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SHG Announce Amendments to the Civil Litigation Costs Ordinance in Advance of Next Month's Judicial Review

In Monday this week SHG issued a press release announcing Executive Council had approved amendments to the Civil Litigations Costs Ordinance. The amendments are proposals at this stage. Exco will have agreed the amendments go forward for public consultation and then to Legislative Council where there will be a vote on whether the amendments are passed, or not. After-the-Event-Insurance is one of the provisions in the Ordinance which is proposed for amendment. This insurance is a vital part of the costs structure for medical negligence and personal injury claims. The insurance is designed to reduce the financial risk for individuals pursuing claims and to help ensure that access to justice is not limited by personal financial circumstances. The proposed changes would allow the courts to include some or all of the cost of ATE insurance premiums in cost awards for clinical negligence and other personal injury claims, SHG says.

Another area proposed for amendment is the costs that can be claimed by solicitors and barristers at the conclusion of a court case. Normally the unsuccessful party pays the successful party's costs. However, the judge can rule differently on some of the details in some situations. There is also a detailed, some may say cumbersome, procedure for managing and monitoring costs through the course of the court process.

The Ordinance passed last June set out hourly rates for solicitors and barristers which were included in the Legal Notice connected to the Ordinance. This meant the Legal Notice would need to be revised at intervals, presumably by the Attorney General's Chambers and possibly after some lengthy discussion with solicitors and barristers a procedure would be agreed. Possibly the amendment procedure would then join the end of the queue of work waiting for attention in the Attorney General's Chambers.

	Proposed Amendment	Civil Litigation Costs Notice 2025
Fee Earner	Hourly Rate	Hourly Rate
Solicitors and legal executives with over 8 years' experience, and Barristers	£295	£220
Solicitors and legal executives with over 4 years' experience	£247	£195
Other solicitors or legal executives and fee earners of equivalent experience	£201	£150
Trainee solicitors, paralegals and other fee earners	£142	£105

The proposed amendment would link St Helena rates with those used in England and Wales. SHG states, "It ensures that the island's legal framework remains aligned with recognised and well-established standards, providing confidence to both local residents and external legal professionals. This approach also helps future-proof the system, ensuring that it keeps pace with changes elsewhere while still being applied in a way that reflects St Helena's local context." Some of that requires further explanation but the seemingly automatic adjustments to hourly rates as price inflation continues to erode the value of money looks to be a welcome and sensible step forward.

The proposed amendment will be to use UK 'National Board 1' hourly pay

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scale. This pay scale applies in the south and south east of England except for central London, London boroughs and some areas immediately outside London.

Hourly rates paid to solicitors include contributions to general law firm costs, often referred to as "overheads". These include office rent, electricity, insurance, staff wages (non-fee earners like receptionists), IT systems, taxes and charges and general office equipment.

The UK Bar Standards Board explains that in the UK, different barristers may charge for their work in different ways. For example, they may charge by the hour, or offer you a fixed fee for a particular piece of work, or how much you pay may depend on whether you win your case or not. Barristers must publish their fees.

Linking St Helena's rates to those used in England and Wales may align with one of the UK hourly pay rates for solicitors but the fees paid to barristers working in the UK are charged on a different basis. It needs to be confirmed that barristers of high reputation can be attracted to represent Saints in St Helena when the need arises if they are paid as proposed – the highest rate, appears to be £295? In connection with that, what does 'except for parts of central London mean, exactly?

Where To Now?

Overall, the proposed amendments seem to address the main points of contention raised in the court papers handed to the Independent at the time the St Helena Equality and Human Rights Commission and Hugh James Solicitors made applications for a Judicial Review.

But, are there other points of difference which could be addressed and hopefully resolved while this amendment process is underway? Can we be satisfactorily assured the proposed amendments do, in fact, resolve the differences that have bedevilled the Civil Litigation Costs Ordinance from the moment it was rushed through Legislative Council last June?

