the following:

- Boat trips from Jamestown Wharf to Bone shark aggregation sites around the island, within coastal waters. These sites include (but are not limited to): Barn Cap, Barn Ledge, Flagstaff Bay, Egg Island, Speery Island Cap, George Island and specific windward sites.
- Anticipated start date: **January 2026** (whole shark sightings dependent).
- Anticipated end date: **31 March 2026** (contract may be extended depending on whale sharks continued presence).
- Anticipated frequency of 3 to 5 trips per week.
 - Quotes required for both **half-day (3 to 4 hours)** and **full-day trips (6 to 7 hours)**;
- Please provide details on the suitability of the vessel and crew to undertake this research work.
- Tenders must provide a current copy of their Health and Safety policy, Risk Assessments, and valid insurance as part of the tender application.

For further details, please get in touch with the Trust Manager Team on 22190/22569 or email the Marine Conservation Project Manager kenickie.andrews@trust.org.sh

Interested persons should submit tenders in a sealed envelope to the Office Manager, Ananda Constantine, by no later than 16.00hrs on Friday, 5th December 2025.

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Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 23rd November 2025– Christ The King

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

The Parish of St James

Sunday 23rd November 2025 – Christ The King

11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 27th November	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John

Sunday 23rd November 2025 – Christ The King

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthew
3.00 p.m.	Praise and Worship	Open Air
		Longwood Green
	Tuesday 25th November	
7.00 p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark

BAHA' FAITH HE IS THE GLORY OF GLORIES



O SON OF BEING

Thy heart is My home; sanctify it for My descent.
Thy spirit is My place of revelation; cleanse it for My manifestation.

O CHILDREN OF MEN

Know ye not why We created you all from the same dust ? That no one should exalt himself over the other. Ponder at all times in your hearts how ye were created. Since We have created you all from one same substance it is incumbent on you to be even as one soul, to walk with the same feet, eat with the same mouth and dwell in the same land, that from your Inmost being, by your deeds and actions, the signs of oneness and the essence of detachment may be made manifest. Such is My counsel to you, O concourse of light! Heed ye this counsel that ye may obtain the fruit of holiness from the tree of wondrous glory.

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



AGRICULTURAL SHOW DAY THANK YOU

The Agricultural Show Working Group are humbled by the community attendance and appreciation of the Agricultural Show. The success of the event depended on the generous support provided by sponsors, businesses, organisations and volunteers. We extend our sincere gratitude to all who contributed.

The Chamber of Commerce, Bank of St Helena and St Helena Tourism for sponsoring the prizes for the Livestock, Art and Crafts and Horticulture and Homebaking competitions.

Connect St Helena for supplying powerboxes. Island Images for the use of their marquees and live streaming. Johnny Isaac for his invaluable assistance, The volunteers involved in the transportation, set up, and packing up of the shelters especially Simon Francis, Martin Buckley (Kunya), Legco Members, The Prison for creating the sign. Stevie McDaniel, HTH & Jamestown Community Centre

Other sponsors including Sure, Rose and Crown, Solomons, Printech, GK Crafts, Heads up Salon, Isobels Cakes and Bakes, Phil Toal

St Helena Fire Service, Tom Wortley, Lisa Henry, Austin Francis for setting up the Petting Zoo, David John, Timeon Hopkins, Ajay Bennett, Ty Young for looking after the animals and and all those who bought animals for the Petting Zoo.

DJ Colin Peters, Johnny Clingham, Wendy C Benjamin,

Supporting organisations: St Helena Secondary School, The Police and Paramedics, St Helena Red Cross, Girl Guide Association, Scouts, ENRP – Farmer Support team, Forestry Team and EMD. St Helena Secondary Technology department for creating the overall district shield.

