

UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

“Water loss from the network is still far too high at 48%”

Annual Report on Quality of Services – January 2026

Joining Up the Dots

PRESS RELEASE

St Helena Activates Phase One of Drought Management Plan

This action is necessary to protect our remaining water reserves and to avoid a severe water crisis in the coming weeks, caused by steadily falling surface water flows, increased consumption, and rising temperatures.

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“A Sixth Mass Extinction May be Underway” – UK Government



HM Government

Global biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and national security

DO NOT RELEASE

“highly erratic weather patterns have led to increased drought and flooding”

“The rate of extinction is tens to hundreds of times higher than the average over the past 10 million years.”

St Helena Cricket is off to Africa next month to compete in T20 World Cup qualifier

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200th Anniversary**

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German Consul General Visits



Tanja Werheit Made Sure She Saw St Helena

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German Consul General Visits St Helena



Tanja Werheit

Tanja Werheit, the Consul General for St Helena visited St Helena for the first time this week. Like the Italian Consul for St Helena, Giulio Mignacca, who also made his first visit recently, Frau Werheit's visit seemed to go very well.

Starting at 6am Sunday morning, Tanja showed definite signs of sampling what St Helena has to offer by climbing Jacob's Ladder. She later visited Rupert's where Shelley Magellan was her guide for a tour of Liberated African Heritage.

On Munden's Path? Tanja didn't say – just went



Tanja and Shelley at Rupert's



Visits included the Marine Centre and Cason's to discuss conservation efforts and biodiversity, spoke with the museum curator and the Research Institute, Tourism, the Minister for Economic Development/ENRP, visited Longwood House and Napoleon's Tomb; met Jonathan at feeding time; and was hosted by the Governor for dinner to discuss her observations.



**With Karl Thrower and
Damian Burns**



**With Rebecca Cairns-Wicks
after laying the Wreath**

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Finally, she lay a wreath at the Cenotaph honouring those lost on the RFA Darkdale. Tanja explained, "In WW II, St. Helena served as supply base for the British fleet in the South Atlantic. RFA Darkdale was sunk by German submarine U-68 in October 1941 and 41 lives were lost. To honour their memory, I laid down a wreath at the Cenotaph in Jamestown."

One purpose of Tanja Werheit's visit is to deepen existing ties and help create new ones. The most well-known link with Germany is through MACS Shipping. The Island works through the Cape Town Office but the Head Office is in Hamburg. The St Helena Research Institute also works closely with a German professor who has made two visits when he has brought a total of 20 students here to study aspects of what St Helena offers. The professor also works on some subjects with ENRP.

At a meeting with Minister Karl Thrower and Damian Burns, Director of Economic Development they discussed tourism and other business opportunities between St. Helena and Germany.

Tanja's message before leaving was, "Thank you to Governor Nigel Philipps and Chief Minister Rebecca Cairns-Wicks for our various conversations and for sharing your insights about St Helena. Looking forward to staying in touch!"

Festival of Walking Walk of the Week - Great Stone Top



Date: Saturday, 7 February 2026

Start Time: 09:00

Meeting Point: Silver Hill Shop, Levelwood (then car share to the starting point).

Google maps location: -15.97439, -5.68469

Duration: approx 3 hours

Walk grade: Fairly Strenuous | 7 - 8

Great Stone Top is another fantastic Post Box walk showcasing some of the more interesting rock formations. As you reach the post box there are stunning views of the ocean and St Helena Airport.

Please wear sensible footwear, wear sun protection and bring lots of water.

Please Note: The peak of Great Stone Top is not suitable for those with a fear of heights

Walking guide(s) – Walk led by guide Louis Youde

Date	Upcoming Walks
Sunday, 15 Feb 2026	Lot's Wife Ponds

Receive email updates of the 'Walk of the Week' email dianne.venning@sainthelena.gov.sh or the Tourist Office T: 22158

Pharmaceutical Supply Shortages Getting Worse

Recent reports highlight the longstanding global medical supply problems are getting worse. One report in South African media tells us – “Africa is grappling with a severe medical supply crisis, with fragmented procurement systems and high costs leading to stock shortages and the spread of counterfeit drugs.”

In Britain, counterfeit drugs are not a big issue but there is plenty of evidence the supply system does not work and is getting worse. A report by Healthcare Digital.com includes – “Manufacturing delays have pushed prices to unprecedented levels, leaving chemists unable to meet demand whilst facing substantial financial losses on every packet dispensed.”

Even aspirin cannot be supplied without widespread problems. UK pharmacies face critical aspirin shortages due to manufacturing delays, forcing rationing of supplies whilst prices soar and chemists face losses

Pharmacies across the UK are grappling with severe aspirin shortages, forcing healthcare providers to ration supplies of a medication that could prove critical for patients at risk of heart attacks and strokes.

The UK Government added aspirin to list of products that cannot be exported but industry reaction is a short-term fix and does nothing to improving the creaking supply system itself. An export ban may be a short fix for the UK, but without special exemptions it could be a big problem for St Helena. As supply shortages is a global problem, South African suppliers will have their own set of problems.

NHS underfunding vital medicines by up to 80%

Manufacturing delays are made worse by the UK government and NHS. Some weird payment/funding system is used to pay pharmacists. One UK media report tried to explain; pharmacies in UK buy prescription drugs from wholesalers and are paid (refunded?) via a central NHS contract which is supposed to reimburse them for the cost through a drugs tariff set in Whitehall. Immediately, there are all the signs of a longwinded, duplicated, expensive and ineffective payment system. The end result is, pharmacists are paid short, sometimes by up to 80% of the cost of drugs.

