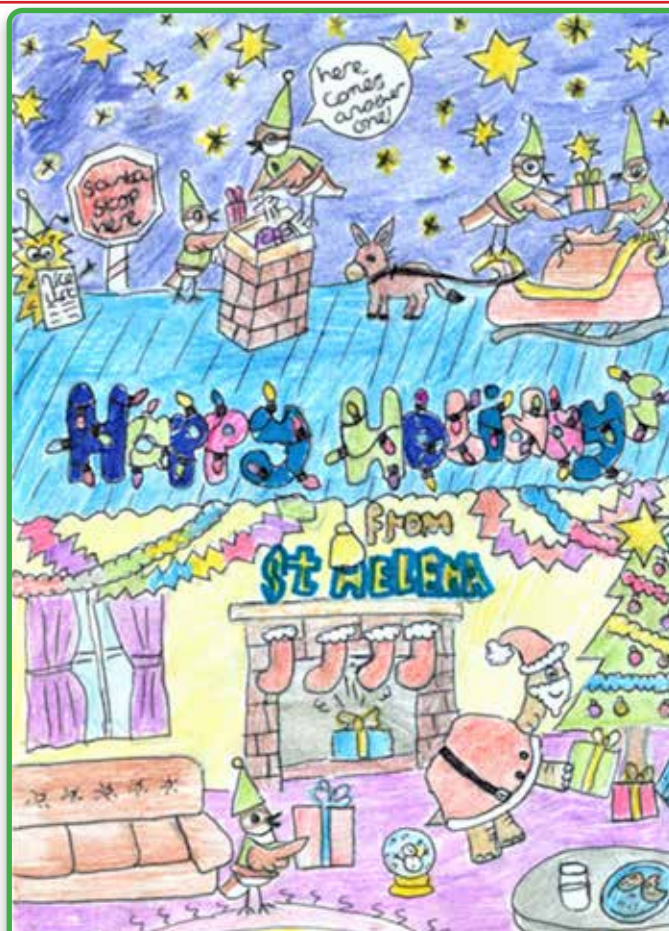


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Competition**

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Where Do We Go  
From Here??**

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## Chief Minister at King's Buckingham Palace Reception



***Rebecca Cairns Wicks in conversation with King Charles at a reception hosted by the King at Buckingham Palace. Governor Phillips looks on.***



***Chris Carnegy, UK Representative for Tristan da Cunha taking the opportunity to tell King Charles about Tristan at the Buckingham Palace reception.***

***Photo Credits: Buckingham Palace***



## **A Photo for the Chief Minister's official Christmas card?**

Rebecca Cairns-Wicks with Peter Millington at a Foreign Office reception. Peter is energetically involved in the Tristan da Cunha Association as webmaster for the Tristan da Cunha website, run jointly by the Tristan da Cunha Association and Tristan Government. He is also a valuable colleague of the St Helena Independent.

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**From the Chief Minister's Facebook Page -**  
<https://www.facebook.com/chiefministershg>



**St Helena's chief minister (2nd row, 2nd from left) is one of fifteen in this group photo of attendees at the Joint Ministerial Council held last week.**

## **Other Representatives at the Joint Ministerial Council**

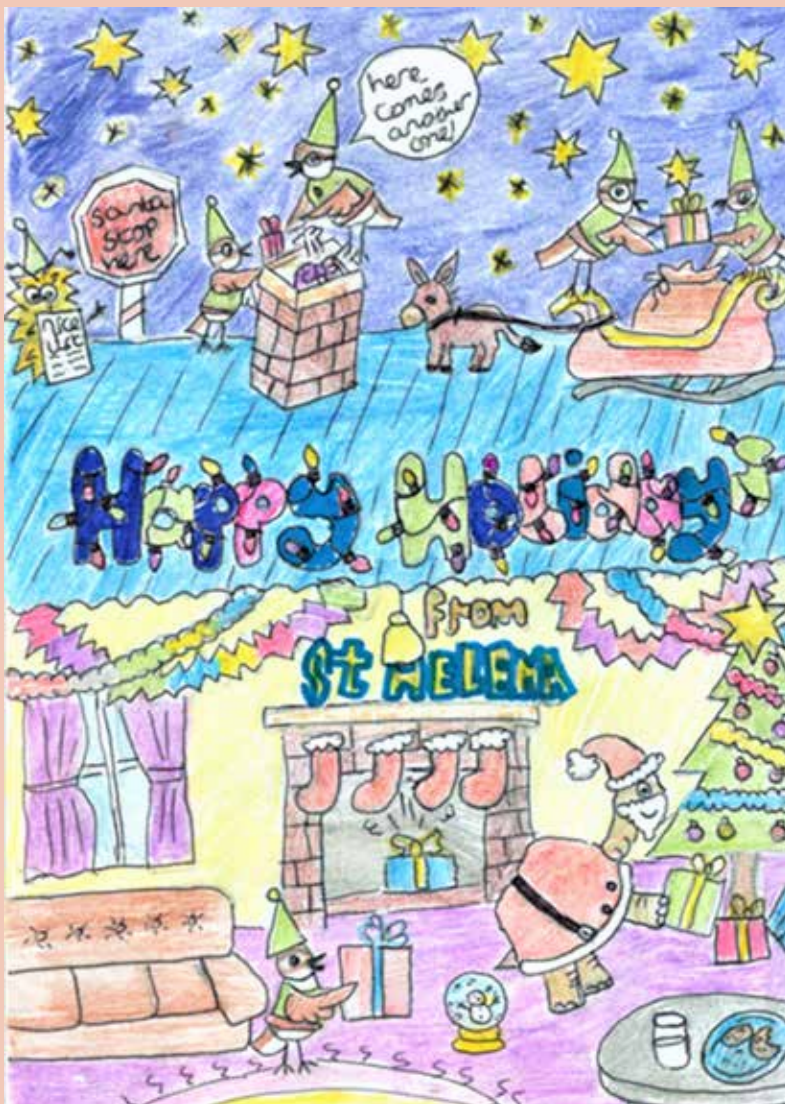
Other representatives in the group are; two Ascension Island Councillors, the Tristan UK representative, Falklands UK representative, Premier of Bermuda, the Mayor of Pitcairn, Premier of the Cayman Islands, Premier of the Cayman Islands Minister, Premier of Turks and Caicos Islands, Premier of British Virgin Islands, Premier of Montserrat, UK Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and UK Minister for America, Europe and the Overseas Territories.

# The Governor's Christmas Card Competition

The Governor's annual Christmas Card Competition, open to all children of primary school age, has again confirmed the creativity and spirit of our youngsters. A fantastic array of wonderful entries was received from all primary schools. The outcome of this year's competition was announced this week.

Every entry deserved recognition. In addition to the winner and the runners-up, ten additional children were given special mentions for their engaging and imaginative designs. All captured the essence of our community and the festive season. The final vote for the winner occurred at the Governor's Residence during the King's Birthday Party on Friday 14 November where 10 shortlisted entries were displayed and every guest was given a vote in a secret ballot.