Rodney O'dean for litter collection on the day, Colin Thomas 'Shoe' for the overnight security. Olive Williams, Cheryl Anthony, Rob Midwinter and Marsha for manning the gates

The Art and Craft Committee, Lesa Davidson, Cherry Murray and Cecily Lindsay for registering the entries, Helen Lawrence and all those that pitched in to help on the day

Information stalls: Martin Joshua hydroponics Demo, GIS, St Helena Natural Trust

The Public Transport companies, The Vendors and finally the Judges who had the most difficult job on the day: Alice Cant, Jonathan Passpatorius, Katy Peters, Ellie Hewitt, Louise Hoole, Ed Thorpe, Ken Henry, Arthur March, Hensil Phillips, Rich Edwards, Liz Harrison, Pamela Ward-Pearce, Pamela Young, Daryl Legg, Michel Dancoisne Martineau, Barbara George, Cllr Julie Thomas, Connie Johnson, Andy Sylvester and Jessie Hillman

All prize winners will be published in next weeks paper.



APPLICATION CLOSING DATE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES – DECEMBER 2025

Connect Saint Helena Ltd would like to inform the public that applications for the following services should be submitted to the Connect Administration Office by **Monday, 8 December 2025**:

- New water and sewerage installations
- Reconnections/disconnections
- Routine emptying of septic tanks

Applications received after this date will be attended to in the New Year starting from Friday, 02 January 2026.

The Connect enquiry line at Seales Corner 22255 can be contacted should customers require any additional information.

19 November 2025



PLANTATION HOUSE CHRISTMAS FAIR

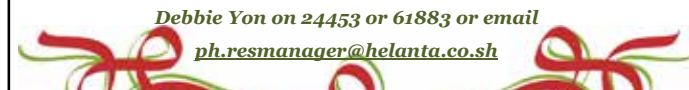
SUNDAY 7th December 2025

- * A Fundraising event 1pm to 5pm
- * Various traditional crafts, confectionary & Christmas stalls
- * Ice cream van, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies and lots more
 - * Photo Shoot with Santa
- * Face Painting, Nail Painting & Kiddies Scavenger Hunt
- * Colin Peters will provide music to entertain you throughout the afternoon
 - o Hot Food on sale:
 - o Melvin Benjamin with various curries
 - o Other Hot Tasty food
 - o The Dook's will serve afternoon teas/coffees and confectionary
 - o Amphibians Bar facilities who will also be selling hot food
 - o You can relax on the lawn with your afternoon tea/Drink

Come & and support this fund raising event

**Entrance fee – Adults £1.00, children 10 years to 15 years 50p
under 10 years free**

*If you like to book a stall or require further details, please contact
Debbie Yon on 24453 or 61883 or email
ph.resmanager@helanta.co.sh*



Thank You

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the St Paul's community for your support of our district stall at the 2025 Agricultural Show Day. Your enthusiasm, generosity, and hard work helped make the event a tremendous success.

I am truly grateful to everyone who contributed—whether by volunteering time, sharing your talents and products, setting up the stall or simply showing up. The spirit of community was truly evident, and we could not have done it without you. Thank You.

The produce in all the district stalls was simply amazing so well done to everyone who took part. Thank you for helping make the Agricultural Show Day 2025 a memorable and meaningful celebration for all.

Tracey



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Rehabilitation & Maintenance of the Sandy Bay Banana Plantations

From Roots to Revival...Keep St Helena Growing Local!

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc invites qualified individuals or organisations to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the rehabilitation, maintenance and management of the Sandy Bay Banana Plantations.

The goal: To restore the plantations to full, healthy production through structured agricultural and maintenance activities; helping to revitalise one of St Helena's key local crops.

We're looking for applicants who can demonstrate:

Experience in agriculture or plantation management (ideally banana cultivation)

Access to suitable labour, tools, and equipment

Commitment to safe, sustainable, and ethical practices

EOI DOCUMENTS & APPLICATION FORMS

Printed Copies: Solomons Main Office Building, Jamestown

Email: gm-productions@solomons.co.sh

SITE VISIT

To arrange a visit to the Plantations, contact Daren Duncan, Farms & Coffee Production Manager, no later than Friday 21 November 2025

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Deadline: Friday 28 November 2025, 12:00hrs

Applications Addressed to:
Miss Daryl Legg, General Manager (Production)
Solomon & Company
Main Street
Jamestown



JOIN OUR TEAM

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

SOUTH ATLANTIC & DIEGO GARCIA (SADG)

Sure is seeking an experienced HR professional to join their Senior Management team in the Falkland Islands. This pivotal role involves delivering a proactive and collaborative HR generalist service within the Sure SADG group. If you're passionate about people, strategy and making an impact, we'd love to hear from you.