The big worry is St Helena, right at the end of any supply chain, will come off worst.



Only a few left. . .

Harlyn House marks 200th anniversary, with plans for a year-long celebration

Contributed

The 200th anniversary of Harlyn House was celebrated on Sunday, 1st February 2026 marking two centuries of history at this iconic residence. Mrs. Patsy Flagg, along with her family, commemorated the event with a heartfelt Thanksgiving Service at the house, located in the heart of Half Tree Hollow. The service, led by Bishop Dale, featured songs of praise, Bible readings, and prayer. Guests were invited to share their memories of the house, its role in the local community, and its history.

Harlyn House, built in 1826, has long been a focal point between Jamestown and St Pauls. Mrs. Flagg and her late husband Arnold acquired the house in 1973 from the Anglican Diocese, after it had been bequeathed by its previous owner, Mrs. Gilist. Mrs. Gilist, who had hoped the house would serve as a museum and a school of music, left it to the Diocese upon her death. The celebration was not only a time to reflect on the history of Harlyn but also on the culture of St Helena itself. The Director of the Museum of St Helena (Heritage Society) spoke about the historical significance of Half Tree Hollow, while the Director of the St Helena National Trust expressed gratitude to Mrs. Flagg and her family for preserving and celebrating the legacy the house.

"Culture is not just about what people did," the Director commented. "It's also about the imprint they leave on the buildings and places they inhabit. Harlyn is a testament to that legacy."



Mrs. Flagg's brother, Anthony "Tony" Leo, concluded the service with a toast to the house and its storied past. Guests then enjoyed refreshments and shared reminiscences about their time at Harlyn House, with Mrs. Flagg giving tours of the house and showcasing the extensive renovations and enhancements made over the years.

As part of the celebration, Mrs Flagg revealed plans to continue honouring Harlyn's House legacy with a series of events spanning the entire year. The anniversary celebration also highlighted the Flagg family's deep ties to St Helena, particularly through

Mrs. Flagg's great-grandfather, Mr. George Alphaeus Flagg. An American national, Mr. Flagg arrived on St Helena in the 19th century aboard a whaling ship, shortly after having fought in the American Civil War. Mrs. Flagg treasures his medal to this day as a family heirloom, a physical reminder of the extraordinary journey that brought her ancestors to the island.

"The Flagg family's story is intertwined with the history of St Helena, and Harlyn House stands as a living testament to that connection," Mrs. Flagg said, reflecting on the rich history passed down through the generations.

As part of the celebration, Mrs Flagg revealed plans to continue honouring Harlyn's House legacy with a series of events spanning the entire year. It was clear that Harlyn House continues to be not just a place of residence, but a symbol of the enduring legacy of the Flagg family and the wider St Helena community. The event was a reminder of the importance of preserving history, not only through objects and landmarks, but also through the stories and memories of those who lived in and around them.

Blue Belt - Beyond the Reef Caribbean Expedition

The RRS James Clark is spending January and February covering four Caribbean Islands, researching samples from offshore waters, fish populations, mapping sea floors, taking thousands of photos and identifying marine life below 1,000 feet depth.

The James Clark has finished collecting data from Anguillian waters and now moved on to Turks & Caicos.

Having collected all the data of various kinds, the work starts; sorting, analysing and learning from it.

One little gem is a photo of an anemone. . . .



This sea anemone seems happy enough growing out of the ocean floor 3,000 feet below sea level. Water pressure at that depth is around 1 tonne per cubic metre.

This specimen bears no relation to the land anemone. The sea version is not a flower, it's an animal. They are related to corals and jellyfish. Sea anemones can sting too. The frilly bits around the edge of the 'bloom' are tentacles, used to catch passing prey. What's that thing about beauty being skin deep?

Community Development Organisation

Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday 17 Feb 2026 | **Time:** 6:00pm | **Where:** Jamestown Community Centre

The Community Development Organisation (CDO) was established in 2013 to support St Helena's civil society through a Community Grant Scheme.

SHG funding for the Grant Scheme was suspended in 2020. We continue to offer match-funding grants up to £1,000 from our reserves. These grants act as a vital source of support for local organisations, many of which are solely reliant on volunteers.

If you are passionate about and believe in the value of St Helena's voluntary organisations, charities, Community Centres, clubs and Non-Government Organisations, please come along and show your support.

Light refreshments provided.

Current Committee

Chairperson:	Mia Henry
Vice Chairperson:	Lori Pinter
Treasurer:	Dave Brown
Secretary:	Emerald Newman-Yon
Committee Members:	Shayla Ellick
	Tracey Williams
	Vince Thompson
	Kenickie Andrews

**Our Bank Balance at 31 March 2025 was
£20,947.32.**

**Please help keep the
Community Grant Scheme alive.**

If you are interested in joining the Committee or would like more information in advance of the meeting please contact the Committee Secretary or email cdosthelena@gmail.com

Tristan Forever - Film Premiere in Berlin

Tristan Forever is a feature-length Swiss 'docufiction' film that features the story of French doctor Loran Bonnardot as he travels to Tristan da Cunha to fulfil a search for solitude.



Main publicity image for Tristan Forever

For thirty years, the doctor from Paris has maintained a friendship with a fisherman on Tristan da Cunha, the most isolated inhabited island in the world. Now he travels back one more time, with the plan to stay there for good.