**And the winner is. . .**



**Nathaniel Benjamin**



**Runner up – Conor Phillips**



**Runner- up Georgia Thomas**

# The Governor's Christmas Card Competition



Runner up – Madison van Wyk

## Special Mentions

- ✎ Zoey Moyce, Year 5, Harford
- ✎ Cora Richards, Year 6, Pilling
- ✎ Dre Fuller, Year 6, Pilling
- ✎ Nashaun Royles, Year 6, Harford
- ✎ Sofia Stroud, Year 4, St Paul's
- ✎ Rutendo Nayoto, Year 6, Pilling
- ✎ Emma Jacobs, Year 6, Harford
- ✎ Elliot Bruneton, Year 6 Pilling
- ✎ Holly Bennett, Year 5, Pilling
- ✎ Ella-Rose Isaac, Year 5, Harford

All entries will be displayed in the tourism window at The Canister in town over the Christmas holiday period.

Thanks to all the children who took part and to the schools for their support.

# The Fibre Optic Cable Project



The landing of St Helena's branch of the Equiano cable on 26 August 2021 marked the first shore cable-landing in the entire Equiano project. St Helena's cable branch (linking the Island to the main trunk of the Equiano cable) is approximately 1,154km long

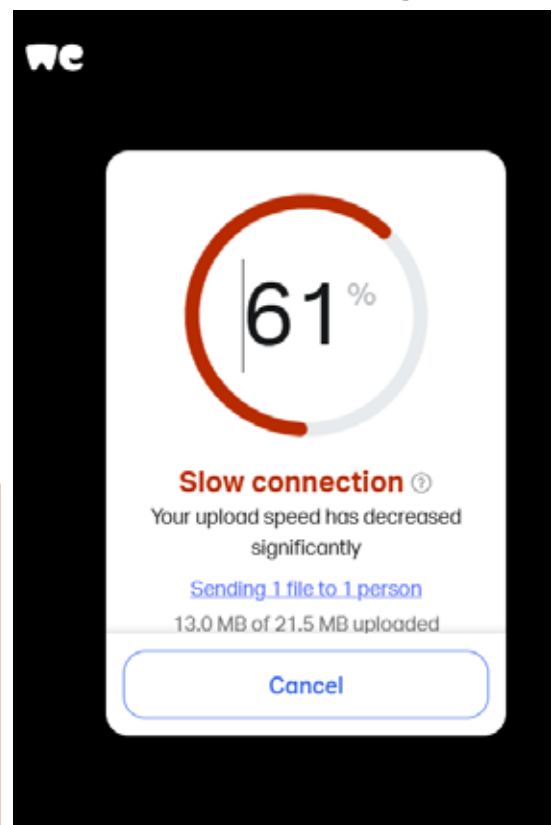
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## Christmas is Coming!

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and  
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## The Reality



- After Almost £20 million Spent. . .

## Must Try Harder!

## RMS Starts Its Fourth Life

The former RMS starts another new life next year as a cruise ship with Terra Nova Expeditions. After her last voyage bringing passengers and cargo to St Helena, she spent a brief period in Middle East trouble spots supporting military operations. Thankfully, a

more glamorous job was around the corner when the former RMS had a comprehensive refit and served as the floating base for the Extreme E electric racing series. As part of this conversion, it received a range of sustainability upgrades, including hybrid-ready propulsion systems and onboard emissions monitoring technology. These updates modernised the ship's operations. The refit by Extreme E suited the ship for its next employment as an Antarctic cruise ship.



***Terra Nova has updated public spaces across St Helena in a recent refit***

Terra Nova Expeditions, a company launched this year, will begin using St Helena for Antarctic itineraries under a long-term charter from 2026. The former RMS is central to Terra Nova's strategy of offering small-scale, environmentally responsible voyages. She will offer 11-day cruises at a cost of £9,000 to £12,000.

"St Helena represents the kind of thinking we admire: reuse over replace, purpose over polish," said Terra Nova's founder and chief executive, Greg Carter. "It's a rare breed – a vessel capable of reaching the world's most remote places while

carrying both guests and gear with self-sufficiency and grace. With its onboard cranes, robust build and unique mix of cargo and passenger capabilities, the ship is perfectly suited to the expeditionary model we believe in."

To prepare the vessel for commercial service in Antarctica, Terra Nova is carrying out a refit. Passenger accommodations and public areas are being upgraded, while motion-reduction technologies are being installed. Among these are retractable stabilisers to improve guest comfort and the See-LEVEL virtual reality system, a headset-based tool that seeks to mitigate seasickness by presenting stabilised imagery of the horizon.

"There's something special about giving a ship with history and character a renewed sense of purpose," says Carter. "St Helena embodies what Terra Nova is all about – going further with less, and doing it with meaning."

Passenger capacity is a key element of Terra Nova's model. St Helena will carry 98 guests maximum on any Antarctic voyage. This ensures maximum time ashore in line with Antarctic guidelines.

"With all the buzz about sustainable shipping, repurposing an older vessel is up to ten times more efficient than a newbuild in terms of carbon footprint," says Carter. "The ship's journey of reinvention continues under Terra Nova's stewardship, including a dedicated science lab and operational space for real-time research in the Southern Ocean."





# The Royal Navy's View of RFA Tidespring Visit

## *24 hours in St Helena: Tanker Tidespring's rare visit to South Atlantic island*

Sailors made the most of a 24-hour visit to one of the world's most remote islands when naval tanker RFA Tidespring visited St Helena.

Tidespring – second only in size to the Royal Navy's Queen Elizabeth-class carriers in the UK's Fleet – making her way home to the UK having spent the bulk of the year supporting the Carrier Strike Group. The carrier force returns home 29/30 November, but Tidespring broke away in the Indian Ocean, since when she has continued her deployment, visiting Cape Town in South Africa before making her way up the continent's western seaboard.

About the size of Swindon but home to fewer than 4,500 inhabitants, St Helena could only be reached by sea until an airport opened a decade ago (the nearest land – Angola in West Africa is 1,150 miles away). It's been four years (HMS Protector in 2021) since the Royal Navy last visited the British Territory, and a decade since the Royal Fleet Auxiliary – the navy's crucial support ships – in the form of tanker Gold Rover. Indeed, so isolated is the island that many of its children had never seen a helicopter – until the Merlin from Tidespring appeared.

The helicopter, normally based with 814 Naval Air Squadron at Culdrose in Cornwall, has been attached to the tanker throughout her mission performing a combination of general duties and its dedicated role of hunting submarines.

It flew ahead of the ship to give some of the RFA crew a rare bird's eye view of St Helena, as well as capture some aerial video and stills of the island.

The next morning, the ship arrived, anchoring at first light in James Bay off the capital Jamestown – the small harbour cannot accommodate a ship of Tidespring's size.

The tanker came to a stop just four cables –  $\frac{3}{4}$ km – from the wreck of RFA Darkdale, which was torpedoed and sunk by a U-boat in 1941.

Commanding Officer Captain James Wingrove RFA laid a wreath at the Cenotaph to commemorate all those perished on the Darkdale prior to proceeding to Plantation House for a reception with the Acting Governor Tasha Harris.

As well as the governor, Plantation House is also home to Jonathan the Giant Seychelles Tortoise, the oldest living creature on Earth (circa 194 years old).

Despite the brevity of the visit, 100 of the 107-strong ship's company managed to get ashore, many opting to have a crack at the infamous Jacob's Ladder (699 steps rising 600ft on a 2:5 incline, linking Jamestown with an historic fort above the town). The record for the ascent (4m 40.75s was never in danger).