Requirements:

- Professional HR certification (CIPD level 5) or equivalent work experience in a senior management role
- Proven experience in HR Management or generalist role within a fast-paced commercial environment
- Strong understanding of employment law and compliance
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to demonstrate confidentiality and handle sensitive information
- Experience with SAGE payroll, desirable
- Commitment to employee engagement and wellbeing

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a satisfactory Police Disclosure

Join us and you can enjoy some of the benefits Sure offers: competitive salary, bonus scheme, company pension and continued professional development.

We are proud of the way we do things: We work together as One Team; We strive for Customer Satisfaction; We are Reliable; We have a passion for Technology and Learning; We are Community & Sustainability focused.

To apply send your CV to recruitment@sure.com by COB 3 December 2025

For further information, please contact Roma.Stewart@sure.com



Falklands Charity Walk Fundraiser

This is to confirm that total sum of £2,696:44 (Two Thousand, Six Hundred & Ninety-Six Pounds + 44p) was raised from charity walk which took place on Ascension Island on Friday 13th Sept 2025. The money was shared as per details below: -

St.Helena General Hospital Nursing Staff (Approx 30) - Gift of appreciation from community - they told me they will use towards staff Xmas party	£ 600.00	I personally handed over in cash on 9/10/25
Ascension General Hospital Nursing Staff (Approx 10) - Gift of appreciation from community - they told me they will use towards staff Xmas party	£ 200.00	I personally handed over in cash on 16/10/25
St. Helena Cancer Support & Awareness Charity	£ 1,896.44	Transferred to charity account at Bank of St. Helena on 31/10/25

Thanks to ALL of you who donated on Falklands, Ascension, St. Helena & online (UK?), those who joined me on the walk, and those who helped me with sponsor forms.

Thanks for support.

Tony Peters
MPC
Falkland Islands
17 Nov 2025

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Road Closure – Longwood Avenue

The Road Section would like to inform the public of a planned temporary road closure on a section of Longwood Avenue from 09:00 on Monday, 24 November through to 15:00 on Sunday, 30 November 2025. This closure is necessary to safely carry out major layer works upgrades on the section of road between the entrance of the **Piccolo Hill complex** and the house known as **“The Boot”**.

Access and Diversions

- Piccolo Hill Residents: Access to the Piccolo Hill complex will not be affected.
 - Public Diversions: Depending on your destination, alternative routes will be necessary. Please plan your journey using routes such as Bottom Woods Road, Haul Road and Colt Sheds Road.
- Emergency Services: We regret to inform that Emergency Services will be affected by this closure. We advise all emergency personnel to note the closure times and plan their routes accordingly during this period.

Travellers, especially those going to the airport, are advised to allow extra time for travel and make use of the diversion routes. Please adhere to all signage and instructions from personnel on site.

Ongoing Daily Closures – Bottom Woods to Longwood Gate

Please note that in addition to the planned closure mentioned above, roadworks are continuing along the section between Bottom Woods and Longwood Gate until late January 2026. These works involve daily closures between 09:00 and 15:00, but only on the specific section being worked on each day (approximately 150–200 metres at a time). The entire stretch from Bottom Woods to Longwood Gate will not be closed all at once.

Because the exact location changes daily, we cannot provide precise points in advance.