The film was shot on his journey with the film crew aboard MFV Edinburgh in November 2023 as he travelled to Tristan. The remainder of the film was shot on the island and includes local actors, including fisherman Martin Green. The plot centres on 50-year-old Loran's wish to become one of the island's permanent residents, but whether he stays there is subject to a decision of the Tristan Island Council.



Internationale
Filmfestspiele
Berlin

The 90-minute film will premiere at the February 2026 Berlinale, or Berlin Film Festival on Sunday 15th February.

The 76th Berlinale runs from 12th - 22nd February 2026 and the full programme will be published on 3rd February: <https://www.berlinale.de/en/programme/berlinale-programme.html>

Tickets will go on sale on 9th February: <https://www.berlinale.de/en/programme/ticket-info.html>

The Tristan da Cunha Association has twenty members who live in Germany, who, along with others who can travel may consider watching the film's premiere.

Viewing the premiere will be a Tristan delegation led by Administrator Philip Kendall, himself one of the actors, plus his wife Louise and islander actors Glenda and Holly Rogers.

Cast List

Actor	Film role / name
Loran Bonnardot	Loran
Martin Green	Martin
Glenda Rogers	Glenda
Anderson Green	Anderson
Conrad Glass	Police Officer
Philip Kendall	Administrator
Holly Rogers	Holly
Jason Green	Jason

Directed by Tobias Nölle and co-directed by Loran Bonnardot.

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Dr Loran Bonnardot - a good friend of the island.

The filming was completed in January 2024 by the film team consisting of Loran Bonnardot, Tobias Nölle and Linus Rieser before they departed on MS Hamburg. Producer is Christof Neracher, CEO of Zurich-based Hugofilm Features, with Swiss broadcasters SRF and SRG SSR as co-producers and the Community of Tristan da Cunha as associate producers. Worldwide distribution rights have been secured by China's Rediance.

Born in 1973 in France, Loran is a doctor and filmmaker, who works in Paris and around the world. The short film 37°4 S (2013), which he co-produced, also shot on Tristan da Cunha, won the Jury's Special Prize at the 2013 Cannes Film Festival.

It stars young Tristan actors Riaan Repetto, as Nick, and Natalie Swain, who plays Ann, with cameo supporting parts played by Harold Green and Edwin (Spike) Glass and the voice of Justin Green.

Loran Bonnardot has a real thirty-year association with Tristan da Cunha and has become a good friend of the island community. Loran has two Godchildren on Tristan, Rachel and Connor.

Writing in 2011 in her Agulhas trip report, and published elsewhere on this website, former Tourism Co-Ordinator Dawn Repetto said 'It is with sadness that the island must say goodbye to our dear friend Loran Bonnardot. Loran has been a friend to the island for 15 years and has made three trips here where each time he has stayed for a few months. Whenever Loran has visited, he has always helped out voluntarily at the hospital or assisted with families who have been nursing elderly people at home. People like Loran don't come along every day, and the community is very grateful that he has found us and considers Tristan his second home. Loran will be missed dearly but we hope to see him back in the near future.'

The Tristan da Cunha Association plan to show 37°4 S for a second time at their 2026 Annual Gathering to be held at the voco hotel in Southampton on 7th March. It is hoped that Tristan Forever will be available to show at the TDCA's 40th anniversary Annual Gathering in 2027.



Right: Iris and Martin Green at the Cannes Film Festival in 2013



UK Government Forced to Release Report on Ecosystem Collapse

“A Sixth Mass Extinction May be Underway”

(Page 5 of Report – ‘Global biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and national security’)

The UK Government report, ‘Global biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and national security’ is said to have been ready for publication last October but was only published in late January after an application under the Freedom of Information Act dashed the hopes of the UK government to permanently bury the report out of sight. The Green Alliance, an independent think tank and charity, who made the application for the report to be published said the report was published quietly on the GOV.UK website with no notifications or pre-publicity.

It Makes No Sense

Attempting to conceal that a sixth mass extinction is coming our way by making it secret does not make any sense. A simple question to Google search will tell anyone interested that many scientists argue that a sixth, human-driven, mass extinction is currently underway. Anyone capable of adding two and two together and coming up with four as the answer either knows about the threat of mass extinction already or could find it out in less than a minute – if the internet has not dropped out. The last mass extinction was 66 million years ago when a 6 to 9-mile-wide asteroid (bigger than St Helena) struck the Yucatán Peninsula in Mexico, creating a 124-mile-wide crater. Today, we know of it because it caused dinosaurs to become extinct. It wasn't only dinosaurs, 75-80% of species were eliminated due to global wildfires, mile-high tsunamis and a long winter as the heat and light from the Sun was blocked by billions of tons of sulphur, dust, and CO2 ejected into the atmosphere, causing immediate darkness, plunging global temperatures, and halting plant growth.

What Does Make Sense

It is claimed the report was kept under wraps because its conclusions were “too negative”, and because it would draw attention to the government's consistent failure to act.

It's not quite true to say the UK government did not act, they did. Six years ago, The UK counter terrorism police acted against Extinction Rebellion, a group who demonstrated stridently (but peacefully) against mass extinction. They were placed on a list of terrorists which included neo-Nazis, a pro-terrorist Islamist group and other lawless fanatics who were considered a threat to national security. Fast-forward to a week or so ago and the UK government has had to eat humble pie. Now, it's mass extinction which is the threat to ‘national security’, not supporters of Extinction Rebellion and others who want all governments to make a strong global effort to avoid the mass extinction. Even six years ago, extinction was widely thought to be inevitable.

What does make sense is there must be many loyal and senior members of past and present governments feeling very uncomfortable right now. Now the UK Government is saying exactly the same as Extinction Rebellion and so many other ‘terrorists’ have said for years.