Many crew wandered off to visit the tomb of Napoleon (Boney spent his final years exiled on the island after Waterloo; his body was subsequently returned to France and its present home in Paris), bought souvenirs (fridge magnets and the world's rarest and purest honey), and were warmly received by the Jamestown community throughout.

"A brief but fantastic visit, offering the ship's company a rare opportunity to visit of one the most remote islands in the world, and highlights the UK's commitment to its overseas territories," said Captain Wingrove. "The hospitality and the warm welcome was greatly received by all, hopefully ships can visit sooner and more often."



***Captain James Wingrove RFA salutes at St Helena's Cenotaph***

# Ministers Question Time: Where Are We With Renewables?

*Answer: The Government is Still Looking at It*



**Karl Thrower, the Minister now responsible for delivering more renewable energy.**

Ministers Question Time on Tuesday put renewable energy under the spotlight and it was not a pretty sight. Yes, it's a more complicated issue than many of us might think, but that's not unusual. Our government should know how to manage complications by now. In response to almost every question, Karl Thrower, the minister for economic development replied, 'that's under review', or 'we have not yet got all the information we need on that' or 'we don't know, there has been a delay'.

Karl Thrower knows more about renewable energy than the rest of us. It was his job before becoming the minister responsible for it. Some sympathy for the position he was in is unavoidable as he explained why not much progress has been made. At times, by the sound of his voice, what he said and what he thought were two different things.

Some questions referred to the extent of private sector involvement in the wonderful new world of renewable energy. Part of this involvement is businesses and home owners having their own PV panels on their

roofs and feeding surplus solar energy into the national grid. That's not allowed now, even though the import duty is reduced to 5% to encourage it. Karl Thrower summoned up all his diplomatic skills to say this is 'mixed messages' being given by the government. The strain in his voice when he said it suggested he thought another description came more readily to mind.

One questioner asked if the PV panels on the roof of the old Argos building were still working. Karl Thrower said he had not been told they needed maintenance. He added, he installed the PV panels on that roof himself, six years ago and would expect to be told if they need servicing. He now stands back from installing new PV systems because he is a minister and conflict of interest could become an issue. But servicing his previous installations is still allowed, he said.

Detailed and searching questions were asked by Julie Thomas. Her previous experience as chief minister meant she had a lot of insider information on the subject. The answer to most of her questions was 'that's under review', or 'we have not yet got all the information we need on that' or 'we don't know, there has been a delay' – things like that.

Julie Thomas probably knew the answer to her questions before she asked them. With the clear and unwelcome lack of meaningful progress, we have to wonder why more progress what not achieved by the last government. Why don't we know what kind of wind turbines will be used to replace the twelve relics on Deadwood Plain? It's almost six years since the failed PASH Global deal was agreed in May 2020. Why can't our government move on? While they stand still, we all suffer sky-high energy bills and high energy costs is one of a range of discouragements keeping economic development a distant dream.

Karl Thrower informed us the twelve wind turbines on Deadwood Plain are not made any more. He did not call them suitable as donations to the museum, but he could have – easily. It's not possible to get spare parts for them, that's why eleven have stood motionless for longer than any of us can remember. The one that has moving blades is probably doing no more than waving to us.

Connect plan to get some of the turbines running (no time given) by using the working parts from some of them to repair others. Karl Thrower said this is a temporary solution. It is also an additional cost caused by the lack of progress getting new wind turbines on the island, installed and generating electricity. Inevitably, the additional cost of this temporary solution means other services go without.

Connect St Helena, like the government, have been spending the past few years wondering what to do instead of deciding what to do. They did let us know that the required generating capacity was about the same as PASH Global would have put in place and the renewable energy infrastructure was about right, (that means continue with wind and solar, the same as PASH) – that's not exactly groundbreaking stuff.

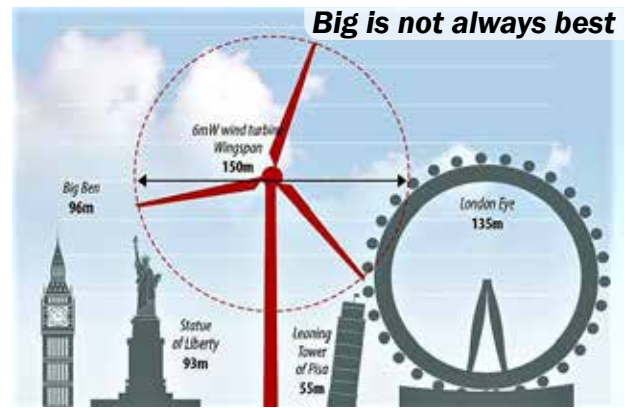
What is Connect doing on renewables that is different to SHG? Are they doing the same thing? Are they working together? Who makes the decisions? Does anybody make decisions? Once more we are wondering if so little is said because they don't know what to say.

Meanwhile, those with ability, and the energy to use it, survey the scene and decide they will move their personal lives forward faster if they lived far away from here.

## Renewables: Where Do We Go From Here?

Due to be completed before the end of this month is the Energy Modelling and Design Study. This report will give details such as how much renewable energy is preferred from PV panels and how much from wind turbines. Also, what kind of wind turbines are preferable and the best way to increase PV panel energy generation.

As an example, one of the many considerations on wind turbines is, for large wind turbines, a massive crane costing £millions is needed to erect them. The massive crane is need permanently for when turbine maintenance is required. For most of the time the mega-expensive crane will do nothing. That does not make sense. There is also the need for a fully trained and qualified engineer to be available when the crane needs maintenance. Smaller wind turbines may be operationally less efficient but do not bring with them these massive extra costs.



The completed modelling and design study will make possible decisions like this and many others like it. From that point the project moves on to procurement. That is, calculating as reliable a figure as possible on how much all of this will cost, drafting a contract to be agreed between government and the contractor responsible for installing the new renewable energy infrastructure and going through the lengthy process of choosing a contractor to do the job. Another issue to be decided along the way is whether some form of direct involvement with the private sector would be advantageous. The involvement could include the initial investment and/or the management of renewable energy including the infrastructure and/or energy generation.

The completed modelling and design study should mean the important and final decisions can start to be made. The target deadline is to have renewable energy generating at least 80% of our total energy needs by 2028. That's two years away. With all that still needs to be done that's a big challenge. No-one should be surprised if the target completion date is extended. At the moment, the official line is the target is still achievable but it is going to be tight.

## New Biodiversity Strategy Gets Wide Welcome

Coinciding with last week's Joint Ministerial Council was the launch of the UK Overseas Territories Biodiversity Strategy. The opening section lists the global importance of the biodiversity in the Overseas Territories and the equal importance in conserving and restoring it. The black cloud of climate change casts a shadow over the entire publication.