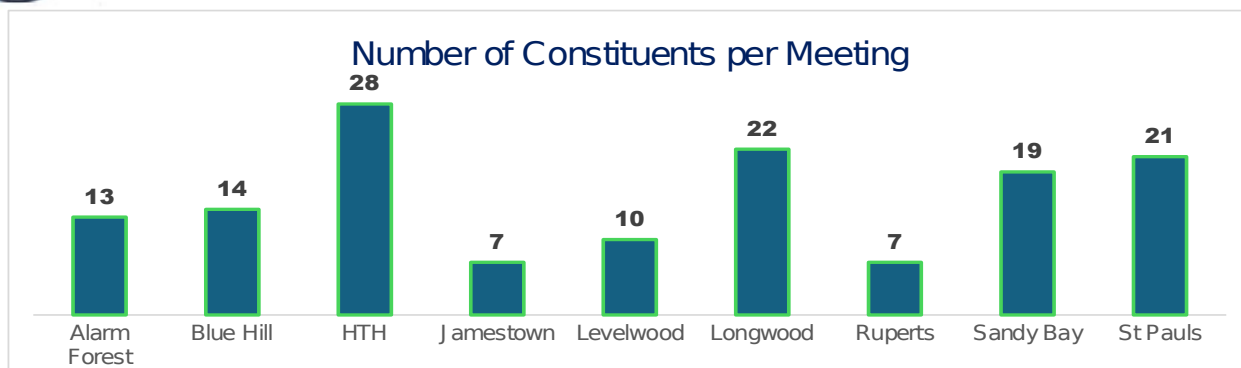
Drivers should expect a short closure somewhere along this section during the stated hours and plan accordingly. Again, please adhere to all signage and instructions from personnel on site. The Road Section apologises for any inconvenience this essential maintenance work may cause and thanks the public for their cooperation.

> A map showing the location of the planned roadworks (on Longwood Avenue)





Community Engagement Reflected in Constituency Meeting Attendance



Recent constituency meetings drew **140 residents**, showing good public engagement. Half Tree Hollow had the highest turnout (28), followed by Longwood (22) and St Paul's (21). Sandy Bay (19) and Blue Hill (14) also saw good participation. These sessions provided valuable dialogue, and the Elected Members thanks all attendees.

Top 5 Themes Raised:

1. **Roads, Transport & Infrastructure**
2. **Utilities, Energy & Cost of Living**
3. **Policing & Community Confidence**
4. **Employment, HR and Public Service**
5. **Fishing and farming**

If you'd like to read more about constituency meetings, they are available on the SHG Website or at the public library .



PEAKS Enterprises has Vacancies for the following Qualified persons to join their team:

- **HAIRSTYLIST**
- **BEAUTY THERAPIST**

VACANCIES



We require experienced persons to fill the above posts, all potential candidates must have at least 5 years experience in the position they are applying for, and will be required to show all the relevant qualifications.

Please contact Shanna on 24555 or email shanna.john@helanta.co.sh for further information.



St Helena
Government



SAFETY SECURITY & HOME AFFAIRS

INVITATION TO TENDER

New Prison Project

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably qualified contractors to submit tenders for site excavation and haulage for the new Prison site within the Longwood area – Bottom Woods:

CS-1946-SHG - Site Excavation & Haulage

A site visit to view the works will take place on Monday, 10 November 2025, at 09:00, meeting at "Reggies" in Bottom Woods

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena/aspx/Home> following registration on the system. User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective contractors registering on the e-procurement system.

If contractors would like a hard copy of the tender documentation, they should contact the Project Manager, James Hayton, on tel no: 22270 or email: James.Hayton@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Tender submissions should be made via the e-procurement system, with the tender deadline being Wednesday, 26 November at 12:00.

Contractors should note that this tender is not being advertised overseas.

NOTE TO EDITOR:

This project has been approved for funding under the UK funded Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), in partnership with the FCDO.

SHG
22 October 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!

Our innovative telemetered water monitoring network is expanding thanks to the work of our partners in Connect Saint Helena and the local Met Station.

Previously, surface water levels within our water catchments were read manually on-site via a stage board, however this information can now be accessed remotely in real-time from three monitoring sites, thanks to the expansion of the telemetry network using Hobo MicroRX Stations. This builds on the network that Connect has in place to monitor mist and rainfall within the Cloud Forest.