Who Are the World Leaders?

What preoccupies the minds of government leaders today? Ukraine has rare earth minerals deposits thought to be 5% of all world deposits and worth £trillions. Why is Greenland now dragged into the dirt of geo-politics by the world's grubby, grasping leaders? Because Greenland holds some of the world's largest untapped deposits of rare earth minerals (REES), with estimated reserves of 1.5 million tonnes, ranked eighth globally. The United States says grabbing Greenland is vital to their national security. What they really mean is they want Greenland's rare earth minerals before China, Russia or the Europeans have a chance to plunder them. When the UK talk about national security and ecosystem collapse, they mean ‘we are all screwed’.

The situation is so desperate we cannot eat without contributing to our own downfall. The report tells us, “Food production is the most significant cause of terrestrial biodiversity loss. As the global

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population grows, reaching 9.7 billion by 2050, the impact of food production on natural systems will intensify and it will become even more challenging to produce sufficient food sustainably.”

The leaders of multi-national mega corporations are world leaders too. Often, they use their extensive influence to succeed in defending their own interests when having a difference of opinion with governments. Avoiding tax is probably top of a long list. Outer Space is the new empire to be conquered. Mega corporations are busily conquering that with hundreds of satellites which obstruct the research of astronomers. There are plans for exploration of other planets. Governments, meanwhile, show their deep respect for tradition by sticking with a form of governance much the same as it was since the concept of parliamentary democracy was born.

Mass Migration

The threats to security are never-ending, “The world is already experiencing the impacts of biodiversity loss, including crop failures, intensified natural disasters and infectious disease outbreaks.” The report adds, “With current trends, global ecosystem degradation is highly likely to continue to 2050 and beyond.”

The Green Alliance believe one reason for the UK government wanting to hide the report is the prospect of mass migration as we follow the path to mass extinction. They suggest the degradation of rainforests in the Congo and the drying up of rivers fed by the Himalayas could mean people flee to Europe, leading to “more polarised and populist politics in the UK” and putting “additional pressure on already strained national infrastructure”.

Defence Before Assistance

The report strays to Central America to give an example of crop failures, intensified natural disasters and infectious disease outbreaks. Between 2012-14, the coffee leaf rust disease caused many Central American coffee farmers to have zero production. The loss of production and previous economic problems displaced 373,000 people across Central America according to some estimates. Since then, highly erratic weather patterns have led to increased drought and flooding, resulting in a loss of 60% in the Central American coffee harvest in 2018. The low-income groups whose livelihoods rely on coffee production, have been driven to migrate, both internally and to the USA.

Massive aid from the United States to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to help ease this colossal problem failed to address root causes of migration, such as poverty, violence, and corruption. More than four million Central American migrants arrived in the U.S between 2014 and 2023.

In 2024, migration started to decrease. However, Trump, becoming president in 2025, adopted an iron fist approach, this drastically reduced the number of migrants entering from Mexico. They were detained, deported and often immediately turned back.

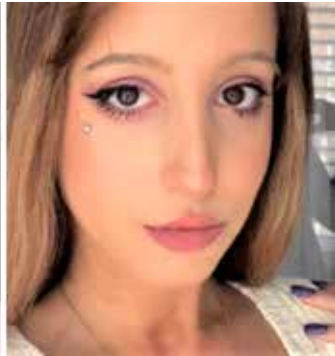
Trump also reduced aid to poorer countries. Most European countries, together with Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland and others have also drastically reduced foreign aid. Spending on defence has increased across all of these countries, and more besides. The Russian war in Ukraine is often given as the main reason, together with a number of other conflicts across the world.

Taking a wider and longer view, reducing aid puts poorer countries in an even weaker position and increasing defence spending strengthens the richer countries against the conflicts which are expected to arise. The report puts it so well, “Migration will rise as development gains begin to reverse and more people are pushed into poverty, food and water insecurity. A one percentage increase in food insecurity in a population compels 1.9 percent more people to migrate.”

A Song for the Damned



Damned



Before Damnation

I destroy homes, tear families apart - take your children, and that's just the start.
I'm more costly than diamonds, more costly than gold - the sorrow I bring is a sight to behold.
And if you need me, remember I'm easily found.
I live all around you, in schools and in town.
I live with the rich, I live with the poor, I live down the street, and maybe next door.
My power is awesome - try me you'll see.
But if you do, you may never break free.
Just try me once and I might let you go, but try me twice, and I'll own your soul.
When I possess you, you'll steal and you'll lie.
You'll do what you have to just to get high.
The crimes you'll commit, for my narcotic charms, will be worth the pleasure you'll feel in your arms.
You'll lie to your mother; you'll steal from your dad.
When you see their tears, you should feel sad.
But you'll forget your morals and how you were raised.
I'll be your conscience, I'll teach you my ways.
I take kids from parents, and parents from kids, I turn people from God, and separate from friends.
I'll take everything from you, your looks and your pride, I'll be with you always, right by your side.
You'll give up everything - your family, your home, your friends, your money, then you'll be alone.