It is explained, "To meet a challenge of this scale, the Territories need more support. Often with small populations and government departments, some Territories have limited skills and capacity for safeguarding nature. Through consultation, collectively they report lacking access to ecologists, botanists, oceanographers, hydrologists, geographers, and people with specialisms in processing and managing data, knowledge sharing and project management. While there are strong and experienced advocates for nature in the Territories, too often, stakeholders are finding that their environment must compete with other priorities in decision-making." The strategy is wide ranging and puts emphasis on doing things differently to get a better result. Six aspects biodiversity protection are listed, not least of these is developing skills and ability, as well as maximising funding, collaboration and partnership opportunities. On funding, the strategy will be, "Drawing on both public and private investment, new support will be leveraged from broader audiences to unlock long-term, sustainable and mutually beneficial financing solutions. Models of conservation funding for the mutual good of biodiversity and business are already emerging. From the Atlantic Guardians endowment fund in Tristan da Cunha, to a new partnership in the Falkland Islands (see case study), entrepreneurial examples such as these will be supported to thrive."

Ascension Administrator, Rowan Laxton, said, "This new UK Overseas Territories Biodiversity Strategy recognises that local expertise is essential to global biodiversity protection. It strengthens our ability to safeguard Ascension's natural heritage for future generations, and I am immensely proud of the commitment and professionalism our team brings to this effort every day."

The Falkland Islands Government said the Strategy represents the most collaborative approach to biodiversity conservation across the UKOTs to date.

The Gibraltar government called the new strategy a significant milestone in the UK-OT relationship on environmental protection.



## Motherwell Photo Society members take Journey at latest meeting

*Club president Rodger Shearer gave two presentations on the subject of Journeys.*

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This is not a destination that many photographers have the opportunity to visit. Rodger's daughter is Coastal Reserves Manager and Seabird Scientist on the island and helped Rodger get permission for his visit.

She is also one of seven councillors on the 34 square mile island which is a British Overseas Territory. Rodger shared images of buildings, wildlife and the volcanic landscapes of Ascension. He also talked about the history of the island and gave a fascinating insight into the day-to-day life of the 800 residents.

## Sophie Evans Conducts Training of Advocates on Ascension Island



Sophie was recently instructed to conduct training for Lay Advocates on Ascension Island. Lay Advocates are highly regarded members of the community who have rights of advocacy, and can advise and represent others in legal matters. They act as non-professional legal representatives in criminal and civil cases in St Helena and on Ascension Island.

Sophie was instructed to conduct the training on behalf of the Public Solicitor's Office, which covers both St Helena and Ascension Island. The training focussed on police station attendances, bail applications and mitigation.

Ascension Island is a volcanic island located near the equator in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, with a population of approximately 800 people. The island is part of the British Overseas Territory of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha. The island is also home to an RAF base, and to a United States Space Force base.

## To the People and the Government of Saint Helena

My beloved husband, Urs von Schroeder, died whilst leaving St Helena by ship, November 7.

The sympathy, empathy and hospitality by the officials and the people I encountered, whilst staying on the island, following the necessary protocol, was beyond belief: There was true light in the darkness!

My husband visited St Helena 23 years ago, together with a friend, as they negotiated the Atlantic Ocean from Cape Town to Salvador de Bahia, Brazil by a two-man sailing boat. Ever since, he spoke highly of the reception they got on the few days they spent on the island. He always wanted to return. Now he will stay on Saint Helena forever.

My deepest felt gratitude goes to the government and the people of St Helena for allowing Urs to find his final resting place on the island.

I'm grateful to everybody who facilitated this painful experience, especially:

The Right Reverend Dale Bowers, Bishop of St Helena

Mr. André Bak, CID, Royal St Helena Police

Mrs. Helen Scott, HM Coroner

Mrs. Kerry Yon, Port Agent

Mr. Jonathan Passaportis, St Helena Tourist Office and his Team



Patricia Lardi von Schroeder

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# Orbituary

Urs von Schroeder, a Swiss publicist and book author, died, age 82, whilst visiting St Helena.

After having been editor-in-chief of several local newspapers in Switzerland, Urs von Schroeder served as the principal spokesperson for Swissair, the national airline, for over 25 years.

His literary output comprises eleven books in German and two in Japanese, stories, satires and non-fiction, mostly on aspects of aviation.

In one of his essays on travel, the deceased wrote: "Travel begins with longing and dreams". He found his resting place in Jamestown cemetery, Saint Helena – the island of his dreams and longing.



## Diocese of St Helena

### The Parish of St Paul's

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025– 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist/Confirmation	Cathedral

### The Parish of St James

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
6.30 p.m.	O Come Emmanuel	St James

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mary
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#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
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### The Parish of St Matthew

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
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#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

7.00 p.m.	Harford Primary School Advent Service	St Matthew
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**LET'S DANCE**

## Christmas Freestyle Dance Session

Wednesday, December 10, 2025  
7:00 PM 'til Late  
Half Tree Hollow Community Centre

**Dress Christmas!**

**Prizes for:**  
Best Dancers!  
Best Christmas Outfits!  
Undercover Judges!

**Bring Your Yown Drinks**  
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A Small Contribution Will Be Collected On The Night



## Thanks from St Paul's Parish

St Paul's Parochial Church Council would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed to the success of their two fundraisers held on the King's Birthday Fun Day and Agricultural show Day, 14th and 15th November respectively.


This was made possible through the generosity, dedication, and voluntary spirit of our parish and wider community. We are most grateful for the donations to our cake stall, our other various stalls and to those who so kindly donated prizes towards our multi raffle. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. The music provided by our DJ Mr Colin Peters filled the day with cheer and fellowship. Your kindness and support not only ensured the success of the event but also strengthened the bonds of friendship and service that lie at the heart of our parish life.

We are deeply appreciative of all who donated, supported, and volunteered. Together, you have shown what can be achieved when a community comes together in faith and goodwill.

Thank You and God Bless.

The winners of our multi raffle were as follows:

Bread Maker	Nate Wade	Sheet No 11	Ticket No 16
Ice Cream Maker	Leo Thomas	" 11	" 13
Bottle of Wine	Delia Allen	" 3	" 6
Cake	Diana Roberts	" 2	" 9
Garden Tool Set	Jeffrey Ellick	" 13	" 2
Gents Gift Set	Sharon George	" 4	" 20
Food Hamper	Lucinda Richards	" 7	" 20
6 Pack Beer	Keith Johnson	" 13	" 20
Ladies Scarf	Cynthia Bowers	" 8	" 8
Ladies Gift Set	Logan-Rose Backhouse	" 6	" 5
Face Mask	Thea Beard	" 13	" 4
Chamdor	Patricia Henry	" 7	" 19
Bottle of Wine	Carmen Piek	" 4	" 13
6 Pack Beer	Perry Maggott	" 3	" 7
Pan Protector Set	Shirley Francis	" 6	" 14



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**10 AM**  
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**11 AM**  
Message 'Healing and Hope' with  
**Elder Cheryl Bedwell**

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**Adventist Health Ministries**