These stations allow water level data at the catchments to be available via the LI-COR Cloud portal in real-time. While they also have the capability to alert when water levels become critically low so mitigation measures can be put in place more efficiently. Catchments at Harpers, Drummond's Point and Black Bridge have already been upgraded, Wells Gut, Osbornes and Gents Bath are set to be upgraded next.

Water Catchments	
Latest Conditions	
Measurement Label	Latest Reading
Black Bridge Water Level	0.000 meters
Drummond's Point Water Level	0.000 meters
Harpers Point Water Level	0.000 meters



Great work by our Water Resources Monitoring Technician, Joey Thomas, from Connect St Helena with valuable support from the Met Station's Murray Henry!

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



Vacancy

Freight Agent



Salary for the post will commence at £10,968 per annum (£914 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc is seeking a motivated and detail-driven Freight Agent to join our Shipping & Travel Department.

In this dynamic position, you will be responsible for coordinating both sea and air freight operations, ensuring the smooth and efficient movement of cargo. You will handle all aspects of freight management—from documentation and cargo handling to responding to customer enquiries—while providing outstanding service and supporting the daily operations of the Shipping & Travel Department.

Interested Persons Should:

- Hold GCSE Maths & English at Grade C or above (or equivalent), and be confident using IT systems
- Have strong customer service skills with a friendly, professional approach
- Demonstrate excellent organisational, communication, and interpersonal skills
- Be analytical with strong attention to detail
- Have experience in cash handling and general administrative duties
- Be committed to learning and professional development, including the ability to undertake overseas training when required
- Thrive in a fast-paced environment—able to multitask, prioritise, and meet tight deadlines
- Be driven to achieve targets and deliver exceptional service
- Work well independently, using initiative to solve problems proactively
- Be flexible and willing to work weekends or outside normal business hours when needed.

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

Anthea Joshua, Assistant Shipping & Travel Manager via ☎ 22523 ✉ asstshipping-travelmanager@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 **Thursday, 27 November 2025**.

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

◆ Pension Contributions

◆ Staff Discounts



Nestled within the community of Silver Hill, this well-known Tavern now opens the door to its next chapter. With its familiar charm and Island character, the property offers a unique opportunity for someone ready to breathe new life into a favourite local spot.

The Tavern is an ideal base for a vibrant, well-run business that serves both residents and visitors alike.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SOLOMON & COMPANY (ST HELENA) PLC
INVITES 'EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST' (EOI)
FOR THE LEASE OF SILVER HILL TAVERN,
ON A COMMERCIAL LEASEHOLD
ARRANGEMENT
FROM 8 DECEMBER 2025

INTERESTED PARTIES ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE A SHORT PROPOSAL
OUTLINING:

- your plans for operating the Tavern
- intended business hours
- the type of entertainment or events you would offer to the community

Interested persons should contact Ian Gough for further details:

- 📍 Solomons Main Office, Jamestown
- ☎ +290 22380
- ✉ gm-services.properties@solomons.co.sh

Interested persons should submit their EOI in a sealed envelope, addressed to:
Ian Gough, General Manager (Services & Properties), Solomons Main Office, Jamestown
Envelopes should be marked 'EOI Silver Hill Tavern' and submitted by 1 December 2025

A detailed Lease Agreement will be provided to the successful applicant.

However, a summary of Key Terms is as follows:

- The Tavern will be leased on a commercial leasehold basis at £450 per calendar month.
- Upon signing the lease, the successful applicant will be required to pay the following registration fees:
 - SHG Administration Fee – £25
 - SHG Stamp Duty – £75
 - Solomon's Lease Administration Fee – £35
- Proof of Public Liability Insurance will be required.



The St Helena Cricket Association AGM

will be held at Richards travel Lodge on
Monday 24th November 2025.

Items on the agenda are: Election of the Committee, discussions around management of the local season, how the Association operates throughout the year and AOB.

All are welcome!