I'll take and I'll take, till you have nothing more to give.
When I'm finished with you, you'll be lucky to live.
If you try me be warned this is no game.
If given the chance, I'll drive you insane.
I'll ravish your body, I'll control your mind.
I'll own you completely; your soul will be mine.
The nightmares I'll give you while lying in bed.
The voices you'll hear from inside your head.
The sweats, the shakes, the visions you'll see.
I want you to know, these are all gifts from me.
But then it's too late, and you'll know in your heart, that you are mine, and we shall not part.
You'll regret that you tried me, they always do.
But you came to me, not I to you.
You knew this would happen.
Many times you were told, but you challenged my power, and chose to be bold.
You could have said no, and just walked away.
If you could live that day over, now what would you say?
I'll be your master; you will be my slave.
I'll even go with you, when you go to your grave.
Now that you have met me, what will you do?
Will you try me or not?
It's all up to you.
I can bring you more misery than words can tell.
Come take my hand, let me lead you to hell."

Signed
DRUGS





Dear Editor,

I was pleased to learn about Omnitouch taking over from Sure as the telecom operator on Ascension, as there were concerns from people about what would happen to telephone services after Sure pulled out, and indeed, to telephone calls, not least those to and from St Helena.

While you can make calls to most parts of the world for pennies a minute over the internet, if you need to pay anything at all, making calls to St Helena, Ascension and the Falklands that way is astronomically expensive, if not plain impossible; I remember paying £1.40 a minute to call someone in Ascension

As Omnitouch's Norfone service on Norfolk Island serves a place with many of the same challenges as Ascension, we hope that Ascension Island Mobile will be as welcome as Norfone has been on Norfolk Island, especially as, despite its name, it plans to offer fixed line telephone and internet services. Like the Saintel service proposed for St Helena by Karl Thrower some years back, this will use FWA (Fixed Wireless Access), not the copper wire network used by Sure, and before it, Cable & Wireless.

In Norfolk Island, fixed line services are still provided by Norfolk Telecom; despite having been stripped of its self-government and reduced to an appendage of New South Wales, it still has a separate telephone network and country code from Australia, leaving it with the worst of both worlds. However, Norfone does now offer Australian numbers, with the country code +61, thereby sparing people in Australia and the rest of the world the cost of calling numbers using Norfolk Island's code +672, so instead of paying £1.12 a minute to call it from the UK using BT, I'd only have to pay 10p a minute, or with other carriers, even less. By way of analogy, this would be like only me having to pay the same as a call to the UK to call Ascension, rather than 85p a minute with BT. (A call to St Helena is £1.31 a minute!)

Similarly, while Greenland has a separate country code from Denmark, +299, Tussass, the local telecom operator, offers its subscribers a free phone number in Denmark, country code +45. This not only allows people from Denmark and the rest of the world to call them at greatly reduced cost, but also allows people in Greenland to receive text messages to set up a MobilePay account in Denmark, which requires a Danish mobile number. In addition, Greenland has abandoned fixed line telephony completely, not even having an internet based service like BT's Digital Voice, with the handset plugged into the broadband router instead of the socket on the wall.

However, I don't think Ascension Island Mobile will go that far, and nor should it, as what digital gurus call 'leapfrogging', skipping a generation of technology, can smack of bullying; if a fixed line service can be available at no extra cost to those who want and prefer it, why not?

Yours sincerely,

Ken Westmoreland



The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 8th February 2026 – 5th Sunday of the Year

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Martin
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
5.00 p.m.	Mission Worship and Praise	Cathedral
Tuesday 10th February		
7.00 p.m.	Mission Worship and Praise	Sandy Bay Community Centre

The Parish of St James

Sunday 8th February 2026 – 5th Sunday of the Year

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St John
Thursday 12th February		
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John

Sunday 8th February 2026 – 5th Sunday of the Year

11.15 a.m.	Family Eucharist/Church Parade	St Mark
Tuesday 10th February		
7.00 p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark

Hey Kids!



Come and join Adventure Kids for some Fun & Games, Arts and Craft, Songs & loads of stories to be told.

WHERE: Baptist School Hall/James Town

WHO: Age 4-11yrs old

WHEN: 07/02/26

TIME: 10:00-11:30am

Refreshments will be served.

Baptist Church Gospel Outreach

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD

When: Sunday: 8th February 2026

Where: Sandy Bay Community Centre

Time: 3.00 pm

Gospel in Song

Refreshments

Preached Word



Expressions of Interest – Kings Baton Relay 2026 Artwork

The National Sports Association of St. Helena (NSASH) are excited to offer local artists and artisans an opportunity to get involved with the upcoming Kings Baton Relay 2026.

We are inviting expressions of interest to decorate all or part of the King's Baton 2026. We are looking for your interpretation of the essence of St. Helena Island, its people, sporting heritage and/or unique environment. This is a rare opportunity to showcase your creativity by designing your original artwork in any medium except plastic, using your own materials and having your work recognised as part of St. Helena's sporting history on the global stage.

For more details about the King's Baton Relay and inspiration to for your design; please follow the link <https://www.commonwealthsport.com/kings-baton-relay/baton>

Artists and artisans should submit proposed artwork ideas and designs by 12 noon on Friday 20th February 2026. For the full artwork brief and further information, please email nsash@helanta.co.sh.

Be bold. Be creative. Leave your mark on history!

Public Notice

St Helena Enters First Stage of Drought Management – Public Urged to Conserve Water

St Helena has now entered the first stage of drought management as stored water levels continue to decline. Current reserves stand at 81,009 m³, equivalent to around 60 days of supply, and consumption remains high. Daily demand is approximately 1,433 m³, significantly exceeding the 887 m³ currently being abstracted.

This imbalance, combined with steadily falling surface water flows and rising temperatures, is placing increasing strain on the Island's water resources. The Red Hill zone—supplying Half Tree Hollow, St Paul's, and the Hutt's Gate system (which feeds Longwood and Alarm Forest)—remains the highest-demand area, adding further pressure to the water storage systems.