Public consultation on the very complex legal and procedural issues involved will be worthless without the benefit of public legal advice and assurances from legal experts.

Will the other parties involved in the judicial review provide official statements offering the St Helena public their views on the proposed amendments? Other opinions are vital. Such opinions will need to offer assurance that the proposals provide for better functionality of the revised Civil Cost Ordinance as a whole and access to justice that for Saints in particular.

Will respected bodies representing large memberships of the legal professions also provide independent official statements which give their views on access to justice for Saints under the St Helena legal system?

Lastly, now seems a good time to start a review of all aspects of the St Helena legal system, right across the piece – both the legislature and law making and the judiciary. This is a very large and complex issue. It means starting a process that will take some time. But, if you do not start, you will never finish.

It's All About the Money

Last week, SHG announced the UK financial aid settlement for the financial year starting this month. We reported on it last week but here is a quick reminder. First, the decision on the settlement was made by the UK much quicker than in recent years. That helps a lot. Secondly, a three-year settlement was agreed. That helps even more, it avoids the chaos of stop/start financial planning when the settlement decision is a month or more late. As for the money; there is a £40 million capital spending programme promised. This still needs to be finalised. Also, there a bit more funding than was probably expected this year for recurrent (day-to-day) expenditure.



First, reports published since SHG's announcement last Wednesday on the financial settlement show better than expected settlement were also received by Montserrat and Pitcairn, the other two Overseas Territories financially dependent on the UK. Secondly, subsequent reports also show a widespread perception that financial aid to St Helena is exactly the same as UK Aid to Sudan, Lebanon and Ukraine or Africa, Asia Pacific and the Middle East, and more. The Centre for Global Development compiled a table of figures to show how the financially dependent Overseas Territories did this year

It is shameful that successive UK governments have found it necessary to chip away at UK AID so that now it is less than half what it was in the comparatively calm and peaceful days in 2013 – 2020. In 2021 the Covid pandemic caused the UK to make aid cuts. Since then, the aid budget seems to have become like the tin some people keep on the top shelf to collect their savings. It is the first thing to be raided when cash is a bit short.

A prominent and typical example of misunderstanding is the difference between UK aid to the Overseas Territories and aid allocated to war-torn countries such as Ukraine, Palestine and Sudan or climate change suffering countries in the Asia Pacific region who also have infrastructure, health and education needs.

The Overseas Territories have a longstanding first call on UK aid simply because they are British Overseas Territories. Running alongside that is the muddling question of British citizenship and its entitlements for Brits in the Overseas Territories. This most important issue only given a quick nod in reports from some think tanks such as the Centre for Global Development (CGD). They did not manage to take their thinking that extra mile.

Country - Region	2026/27 aid allocation	Population (latest estimate)	Aid per person
Overseas Territories	£130,000,000	8,419	£15,441.26
Asia Pacific	£113,000,000	2,141,122	£52.78
Palestine	£101,000,000	5,289,152	£19.10
Ukraine	£240,000,000	37,860,221	£6.34
Lebanon	£33,500,000	5,805,962	£5.77
Sudan	£120,000,000	50,558,963	£2.38
Africa	£818,000,000	1,291,044,964	£0.63p
Middle East (North)	£375,000,000	736,401,764	£0.51p
Eastern Europe & Central Asia	£13,000,000	250,281,521	£0.05p

Source: Centre for Global Development

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The CGD rushed out a flawed assessment the day after the official UK aid announcement. It included, "The British Overseas Territories include numerous islands across the Pacific, Atlantic, and Caribbean. However, the majority of these (such as the Cayman Islands or Bermuda) are comparatively wealthy. Only two remain ODA-eligible: Montserrat and Saint Helena. It is worth noting that the tiny island of Pitcairn also receives UK ODA despite not being on the ODA-eligible list; the UK appears to claim in DAC statistics that it is going elsewhere. This betrays ignorance of the different priorities and entitlements afforded to Overseas Territories.