St. Helena Cricket Association



St Helena Government



INVITATION TO TENDER

Proposed Upgrade of Hot and Cold Water Plumbing – Plantation House

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

CS-1964-SHG – Proposed Upgrade of Hot and Cold Water Plumbing – Plantation House

A site visit to view the works will take place on Tuesday, 18 November 2025, at 10:00, meeting at Plantation House.

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, 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 Tuesday, 02 December 2025, clearly marked "Tender CS-1964-SHG".

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

SHG
12 November 2025

THE SALVATION ARMY INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM

SUNDAY 30th November - Mince pies and Carols at the HTH Community Centre at 6pm.

TUESDAY 2nd December - Carols at the Sandy Bay Community Centre at 7.30pm.

SUNDAY 7th December - Carols by Candlelight at the HTH Army Hall. 6pm

TUESDAY 9th December - Carols at St Michaels Church in Rupert's at 7.30pm

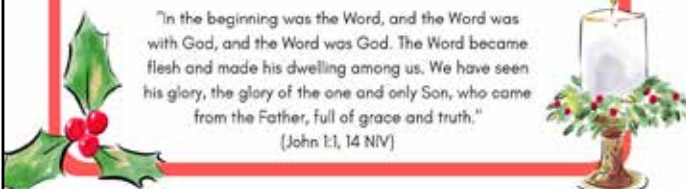
SATURDAY 13th December - Open Air Carols on the Bridge at 7pm.

SUNDAY 14th December - Open Air Carols at Rosemary Plain at 4pm.

SUNDAY 21st December - Ecumenical Carol Service at the Court House steps at 7.30pm.

THURSDAY 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY family service at the HTH Army Hall at 10am

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."
(John 1:1, 14 NIV)



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- **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.

BIOT Preparedness Project Manager (Rate of Pay: competitive, dependent on experience)

Central Support Service is seeking to recruit a Project Manager on a casual contract basis to coordinate, plan and manage activities to ensure St Helena Government are suitably prepared in the event further migrants arrive on the British Indian Overseas Territory and are subsequently sent to St Helena. You will be required to communicate and interact fully across SHG and the private sector, and to provide oversight and reporting on key project activities being undertaken. A logical approach and the ability to communicate clearly is essential. Previous experience managing projects is desirable.

Please note that as a Casual Worker you will only be entitled to receive payment for the hours worked. Annual leave etc. will not apply. This role is funded by the FCDO in support of BIOT planning work. The rate of pay is negotiable and will take account of experience and qualifications.

This role is advertised to start as soon as possible therefore candidates will be shortlisted on submission of interest and the advert will close when we have successfully appointed. We can share the terms of reference for this role on request. To apply please submit a statement outlining your interest and suitability for this role to recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh

Enquiries: Stephen Thwaites (Governor's office) Tel: 25393 /
Ian Todd (Head of the Public service) Tel: 22252 / Tasha Harris (Governor's office) Tel: 22869

Teacher - Science (SHSS) (£12,432 – £20,645 per annum)

Do you have a passion for education and a love of science? We are seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Teacher of Science to join our team to support in inspiring the next generation of learners. In this role, you will deliver engaging and high-quality teaching across Key Stages 3, 4, and 5, helping students develop both academically and personally. You will plan, prepare, and teach well-structured, differentiated lessons that spark curiosity and foster scientific thinking. You will also set meaningful home learning tasks that consolidate learning and support steady progress. We're looking for a teacher who can bring science to life, encouraging students to question, explore, and understand the world around them. If you are passionate about creating positive learning experiences and committed to helping every student achieve their potential, we would love to hear from you.

In line with COBIS Standards, the Education Skills and Employment is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to provide proof of identity and qualifications, and will be subject to reference checks, an enhanced police background check, and any other safeguarding checks relevant to the role. We promote equality of opportunity and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

Enquiries: Phil Toal on Tel No. 24290 or Email: phil.toal@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 03 December 2025
Shortlisting date: 08 December 2025
Interview date: 17 December 2025

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. SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief and will consider all applications on the basis of merit assessed against the role profile and person specification. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, which include a medical check, vetting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role.