While seasonal reductions in rainfall are expected, recent weeks have seen a sharp drop in inflows, increasing reliance on boreholes to maintain supply. Without a change in weather patterns, St Helena could face severe water shortages in the coming weeks.

What this means for the community

- Stored water levels are declining..
- Consumption is outpacing supply.
- All districts are affected, with Red Hill under the greatest strain.
- Conservation is urgently needed to safeguard resources until the next rainy season.

Call to Action

Connect Saint Helena Ltd urges all domestic, commercial, and government consumers to use water sparingly and avoid unnecessary consumption. Every effort made now will help preserve supplies and support the Island through this challenging period.

St Helena's water resources are under significant pressure, and collective action is essential. Notably, 2025 shows a sharp drop in rainfall after July, highlighting reduced precipitation in the latter half of the year, which may be contributing to current drought conditions.

By reducing consumption today, the community can help safeguard supplies and strengthen resilience until the next rainy season, which we remain hopeful will arrive later this year.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd will continue to monitor conditions closely and provide regular updates as the situation changes.

30 January 2026

World's Most Remote Marathon



Help Make the World's Most Remote Marathon a Success!

St Helena Tourism is gearing up for the World's Most Remote Marathon on the 22nd February 2026!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with marshalling on the day ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for the courageous runners taking on this rare adventure.

Can you join us?

You can make a difference by marshalling at the below locations:

Red Hill	Silver Hill
Rosemary Plain	Red Hill (LW)
Cleughs Plain	Woody Ridge
White Wall	Airport Road
Francis Plain	Deadwood
Lemon Tree Gut	Longwood Gate
Stitches Ridge	Hutts Gate
Green Hill	The Dungeon
Rock Rose	Gordon's Post
Taglate	Corner Wall

Let us know if you are interested and thank you for your consideration!

Please contact the Tourist Office

T: 22158 E: events@sainthelena.gov.sh

sthelena-tourism.com

FOR SALE

A 2013 Red Toyota 4 door Aygo,



It has a 1 litre Petrol engine with automatic transmission and 64,000 miles on the clock also it is MOT'd to November 2026.

It can be yours for £8000.



Just call **Alice Young** on **61551** or email her at avy2405@gmail.com or alternatively call **Margie Harding** on **64434**.



ST PAULS PARISH COUNCIL 2026 FUND RAISING SCHEDULE

Wednesday 11 th February	Twilight/Moonlight Stroll
Thursday 26 th March	Cake Stall in the Market, Jamestown
Friday 10 th April	After Easter Meat Feast at Kingshurst Community Centre
Thursday 21 st May	Stall on St Helena Day
Friday 12 th June	BBQ Night at Kingshurst Community Centre
Friday 3 rd July	Curry Nite at Kingshurst Community Centre
Thursday 27 th August	Cake Stall in the Market, Jamestown
Friday 4 th September	Fish Fry at Kingshurst Community Centre
November	King's Birthday Fun Day at Kingshurst Community Centre
Friday 4 th December	St Nicholas Ball at Kingshurst Community Centre



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BENEFITS

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

HOW TO APPLY

To access job profiles and application forms online, visit www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies Alternatively, these are available in paper format from Central Human Resources and Organisational Development at The Castle, Jamestown.

For further information, please contact the recruitment team on telephone number **22470** or via the email address below.

Applications should be submitted through the Director/Line Manager (where applicable) to the Human Resources Officer by email recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh or paper copies delivered to the Human Resources Officer by the closing date.

To be considered for our vacancies, you must complete our application form. Please do not submit your CV.

Administration Team Leader (£13,569 per annum)

The Administration Team Leader will contribute to service delivery by coordinating the daily operations of the Administration Assistants and Receptionists within the Administration Support Service, 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: Sara-Kay Yon on Tel No. 22470 or Email: sara-kay.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 18 February 2026

Shortlisting date: 23 February 2026

Interview date: 04 March 2026

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.



CUSTOMER NOTICE



The Customer Services Department and Terminal are moving to the new Customer Services Centre (located in the ex-Bazarre building).

Key Dates

- Final day at current location: Monday, 9 February (until 3:00pm).
- Opening at new location: Tuesday, 10 February.

Customer Services Opening Hours

- Monday - Fridays : 8:45am – 3:00pm
- Saturdays : 9:00am – 12:00pm

The Customer Services team look forward to welcoming you to this new location.



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

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



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Bank of St Helena Ltd



St Helena Legislative Council MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME Tuesday 10 February 2026

The fourth meeting of Ministers Question Time will take place on Tuesday 10 February 2026 at 10am in the Council Chamber. This meeting is open to the public and will be broadcast live via SAMS Radio 1

The topic for this meeting is:
New Port Facility at Ruperts

A copy of the Order Paper will be published on the SHG Website on Tuesday morning, and can be accessed via www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislative-council/order-papers/.

**Legislative Council
2 February 2026**



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc

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

FOR SALE BY TENDER

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for "sale by tender" the following vehicles.

FORD ESCORT

Formerly registered as vehicle number 1646
Damaged as a result of a fire

VAUXHALL ASTRA

Formerly registered as vehicle number 2026
Damaged as a result of a fire

These vehicles will be offered on an "as is, where is basis", with no warrantee given or guarantee implied. Viewing has been set for Wednesday 11 February 2026 at 10am and persons interested in viewing should, in the first instance, contact Solomon's Insurance Office on telephone number 22860. Offers should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating the registration number on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Monday 16 February 2026.