The CGD continued, "These three territories (of which one doesn't appear to be eligible, see below) currently have a combined population of 8,419 people (4,399 in Montserrat, 3970 in Saint Helena, and around 50 in Pitcairn), roughly equivalent to the capacity of Leyton Orient's stadium, a third-tier football team. They nevertheless have a protected allocation of £130 million, meaning Saint Helena, Montserrat, and Pitcairn will receive ODA to the tune of roughly £15,441 per person per year on average. Sub-Saharan Africa has a population of 1.29 billion and is budgeted to receive £818 million from FCDO in 2026/27: a per person allocation of around 63p. The per-person ODA allocation from FCDO for the overseas territories could buy you nearly one year's rent at the UK average. The per-person allocation for Sub-Saharan Africa could buy you a small packet of own-brand crisps."

The over simplification is nothing short of embarrassing. But that does not stop the CGD from pressing forward with yet more. They tell us:-

"The FCDO should rethink the increase to overseas territories

The amount of aid to the overseas territories has always been disproportionate relative to their wealth and population, but in the past, it was a relatively minor concern: reallocating the £60-£80 million or so would not have made a huge difference to the budgets of other countries. But after years of steep cuts to other programmes, this is no longer a trivial allocation decision. By 2028/29, it is plausible that 4000 people get more aid than the whole of Sudan (a country with 50.4 million), supposedly a priority country. The UK should find another budget to fulfil its commitments to these territories, rather than taking even more out of an already decimated aid budget."

Quite clearly, for Overseas Territories read 'undeserving foreign outposts of no consequence'.

Finding another budget and giving it a new name is not an original idea, and it's not the best. It's a bit like rearranging the chairs on the ship of state while the government try to avoid another iceberg. Whatever label is given to the pot of money it still adds to the bottom line and tax money has to be found to cover it. Why on earth didn't CGD suggest some effective and realistic ways to spend the money available so we got more for less. That would get the thinktank thinking.

Let's flip this thing on its head. There is a town in north-east England called Preston, North Tyneside. By coincidence the population of this town is 8,419 – exactly the same as St Helena, Montserrat and Pitcairn combined. Well – that's the town the computer threw up when asked for a English town with a population of 8,419. The snag is Preston, North Tyneside was home to that number of souls at the last census, in 2011. We'll let that pass.

To move on to 2026, this town's population pays its council tax to the North Tyneside local authority and also income tax and VAT to the central government. There is also corporation tax and business rates plus whatever else the furtive imaginations in the HM Treasury can brew in their cauldrons to fund aircraft carriers and Eurofighter war planes. What the local area gets back from central government from main funding sources amounts to £416,566,000. The local area has a population of 215,045 at the last count. That means every man, woman and child gets about £1,950 from central government to keep the local services going. Maybe the potholes are not included, from what I've heard. No doubt like us, there are other pots of funding money they can dip into for specific purposes.

I'm sure the good people of Preston, North Tyneside would be up in arms if the UK government told them there is no money this year or next to fund the £352 million 10-year investment plan. Exactly that has happened here, but we took it on the chin. Now, when we look like getting some funding, at last, which may have positive, tangible benefits that all can see, there are those in the UK who object to Saints and others in Overseas Territories getting some possibly useful central government funding for once. The UK government is our central government, no matter how the chairs are arranged on the ship of state.

Public Service Overseas Recruitment Drive

Challenges Filling Roles Locally Because of Severe Skills Shortages

Saints working overseas are to be encouraged to return home by offering financial support towards the cost of making the move. An SHG announcement describes options that are being explored to make contributions to relocation costs, pensions and rental costs (if the role is at the lower grade and if the individual does not have their own accommodation).

SHG have a severe skills shortage among their workforce, and it can only get worse if the 'do nothing' option is chosen. They also point out the 'evolving demand for public services' makes the problems caused by a shrinking and ageing population more pressing. A minister told the Independent this week St Helena urgently needs more than plumbers, electricians, carpenters and IT staff. There are shortages in all types of jobs everywhere you look.