SAVE THE DATE
Events

NOV / DEC
2025

THE CROWN CAFE AND BAR

OPEN: FRIDAY 3PM - 9PM | SATURDAY 9AM - 9PM | SUNDAY 1030AM - 7PM

MORE EVENTS BEING ANNOUNCED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Fri
28 NOV

ANNUAL WINE TASTING

OUR FAVOURITE EVENT OF THE YEAR TO MARK THE START OF FESTIVE SEASON.

SOLD OUT

THE CROWN CAFE WILL NOT OPEN ON THIS DAY.

Fri
12 DEC

EUCHRE DRIVE

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON. LIMITED SPACES. REGISTER YOUR TEAM AT THE CROWN ON TEL 22934.

TEAMS OF 3.
£6/PERSON.

Sat
13 DEC

LIVE BAND - BIG EASY

JOIN US ON DECK FOR A ROCK N ROLL NIGHT WITH THE BIG EASY.

CAFE WILL OPEN AS USUAL DURING THE DAY.
BAR OPEN TIL LATE

Sat
20 DEC

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

SANTA, FACE PAINTING, GAMES, BOUNCY CASTLE & DISCO.

£9.50/CHILD
INCLUDES A GIFT FROM SANTA, MEAL & DRINK.

Mon
22 DEC

COCKTAILS AND CAROLS

JOIN JACK & FRIENDS FOR A NIGHT OF CAROL SINGING, COCKTAILS, MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE.

STARTS AT 7PM.
BAR OPEN FROM 6PM.
SPECIAL GUEST SINGERS.

Mon
29 DEC

GUEST CHEF - DAN

OUR FIRST GUEST CHEF. DAN FROM DAN'S BAKERY WILL BE SHOWCASING HIS TALENTS.

CAFE WILL NOT OPEN ON THIS DAY.
WATCH THIS SPACE FOR BOOKINGS INFO.

THE CROWN IS AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE PARTIES AND EVENTS WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES. FEEL FREE TO SPEAK WITH ONE OF OUR TEAM TO MAKE A BOOKING.

T: THECROWN@HELANTA.CO.SH

T: 22934

VACANCY



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Credit Control Officer

Commencing at £13,296 per annum

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

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

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

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

Candidates should also possess:

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

Interested persons can contact the Lending Services Manager on + 290 22390 ext 212 or email lendingmanager@sainthelenabank.com for more information.

An Application form and a job profile is available upon request from the Bank.

Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 5 December 2025.

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



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Market Street, Jamestown



Bank of St Helena Ltd

2025 Galway Cup

Report by SHGC



Sponsored by the Committee of Management, the distinguished Galway Cup—recognised as the Governor's Cup in honour of Sir Henry Lionel Galway KCMG DSO—commenced with great anticipation on Sunday, 16 November 2025. This esteemed tournament pays tribute to Sir Henry's enduring legacy as the founder of the Longwood Golf Course.

A total of twenty-two players participated in this event, bringing both competitive spirit and camaraderie to the fairways. The sun shone brightly throughout the day—perhaps a little too generously—adding an extra layer of challenge to an already spirited contest.

Despite the heat, the atmosphere remained upbeat, with players demonstrating resilience and sportsmanship. Tony Green claimed the win for the Gents with a net score of 68, while Peter

Bagley and Paddo Johnson both scored 71, battled in a playoff for second. Paddo Johnson graciously stepped aside, and Peter Bagley, in true sporting spirit, shared his prize.

Two ladies took part in the competition, with Laura Buckley securing top honours with an impressive net score of 78. Helena Stevens followed in second place, finishing with a net score of 92.

Additional prizes were awarded as follows: Longest Drive (Gents) – Jeffrey Stevens, Longest Drive (Ladies) and Nearest to Pin (Ladies) – Laura Buckley, Nearest to Pin (Gents) – Jason Hopkins. No twos were recorded. The prizes were presented by the President, Christine Scipio

Heartfelt thanks to all who made the 2025 Galway Cup a memorable success. To the twenty-two players—your enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and resilience in the sunshine truly honoured the legacy of Sir Henry Lionel Galway. Special congratulations to Tony Green on his well-earned victory.