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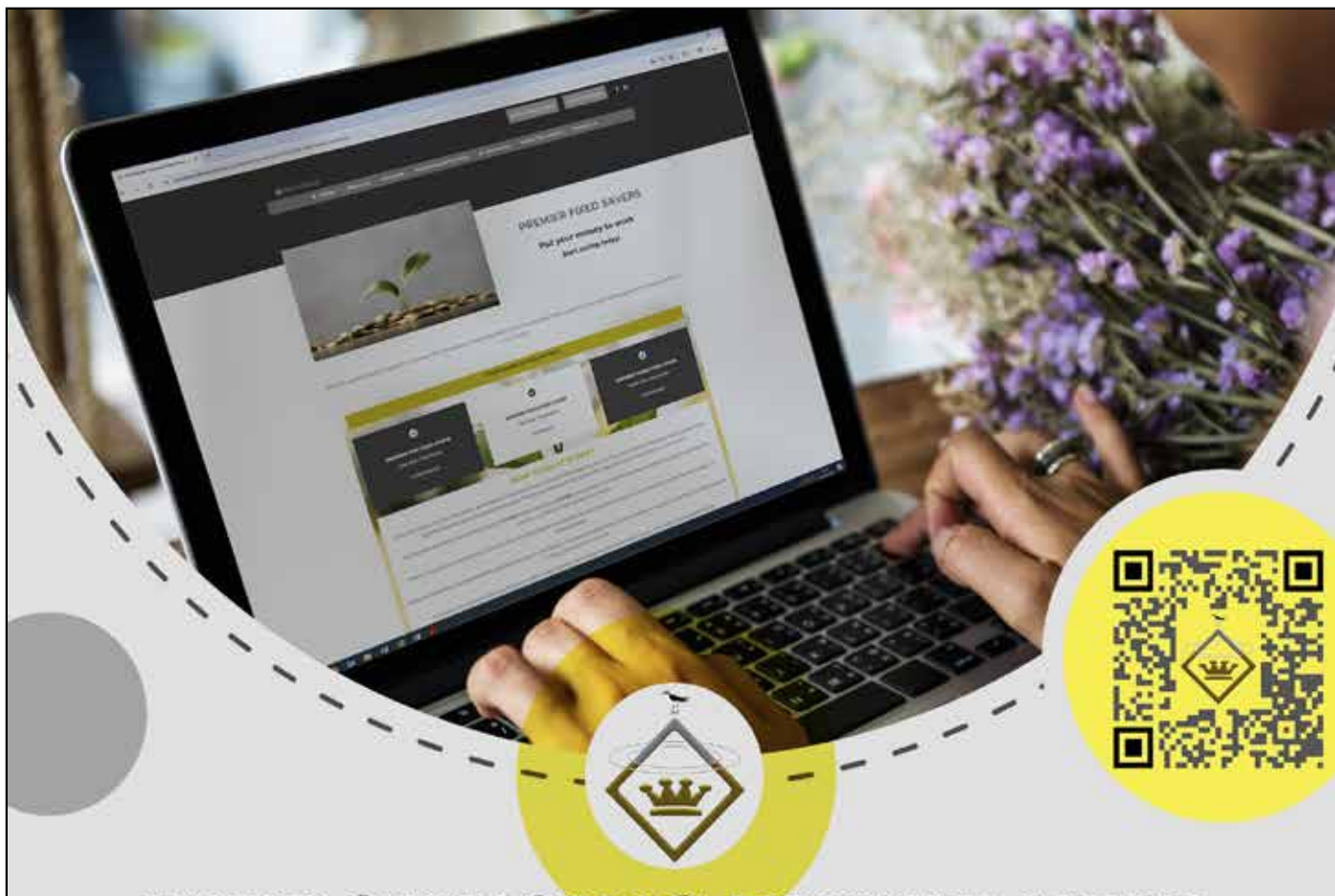
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## PRESS RELEASE

# Joint Ministerial Council “Protect, Grow, Sustain – Together”

The Joint Ministerial Council (JMC), convened in London by the Minister for UK Overseas Territories (OTs) and the elected leaders and representatives of the Overseas Territories, successfully concluded its proceedings on Thursday, 27 November 2025.

The JMC was guided by the unifying theme ‘Protect, Grow, Sustain - Together’, and reinforced the relationship between the UK and the OTs as members of the British Family, built upon a strong commitment to partnership, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.

The JMC featured comprehensive bilateral meetings, detailed discussions and informative presentations and a business networking lunch held over four days (24-27 November). The wide-ranging agenda fostered an informing and respectful dialogue, setting a clear path for strengthening our collective future through tangible partnerships.

## Key Topics Covered

The agenda addressed critical issues of mutual interest and cooperation, including:

- **Relationship Strengthening:** Exploring how to move forward collectively, notably through the development of Partnership Compacts. These would be practical frameworks for advancing shared priorities between the UK and those Overseas Territories that wishes it.
- **Technology and Security:** Demonstrating the advances of and discussions on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare in the OTs to help solve healthcare challenges and cybersecurity. Exploring the benefits of risk management and how we can improve cyber security and risk governance, as well as addressing security and irregular migration.

- **Nature, Climate and Environment:** With two key foci, shared nature priorities and perspectives and climate resilience and finance, understanding the opportunities for climate finance and the adaptation and resilience priorities of UK and OT Governments and the crucial role of the OTs in these areas.
- **Economic Matters:** Addressing issues related to illicit finance; supporting economic growth through UK Export Finance (loan-based support) and UK Free Trade Agreements and the future of Official Development Assistance (ODA).
- **Business Engagement:** Supporting opportunities for strengthening UK Government support for deeper economic ties with the OTs; economic diversification and facilitation of dialogue between UK businesses and OTs. This was followed by a networking lunch facilitating one to one conversation extending the discussion on business engagement.
- **Sport and Culture:** Exploring opportunities through the Commonwealth Games and sport and an opportunity for the OTs to demonstrate the value and benefit to support for their communities as well as the outstanding sports men and women from the OTs competing at international level, supporting UK sportsmanship.

The formal outcomes and agreed actions are detailed in the **UK and Overseas Territories Joint Ministerial Council 2025: Communiqué**, which has been officially published and is available [here](#).

### **JMC Reception and UK Overseas Biodiversity Strategy Launch**

The conclusion of the JMC was marked by a reception hosted by Minister Stephen Doughty, MP Minister of State (Overseas Territories), at No 1 George Street, London. The event provided a valuable opportunity for delegations, UK and Overseas Government representatives, and invited guests to network and celebrate the successful Council.

Key addresses were delivered by Minister Doughty, the Honourable Dr Natalio D. Wheatley, MP, Premier of the British Virgin Islands and President of the Political Council of UK Overseas Territories Association and Minister Creagh CBE, MP Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) and the Chief Executive of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) Dr Gemma Harper OBE.

In her address, Minister Creagh officially launched the UK Overseas Biodiversity Strategy. The Strategy was widely applauded and welcomed by the Overseas Territories for the consultation and engagement of the OTs during its development, ensuring it reflects and addresses OT priorities. The new strategy is available [here](#).

## Application Cut-Off Date

Sure SA Ltd would like to advise that applications for new Telephone, Television and Broadband installations for service dates in December 2025 should be submitted to the Customer Care Centre at Bishops Rooms, Jamestown by no later than

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

Provision of service for applications received after this date cannot be guaranteed until January 2026.

Please visit our Customer Care Centre in Jamestown, call 22900 or email [service@sure.co.sh](mailto:service@sure.co.sh) for further information.



## PROPERTY FOR SALE

**3 Bedroom detached bungalow**  
Colt Sheds, Longwood

**- Open to Negotiation**

This bungalow sits on approx. 0.20 acres (1,983 sq.m)  
House is approx: 15m x 10m (150 sq.m) – including large bay.  
The house is situated in a northwest-facing plot overlooking Milfield and Deadwood. Offering a pleasant sunny view, including the Flagstaff to the north. The plot is virtually flat.  
The room layout is on two levels, with a step down into the Dining Room, Lounge and Conservatory area.