02 February 2026

Vacancy

Building Works Foreman



Salary for the post will commence at £16,668 per annum (£1,389 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Building Works Department for a Foreman.

As the Foreman you will supervise the delivery of building services in accordance with plans, policies and Health & Safety requirements, and to co-ordinate operations and oversee workers at construction sites.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have Grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English or equivalent
- Have a minimum of 3 years' experience as a qualified tradesperson and ideally possess NVQ Level 2 or above or equivalent in the construction field
- Have proven experience as a Construction Foreman and the ability to organise and lead a team
- Be knowledgeable of and able to perform hands on construction and carpentry works
- Be computer literate and knowledgeable in the use of Microsoft Applications
- Have the ability to understand drawings, and plans and ensure job specifications are met accordingly
- Have knowledge of construction procedures, equipment and HSE guidelines with the ability to carry out risk assessments ensuring that health and safety requirements are adhered to at all times.
- Be able to motivate and mentor staff members
- Be able to produce estimates, costing and quotation for jobs
- Be aware of quality standards, ensuring completed works meet requirements
- Be in possession of a clean and valid drivers licence in classes A & C

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

Mr Ian Gough, General Manager (Services & Properties) via ☎ 22380 📧 gm-services.properties@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 Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **12 February 2026**.

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

◆ Pension Contributions

◆ Staff Discounts

Vacancy

Part-Time Ramp Handlers



Rate of pay will commence at £6.20 per hour, increased to £7.20 per hour upon completion of relevant training.

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

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

Vacancy

Part-Time Security Officers



Rate of pay will commence at £6.20 per hour, increased to £7.20 per hour upon completion of relevant training.

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

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

Interested Persons Should:

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

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Vacancy

Part-Time Skilled Operator



Rate of pay will be £7.02 per hour.

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for a Part-Time Skilled Operator to join the Company's Stevedore Team.

The successful applicant will be responsible for operating heavy equipment, including facilitation of the loading and offloading of shipping containers and cargo from sea vessels. This position will primarily be based ship-side.

Working hours will be according to ship and cargo operations, including both weekdays and weekends.

Interested Persons Should:

- Be in possession of a clean and valid drivers' licence in classes H3, J1, J3 & J4, with a minimum of two years' experience
- Have - strong technical skills
- Have excellent hand-eye coordination and ability to work at heights
- Ability to adapt quickly to changing conditions ensuring operations remain safe
- Demonstrate attention to detail with an excellent level of vigilance within the work environment
- Possess strong communication skills
- Good level of physical fitness with the ability to undertake physically demanding tasks
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment with a high regard for Health & Safety and Port Compliance
- Be able to work in varying weather conditions

For further information contact:

Mario Coleman, Marine & Cargo Ops Manager via ☎ 22523 ✉ mario.coleman@solomons.co.sh

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Ghana To Host Men's T20 World Cup Africa Sub-Regional Qualifier B



Ghana hosts St Helena's sub-regional qualifier from 24th to 29th March. All games will be played at the Achimota Cricket Oval, Accra.

St Helena Cricket is off to Africa again next month to compete in a qualifier for the 2028 T20 World Cup. Their opponents will be Ghana, Malawi, Eswatini, Seychelles and Tanzania. They will play each team once, in the group stage format, with the top two teams progressing to a regional qualifier.

Current Form

The International Cricket Council world rankings indicate current form. The latest update was on Wednesday, this week. The rankings are based on matches played and points awarded. Tanzania is certainly the hot favourite. Will Ghana get above Malawi to take the second qualifier spot? Can St Helena beat Eswatini to fourth place?

Ranking	Country	Matches Played	Points	Rating
34	Tanzania	41	4082	100
50	Malawi	43	2019	47
66	Ghana	19	570	30
73	Eswatini	19	491	26
90	St Helena	8	44	6
95=	Seychelles	7	0	0



ST HELENA GOLF REPORT

Contributed by St Helena Golf Club

CHA -CHA -CHA MAKES HISTORY AT ST HELENA GOLF CLUB!

Sunday, 1 February 2026, saw a fantastic turnout of golfers at St Helena Golf Club for a truly unique 4- or 3-man Cha-Cha-Cha Stableford competition – the first time this exciting format has been played at the club!

The event was generously sponsored by Laura Buckley, whose innovation and support were warmly appreciated by everyone involved.

Players enjoyed dry and warm conditions, ideal for scoring, although fast greens ensured accuracy and good touch were essential throughout the round.



1st Place (85 pts):
Laura Buckley, Keith Joshua, Jeffrey Stevens & Lawson Henry



2nd Place (82 pts):
Bramwell Bushuru, Gerald George & Neil Joshua



3rd Place (78 pts):
Hensil Beard, Paddo Johnson & Freddy Thomas

Special Prizes:

- Longest Drive – Gents: Lawson Henry
- Longest Drive – Ladies: Helena Stevens
- Nearest to the Pin (16th): Bramwell Bushuru
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There was no winner in the NBO Two-Ball Pool, and the balls will be carried forward to next Sunday.

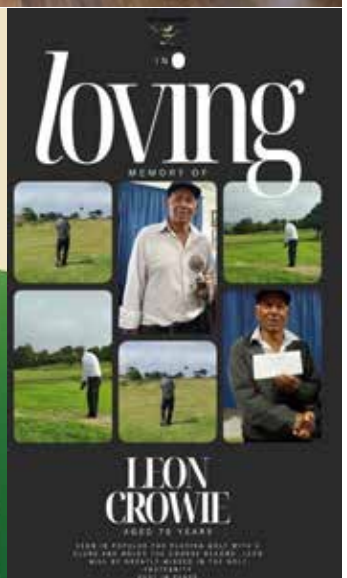
Players wishing to take part in the Two -Ball Pool for the Leon Crowie Memorial, but who did not play in this competition, will need to put in two balls.