Upcoming Events: **Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November - SHGC Players Championship**
 Sunday 30th November - Peter Francis Memorial Challenge
 Friday 5th December – Annual Dinner Dance

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

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Last weekend saw SHFA District fixtures being played, with the Knockout fixtures scheduled for this week .

Saturday 15th November Jamestown 1 — Half Tree Hollow 6

Goalscorers Jamestown — Tyler Anthony 1

Goalscorers Half Tree Hollow—Joey Thomas 4, Rico Benjamin 2

Man of Match—Joey Thomas (Half Tree Hollow)

Young Player of the Match—Tyler Anthony (Jamestown)

Sunday 16th November St Paul's 4— Longwood 2

Goalscorers St Paul's — Taylan Phillips, Clayton Benjamin, Edson Stevens, Blaize Baldwin

Goalscorers Longwood— Ronan Legg, Sean-lee Thomas

Man of the Match— Shane Stroud (St Pauls)

Young Player of the Match—Zach Francis (Longwood)

UPCOMING FIXTURES

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date

KNOCKOUT FIXTURES

Sunday 23rd November @ 13:00pm Bellboys vs Fugees

Sunday 23rd November @ 15:00pm Rovers vs La Verde

KNOCKOUT SEMI FINALS

Will be played on Sunday 30th November.

Teams to be confirmed once first round completed and draw taken place

DISTRICT FINAL

Saturday 6th December between Half Tree Hollow and St Pauls.

KNOCKOUT FINAL & PRESENTATION DAY

Sunday 13th December

!! REVISED TIMES !! **WEEKEND FIXTURES**

To accommodate WSA postponed rounders match NH has revised their fixture times for Saturday, please see below 😊

🍹 Don't forget Slushies & Drinks will be on sale !!!!

MONARCHS VS FLIX (11:30AM)

GOLDEN GLADIATORS VS MAMBAS (12:20)

NH FC VS YOUNG GUNNERS (1:10PM)

RUMBLERS VS DABBING DEVILS (2PM)

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RESULTS

BATTITUDE	18	- 12.5	BALLBUSTERS
LOM Julie Anthony		LOM Jordana Crowie	

Incredibles	V	Ballzy Ladies	
April Stevens	1	Charlotte Williams	1.5
Barbara Osborne	4.5	Alayah Pidgley	1.5
Anisa Mayce	1.5	Kati-Rose Thomas	2.5
Sinead Green	1	Dani Thomas	1
Chloe Thomas	1	Nicola Constantine	2
Danielle Anthony	0.5	Katelyn Benjamin	3.5
Sara Thomas	1.5	Helen Joshua	0.5
Penalty Score	1.5		
12.5		12.5	



Unfortunately no upcoming fixtures have been received from the Women's Sports Association for this weekend but it is believed rounders matches is still on this weekend.

Reserve Friday 5th December for a Sports Night in aid of the Women's Sports Association at Donnyz Place.

Check their Facebook Page for details !!!



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

Dont want the hustle or bustle of trying to get a dedication to your loved ones on Christmas Day?

Get in touch with Leigh as shes got you sorted this year by doing a pre recorded show on Saint FM especially with all your dedications for that special day.

To avoid disappointment of not being included get in touch by end November by the following:

Email:
xmasrequest2025@gmail.com

WhatsApp: 0029066352

Facebook: Presenter Leigh Richards

Or send in an envelope to the station for attention of Leigh Richards.



MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



	BLUE MASTER II 261202	LILAC ROLLER 261204	GREY FOX 261206
Immingham	20-Dec	17-Jan	14-Feb
	KAROLINE 251712	KAROLINE 261701	KAROLINE 261702
Cape Town	06-Dec	28-Jan	21-Feb
Rupert's Bay	17-Dec	05-Feb	01-Mar
Ascension Island	-	-	-
	KAROLINE 251811	KAROLINE 251812	KAROLINE 261801
Cape Town	05-Dec	30-Dec	18-Feb

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



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