**Main features:**

- Master bedroom with En-suite
- Bathroom with Toilet
- Guest Toilet
- Large garden area
- Double Garage
- Intergrated Sewage system, that connects to main sewage line

5-minute walk to main grocery store in Longwood  
10-minute drive to local Airport

Interested persons can contact  
Marvin and Michelle via email, for more information  
[marvinandmichelle@sure.co.sh](mailto:marvinandmichelle@sure.co.sh)

**No time wasters please.**



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### INVITATION TO TENDER

## New Bridge Deck Installation & Refurbishment Works

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

### CS-1989-SHG – New Bridge Deck Installation & Refurbishment Works

A site visit to view the works will take place at 09:00 on Monday, 08 December 2025, meeting at New Bridge, Jamestown.

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 through [tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto: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, 16 December 2025, clearly marked “Tender CS-1989-SHG”.

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

SHG  
01 December 2025



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### EDUCATION SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT

### INVITATION TO TENDER

## PRIMARY SCHOOL RE-ORGANISATION PROJECT

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably qualified contractors to submit a Tender for the main works for the rehabilitation of the infrastructure at Harford School.

### CS-1997-SHG – Primary School Re-organisation – Harford Main Works

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: <https://intendhost.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, Lesa Davidson, on tel no: 22270 or email : [lesa.davidson@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:lesa.davidson@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Tender submissions should be made via the e-procurement system, and the tender deadline has been set for 12:00 on Wednesday 19 December 2025.

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  
01 December 2025

#### INVITATION TO TENDER

## Proposed Resealing of Joints at the Swimming Pool

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

**CS15-2025/26 – Proposed Resealing of Joints at the Swimming Pool**

A site visit to view the works will take place on Friday, 12 December 2025, at 10:00, meeting at the Swimming Pool, Jamestown.

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](mailto: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, 07 January 2026, clearly marked **"Tender CS15-2025/26"**.

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

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26 November 2025

## THE ANCHOR SHOP

### SITUATED OPPOSITE SEALES CORNER

Has a selection of Ladies, Men's and Children's clothing, shoes, educational Toys, Xmas goods, and much more

New opening hours for December are as follows:

**Jamestown Shop:**

**Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays**

**09:00 am – 2 pm**

**Saturdays: 09:00 – 12 noon & 18:00 – 20:30 pm**

**Shop at the Anchor "where there is something for everyone!"**



#### ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND PLANNING

#### PRESS RELEASE

## New Planning Office Mailbox

To improve efficiency and effectiveness, the Planning Office has established a new general email mailbox. This address should be used for **all future email communication** with the Planning Office, including:

- Planning Application Submissions
- Revised Plans/additional information
- Responses to public consultation
- Planning Queries
- Pre-application Enquiries
- Checks re processes for submissions
- Planning Enforcement Matters

All Planning Officers and relevant support staff have access to the General Planning Mailbox and any email sent to the mailbox will be checked and responded to appropriately by officers and/or support staff.

The Planning Office kindly asks the public to no longer send emails to personal or multiple personal email addresses, unless directed to do so.

The new mailbox is [planning.mailbox@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:planning.mailbox@sainthelena.gov.sh).

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02 December 2025

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The Castle, Jamestown, St Helena Island, STHL 1ZZ

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#### INVITATION TO TENDER

## Proposed Works at St Helena Secondary School

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

**CS16-2025/26 – Proposed Alterations to Learning Support**  
**CS17-2025/26 – Proposed Toilet Conversion**

A site visit to view the works will take place on Monday, 08 December 2025, at 16:00 and at 16:30, meeting at St Helena Secondary School, Francis Plain.

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.

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Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Wednesday, 17 December 2025, clearly marked with the tender number.

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

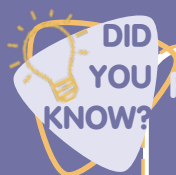
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The Azamara Journey is expected to arrive at St Helena on Friday 12 December 2025 at 8am and depart at 6pm.

SHE IS CARRYING:

**7000** PASSENGERS **AND** **4000** CREW



For as little as\* £11 a month you can purchase Hire & Reward Insurance – the 'Taxi Cover'.

\*Premiums calculated on Engine Size and range from <1400cc at £11 to 6000cc at £26

A Fee of £26.50 will also be payable to SHG, to upgrade your current Private Road License to a Public Service License and will run the length of your current license until your next MOT

SCHEDULED  
STOPS FOR  
PRE-ARRANGED  
ISLAND SCENIC  
TOURS ARE:

- Two Gun Saddle
- Stitches Ridge
- Napoleon's Tomb
- Plantation House
- Napoleon's House (Longwood Green)
- Ladder Hill Viewing Platform

These scheduled stops, along with prime spots in Jamestown (for those walking around), provide open opportunities for sales and promotions

*Set up a Refreshment Stand...Bring along your Locally Made Souvenirs...*

*Contribute to the Visitor Experience!*



**Be Friendly**



**Be Prepared**

*(show off your Local Knowledge)*



**Be Organised**



**Be Flexible**

*(changes may be required due to sea conditions)*



# Vacancy

## Part-Time Ramp Handlers



Rate of pay will commence at £6.20 per hour

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has vacancies for Part-Time Ramp Handlers 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 good standard of English & ICT
- Be in possession of a clean & valid Drivers' Licence ideally in class D
- Be committed to delivering an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be committed to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake repetitive Manual Handling & physically demanding duties
- Have the ability to multitask in a fast paced environment to meet tight deadlines
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment and remain calm in high pressure situations

### For further information contact:

Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies) via ☎ 22523 ✉ [gm-agencies@solomons.co.sh](mailto: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](mailto:hadmin@solomons.co.sh) and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **Thursday, 11 December 2025**.

# 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 (on a rota basis) and 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](mailto:asstshipping-travelmanager@solomons.co.sh)

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

★ Pension Contributions

★ Staff Discounts



## JOIN US! WE ARE RECRUITING...

### BENEFITS

- **Leave** – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays
- **Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme
- **Training and Development**
- **Paid sickness absence**

### HOW TO APPLY

To access job profiles and application forms online, visit [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies](http://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](mailto: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.*

### Legislative Council Office Assistant (£11,604 per annum)

The Legislative Council Office is seeking to recruit a motivated individual with proven effective administrative skills to provide the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Members of the Legislative Council with secretarial, research and administrative support. If you are interested in this opportunity then we would be keen to hear from you.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

**Enquiries:** Anita Legg on Tel No. 22470 or Email: [anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh)  
**Closing date:** 07 January 2026  
**Shortlisting date:** 12 January 2026  
**Interview date:** 19 January 2026

### Police Constable (£13,569 per annum)

A unique and challenging opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic and dynamic individual, to join the Royal St. Helena Police Service (RSHPS). The Royal St. Helena Police Service covers both Ascension Island and St. Helena and, at full strength, consists of 34 officers. We are seeking to recruit further Police Constables to support current Policing on both Saint Helena and Ascension.

**In line with the requirements of the Police Service Ordinance 1985, the post holder must be under the age of 60 on the date of appointment.**

#### Why join us?

**Career Progression** – Clear pathways for advancement within the Service, with opportunities to specialise and take on supervisory roles.