The club extends its profound thanks to Laura Buckley for her generous sponsorship and for introducing such an enjoyable and refreshing format.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone who took part!



**Happy Swinging
SHGC**





CRICKET REPORT

Contributed by the St Helena Cricket Association

WEEK 5

Cobras 175/10 (31.4 overs)

Martin Cranfield - 73 (20.2)

Patrick Crowie - 59 (28)

Hugo Richards - 4/41 (6 overs)

Jason Thomas - 3/17 (7 overs)

Jamestown Heat 179/7 (25.3 overs)

Hugo Richards - 34 (13.5)

Damien Burns - 36 (20.4)

Martin Cranfield - 2/19 (5 overs)

Tyler Anthony - 2/22 (3 overs)

Player of the Match - Hugo Richards (Jamestown Heat)

Royal Challengers 327/7 (35 overs)

Andrew Yon - 122 (32)

Damien O'Bey - 45* (35)

Rhys Francis - 3/53 (7 overs)

Jerry Thomas - 1/43 (4 overs)

Sandy Bay Pirates 193/10 (29.3 overs)

Rhys Francis - 103 (27.3)

Brett Isaac - 40 (23.3)

Jordan Yon - 4/37 (7 overs)

Damien O'Bey - 1/5 (0.5 overs)

Player of the Match - Andrew Yon (Royal Challengers)

Western A Mustangs 200/7 (35 overs)

Kyle Bennett - 63* (35)

Jamie Ellick - 65 (19.4)

Shavone Leo - 2/29 (5 overs)

Clayton Leo - 1/18 (7 overs)

Levelwood Allstars 201/4 (24.5 overs)

Stefan Leo - 80* (35)

Shavone Leo - 39* (35)

Gareth Johnson - 2/47 (6 overs)

Tyler Anthony - 1/25 (4 overs)

Player of the Match - Shavone Leo (Levelwood Allstars)

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Sat 7th Feb @ 08:30 - Sandy Bay Pirates v Jamestown Heat

Sat 7th Feb @ 13:30 - Cobras v Western A Mustangs



FROM THE COUCH

Contributed by Leigh & Louis



Saturday 31st	Brighton	1	1	Everton
Saturday 31st	Leeds	0	4	Arsenal
Saturday 31st	Wolves	0	2	Bournemouth
Saturday 31st	Chelsea	3	2	West Ham
Saturday 31st	Liverpool	4	1	Newcastle
Sunday 1st	Aston Villa	0	1	Brentford
Sunday 1st	Man United	3	2	Fulham
Sunday 1st	Nott'm Forest	1	1	Crystal Palace
Sunday 1st	Tottenham	2	2	Man City
Monday 2nd	Sunderland	3	0	Burnley



Match Report

Enzo Fernandez scored a stoppage-time winner as Chelsea remarkably recovered from 2-0 down at half-time to beat West Ham United 3-2.

Liam Rosenior made six changes to the Chelsea team that defeated Crystal Palace last week-end, and it looked like his tinkering would backfire when Jarrod Bowen and Crysencio Summerville scored in the first half.

However, a triple half-time alteration from Rosenior changed the course of the game, with headers from substitutes Joao Pedro and Marc Cucurella getting Chelsea back on level terms.

Jean-Clair Todibo missed a glaring chance to put West Ham 3-2 up, and Nuno Espirito Santo's men were then left heartbroken when Fernandez stroked home in the second minute of stoppage time.

West Ham's misery was compounded as Todibo saw red for grabbing Joao Pedro around the throat as the Hammers stay 18th, five points adrift of safety, while Chelsea surge into the top four. Arsenal substitute Mikel Merino thought he had salvaged a point, but he was outdone by Cunha, who curled home superbly from distance only two minutes and 58 seconds later.

United's second win in as many games under Michael Carrick moves them above Chelsea and Liverpool into fourth, with Arsenal's lead at the top now only four points.



Man of the Match



Friday 6th	20:00	Leeds	vs	Nott'm Forest
Saturday 7th	12:30	Man United	vs	Tottenham
Saturday 7th	15:00	Arsenal	vs	Sunderland
Saturday 7th	15:00	Bournemouth	vs	Aston Villa
Saturday 7th	15:00	Burnley	vs	West Ham
Saturday 7th	15:00	Fulham	vs	Everton
Saturday 7th	15:00	Wolves	vs	Chelsea
Saturday 7th	17:30	Newcastle	vs	Brentford
Sunday 8th	14:00	Brighton	vs	Crystal Palace
Sunday 8th	16:30	Liverpool	vs	Man City



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- Fiber Internet Available on Island
- Close to the Capital Jamestown
- Potential for Open-Plan Living/Dining Area & Two Spacious Bedrooms (Including Ensuite Master) & a 3rd Bedroom / Office
- Large Windows and Sliding Doors
- Outdoor Space & Garden
- Sunset Views of Castle



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MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



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Immingham	20-Dec	17-Jan	21-Feb
	KAROLINE 261701	KAROLINE 261702	KAROLINE 261703
Cape Town	31-Jan	03-Mar	03-Apr
Rupert's Bay	09-Feb	11-Mar	11-Apr
Ascension Island		16-Mar	
	KAROLINE 261801	KAROLINE 261802	KAROLINE 261803
Cape Town	22-Feb	1-Apr	24-Apr

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