**Training & Development** – Access to professional training, accredited courses, and continuous development to help you grow in your policing career.

**Salary Advancements** – Competitive incremental pay structure as you gain experience and qualifications.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

**Enquiries:** Mark Coombe on Tel No. 22626 or Email: [mark.coombe@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:mark.coombe@sainthelena.gov.sh)  
**Closing date:** 07 January 2026  
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*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.*



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### Administration Team Leader (£13,569 per annum)

The Administration Team Leader will contribute to service delivery by coordinating the daily operations of the Senior Administration Assistants and Administration Assistants within the Administration Support Service operate smoothly, ensuring that all administrative tasks are performed efficiently and effectively to enable the Portfolios to operate smoothly. Located in the Central Support Service but mobile across the Portfolios, this role promotes efficiencies and assists the Senior Administration Team Leader in creating an effective administration service that adapts to the evolving requirements of a contemporary Public Service.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

**Enquiries:** Carol Henry on Tel No. 22470 or Email: [carol.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:carol.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh)  
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## 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:** 05 January 2026

**Interviews:** Week Commencing 05 January 2026 (via video link if off island)

**Start date:** As soon as possible

**For more information, a full job description, and to apply visit:** <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/vacancy/social-worker-5>

**If you have any questions about the role, email:** [recruitment@ascension.gov.ac](mailto:recruitment@ascension.gov.ac)



## PRESS RELEASE

# SHG Launches Next Phase of Wastewater Management Project

St Helena Government (SHG), working alongside Connect St Helena, has released tender documents for the fabrication and installation of two new wastewater treatment plants at the proposed locations located of The Guns, Ladder Hill and The Sand Yard, Jamestown marking a significant step forward in upgrading the Island's wastewater infrastructure.

This marks an exciting step forward in modernising the island's wastewater infrastructure. The new plants will support improved environmental protection, strengthen public health outcomes, and ensure more sustainable wastewater management for our communities.

This project forms part of the £30 million Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), funded by the UK Government. Through EDIP, SHG remains committed to delivering essential infrastructure upgrades that improve quality of life and support St Helena's long-term development

Please see us at the Canister on Thursday, 11 December 2025, to chat about the wastewater systems—we'll be there from 09:00 to 13:00.

For further information on this project, please send enquiries to: [Richard.Wotton@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Richard.Wotton@sainthelena.gov.sh).



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02 December 2025

#StHelena #WastewaterManagement #EDIP  
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# Holiday Opening Hours

Date	Teller Services	International Payments	Lending
Wednesday, 24th December	09:00 - 12:00		
Thursday, 25th & Friday, 26th December	Closed		
Saturday, 27th December	09:00 - 12:00	Closed	
Monday, 29th December	09:00 - 13:00		
Tuesday, 30th December	Closed		
Wednesday, 31st December	09:00 - 13:00		
Thursday, 1 January	Closed		
Friday, 2 January	09:00 - 15:00		

## Please Note:

International Remittance Services will be accepted up to an hour before closing on 24th, 29th and 31st December.



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Harford Primary School presents

# Baboushka!

A Musical Drama

On

Tuesday, 9th December 2025 at 7pm

At

St Matthews Church, Hutt's Gate

A collection will be taken and shared between the School and St Matthews Parish.

All are welcome

## **Arthur Young Triumphs in Peter Francis Memorial Challenge**

*Report by SHGC*

**Thrilling playoff drama marks St Helena Golf Club's prestigious event**



On Sunday, 30 November 2025, the St Helena Golf Club hosted the Peter Francis Memorial Challenge, proudly sponsored by Richard James International. Ideal golfing conditions prevailed throughout the round, setting the stage for an exciting contest.

Arthur Young emerged victorious, finishing at the top of the leaderboard with a superb 63, claiming the trophy and first prize. He edged out Bramwell Bushuru, who posted an impressive 65, by just two strokes.

The battle for third place was intense as Laura Buckley and Douglas Augustus tied on 67, alongside Tony Green, who was absent for the playoff. After a dramatic playoff that saw the 18th hole played twice and the 1st hole twice, Laura Buckley clinched third place on the fourth playoff hole. Laura also secured Nearest to Pin and Longest Drive honors for the ladies, while Lawson Henry claimed Longest Drive for the gents and Freddy Thomas took Nearest to Pin.

Prizes were presented by Eddy Bowers, representing the sponsor. The club extends its sincere gratitude to Richard James International for their generous support.

Looking ahead, on Sunday, 7 December, the club will host the final round of the Turkey and Ham Series for 2025, played in Stableford format. Registration closes on Saturday, 6 December at 1 pm.

The club also wishes to apologize for an omission in last week's report: Leroy Caswell was among the sponsors of the SHGC Players Championship and has supported the event since its inception. We regret the oversight.

Finally, please note that the Annual Dinner and Dance, originally scheduled for Friday, 5 December, has been postponed until further notice. We apologize for any inconvenience caused.



Happy swinging....!

# 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 Tuesdays game between Man City and Fulham

Erling Haaland became the fastest player to score 100 Premier League goals as Manchester City beat Fulham 5-4 in a thrilling match at Craven Cottage.

Haaland netted his landmark goal with a fierce 17th-minute finish from Jeremy Doku's centre, bringing up his century in what was just his 111th appearance in the competition.

Tijjani Reijnders and Phil Foden then got themselves on the scoresheet before Emile Smith Rowe's header capped a frantic first half, but more drama was still to come.

Foden notched his second before Sander Berge's own goal put City seemingly in control; however, Alex Iwobi's strike and two goals from Samuel Chukwueze teed up a tense finish.

But Pep Guardiola's team were able to hold on, which included a last-gasp clearance off the line from Josko Gvardiol to deny Josh King, to move within two points of leaders Arsenal, while, for all their effort, Fulham stay down in 15th, six points above the bottom three.



Saturday 29th	Brentford	3	1	Burnley
Saturday 29th	Man City	3	2	Leeds
Saturday 29th	Sunderland	3	2	Bournemouth
Saturday 29th	Everton	1	4	Newcastle
Saturday 29th	Tottenham	1	2	Fulham
Sunday 30th	Crystal Palace	1	2	Man United
Sunday 30th	Aston Villa	1	0	Wolves
Sunday 30th	Nott'm Forest	0	2	Brighton
Sunday 30th	West Ham	0	2	Liverpool
Sunday 30th	Chelsea	1	1	Arsenal
Tuesday 2nd	Bournemouth	0	1	Everton
Tuesday 2nd	Fulham	4	5	Man City
Tuesday 2nd	Newcastle	2	2	Tottenham
Wednesday 3rd	Arsenal	2	0	Brentford
Wednesday 3rd	Brighton	3	4	Aston Villa
Wednesday 3rd	Burnley	0	1	Crystal Palace
Wednesday 3rd	Wolves	0	1	Nott'm Forest
Wednesday 3rd	Leeds	3	1	Chelsea
Wednesday 3rd	Liverpool	1	1	Sunderland

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

# JUNIOR FOOTBALL PRESENTATION DAY!



## RUMBLERS

Lower age Knockout Champions  
Lower age 9 a side League Winners  
Lower age 5 a side League Runners Up

## Harry Winfield

Top Goal Scorer & Player  
of the Knockout Tournament



## MONARCHS

Knockout Runners Up

## Logan Yon

Outstanding Player award



## Tommy Yon

Outstanding Player award  
of 5 a side Knockout



## NH Stars

3rd Place 5 a side League & Knockout



## DABBING DEVILS

3rd Place 9 a side League

## Kayden Leo

Top Goal Scorer  
9 a side League



## Lamar Peters

Joint Top Goal scorer  
for 5 a side tournament  
Outstanding Player award  
Fantasy Player of the year



## Golden Gladiators

5 a side League Winners



## Louis Joshua

Outstanding Player  
award



## Cruz Williams

Player of the tournament X2  
Fantasy Player of the year  
Outstanding Player award X3



## Black Mambas

9 a side League Champions  
5 a side Knockout Winners  
5 a side League Runners Up



## Jacob Benjamin

Goal Keeper of the Tournament x 3  
Fantasy Goalkeeper of the year  
Goal keeper of the season

## Ephrem Stroud

Goalkeeper of the tournament  
Goal keeper of the season



## Holly Bennett

Lower age Female  
Player of the Season



## Bethany Bennett

Upper age Female  
Player of the Season

# **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**

Last weekend saw SHFA Semi Knockout fixtures being played, with Rovers and Bellboys securing a win against Intergalactic and Wirebirds which will see them battle it out in the Knockout Final on Presentation Day.

Sunday 30th November Bellboys 19 — Intergalactic 0

Goalscorers Bellboys — Joey Thomas 6, Taylan Phillips 3, Weston Clingham 3, Tyler Brady 2, Kyle 'Bush' Yon 2, Zach Francis, Scott Henry

Sunday 30th November Rovers 12— Wirebirds 1

Goalscorers Rovers — Blaize Baldwin 3, Rico Benjamin 2, Toure Osborne 2, Brett Isaac, Jake Letori, Ronan Legg, Shaquille Benjamin

Goalscorers Wirebirds — Sean-lee Thomas

## **KNOCKOUT SEMI FINALS**

## **UPCOMING FIXTURES**

Sunday 30th November @ 13:00pm Bellboys vs Intergalactic

Sunday 30th November @ 15:30pm Rovers vs Wirebirds

## **DISTRICT FINAL**

Saturday 6th December

3rd Place Play Offs @ 1pm Longwood vs Jamestown

Final @ 3:30pm Half Tree Hollow vs St Paul's

**.ALL TEAMS NEEDS TO PROVIDE LINESMEN FOR THESE GAMES**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**PRESENTATION DAY**  
**SATURDAY 13 DEC 2025**

**12pm Friendly 11 aside football match**

**12:00pm Woodern plate & spoon KO Match**

**2pm Knockout Football Final**

**1:30pm Knockout Rounders Final**

**Followed by presentation @ 4pm**

**LIVE BAND! A DAY NOT TO BE MISSED**

**BOUNCY CASTLE**

**BORBS ICE CREAM**

**AMPHIBIANS HOT FOOD**

**SPORTS BAR**

# FOLLOW THE WSA ROUNDERS SEASON 2025

The WSA Rounders Season has 7 teams in their league

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## RESULTS

FIREBALLS 12 - 15.5 BALLBUSTERS			
LOM: Taylor Thomas		4LOM: Reanne Joshua	
FIREBALLS	V	BALLBUSTERS	
Renee Coleman	3.5	Lalia Clarke	2
Gemma Glanville	1	Rhiann Joshua	7
Tina Brady	2	Britney Williams	2.5
Ziara Thomas	2.5	Jordana Crowie	2
Santara Peters	1	Penalty Score	2
Shalana Clingham	1.5		
Penalty Score	0.5		
12		15.5	

BALLZY LADIES 30 - 11 BATTITUDE			
BALLZY LADIES		V	BATTITUDE
Charlotte Williams	5	Qhi Green	1.5
Alayah Pidgley	2.5	Whitney Young	1
Kati-Rose Thomas	6	Bethany Bennett	2
Dani Thomas	2.5	Georgia Bennett	2
Nicola Constantine	2	Alfreda Yan	3.5
Katelyn Benjamin	4.5	Penalty Score	1
Danielle Benjamin	4		
Helen Joshua	0.5		
Penny Bowers	2		
Penalty Score	1		
30		11	

FUSION 9 - 24.5 THUNDERBATS			
LOM: Maxine Yan			
FUSION	V	THUNDERBATS	
Teryn Phillips	0.5	Selena Leo	1.5
Julianne Stevens	4	Anna Samuel	2
Melissa Fowler	2	Emily Cainswick	1.5
Erin Wade	0.5	Shania Coleman	5.5
		Maxian Yan	6
Penalty Score	2	Keely Yan	4
		Kerrylyn Leo	0.5
		Shauntai Yan	3.5
9		24.5	



POSITION	TEAM	GP	W	L	D	PTS	ROUNDERS
1	BALLZY LADIES	6	5		1	17	174
2	INCREDIBLES	6	5		1	17	161.5
3	BATTITUDE	6	4	2		14	111
4	BALLBUSTERS	6	3	3		12	74
5	FIREBALLS	6	2	4		10	70
6	THUNDERBATS	6	1	5		8	54
7	FUSION	6		6		6	46

# COLIN PATRICK THOMAS AKA 'COOKINS'

14.8.59 - 6.11.2025

The family of the late Colin Patrick Thomas, more affectionally known as Cookins who passed away peacefully on the 6th November 2025 would like to thank all those who cared for him during his medical treatment in Johannesburg and especially Jane at Sunning Hill Hospital for her constant updates to the family who was unable to be by his side,



To the medical and health staff on island who cared for him prior to his medivac out and on his return, to many family and friends who assisted in caring and keeping Cookins spirits up until his passing and to the Clergy who visit and kept him in constant prayer during his illness.

Special Thanks to Niece Justine for being our rock and standing strong for us all before, through and after this difficult time,

Father Rudi for conducting the funeral service and burial, The Vergers Roy Williams and his team for organising the funeral, Dulcie Herne the reading the lesson, Tammy Williams for reading the eulogy the tributes, Ivy Ellick for playing the organ, Kim Henry for making the wreaths and floral arrangements, Solomons for the design and printing of the funeral sheets, Johnny Isaac and Kyle Yon for providing buses for the day, Leigh Richards for capturing the moments for family who couldn't be with us, his Colleagues at the Ferry Service, Solomon's Lighterage and of course his favourite Wharfie for honouring his last trip to his beloved...the sea and last of all to those who attended the funeral and paid floral tribute, gave messages of sympathy through cards, calls, in person and on social media, it was greatly appreciated.



**You may be gone from our sight, but you are never gone from our hearts**



## MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



	GOLDEN KAROO 251221	BRIGHT SKY 251223	BLUE MASTER II 261202
Immingham	04-Oct	08-Nov	20-Dec
Walvis Bay		03-Dec	
	KAROLINE 251711	KAROLINE 251712	KAROLINE 251712
Cape Town	09-Nov	06-Dec	28-Jan
Walvis Bay		10-Dec	
Rupert's Bay	17-Nov	17-Dec	05-Feb
	KAROLINE 251808	KAROLINE 251808	KAROLINE 251808
Cape Town	5-Dec	30-Dec	18-Feb

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