The SHG announcement explained, "Saints abroad bring valuable knowledge, cultural connection and commitment to our workforce and community. We will be exploring ways to expand our current advertising mediums with a view to ensuring the widest possible reach within the diaspora and encouraging Saints to return and join the Public Service."

At this stage it seems the details need to be decided. At first sight, it can be anticipated the Saints working overseas most likely to be attracted to a relocation package are those nearing retirement and already thinking of returning to St Helena, but have a limited number of working years remaining. The ideal target is younger Saints with families.

It is possible a system of tapered financial support is put in place, based on how many economically active years applicants have. While the introduction of relocation packages can be expected to have some success, the fact still remains that attracting Saints back home relies mainly on making essential services more efficient and less expensive, together with progress on education reforms and continuing improvements in the health service.

Being Saint is Not Enough

It is recognised relocation packages for Saints working overseas is not the complete answer to the severe labour shortages in both the public and private sectors. More workers will still need to be recruited. As far as the Public Service is concerned, SHG state "the challenge of filling roles from the local labour market is increasingly felt across a wider range of public service roles. To address these challenges responsibly, we are expanding our recruitment efforts to explore alternative and affordable labour markets, beyond St Helena and the UK." It is explained, "This approach allows us to bring in the required skills, experience and capacity needed to support various sectors, maintain service standards and enable long-term development. These skills will complement those of our local labour force. In this regard, we were able to successfully pilot the recruitment of a small cohort of carers from the Philippines in 2025."

It is very clear that if small, remote, financially dependent islands such as St Helena are to function as near-normal as possible, outside help in maintaining all the services that support essential needs is vital. When SHG say, "we are expanding our recruitment efforts to explore alternative and affordable labour markets, beyond St Helena and the UK" this must mean following the recruitment methods of developed countries by focusing recruitment campaigns directly in countries where it is known successful responses are most likely.

One such place must be South Africa. Anyone who has been referred to South Africa for medical treatment and has made an effort to get to know the nurses that attend to them will know there is a strong desire among them to escape the kind of life they have to endure in South Africa. When they ask about St Helena, many of them immediately realise they would have a better quality of life here. Apart from that, they are good fun to be with, after you get to know them a bit.

What SHG is planning is nothing new. Throughout St Helena's entire history of human habitation people from other countries in Europe, Africa and Asia have been attracted here (or brought here) for the very same reasons. This part of history is one of the things that has made St Helena the very special place it is today. As so often happens, history is repeating itself.

For Our UK Readers



St Chad's Church, on the corner of Dunloe Street and Appleby Street in Haggerston, London E2 is a Grade 1 listed building.

The links between St Helena starts with Nicola and Andrew McHugh. Both have been living in St Helena. Nicola was involved with the School of Nursing while Andrew studied for his Master's Degree in health systems management. In 2020 the McHugh's were active members of Epwell parish, near Banbury. In response to a plea from Bishop Dale, the McHughs organised the parishioners to respond by donating a small bell for St Andrew's church at Half Tree Hollow.

Andrew McHugh told the Banbury Guardian, "My wife Nicola and I lived, very happily, on the Island for two years. We both became involved with The St Helena Diocesan Association on our return to the UK." He also mentioned, "Bishop James Johnson - former Bishop of St Helena - lives nearby and is a personal friend." The McHugh's have evidently moved and are now active members of St Chad's parish in Haggerston. Also involved in the Festival for St Helena is Bishop Richard Fenwick, who many will remember a former Bishop of St Helena.

A Festival for Saint Helena

The St Helena Diocesan Association

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Bishop Richard Fenwick
& Canon Stephen Gallagher
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New Ground

McDaniels

Half Tree Hollow

Joshies
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SydneyRays

St Pauls

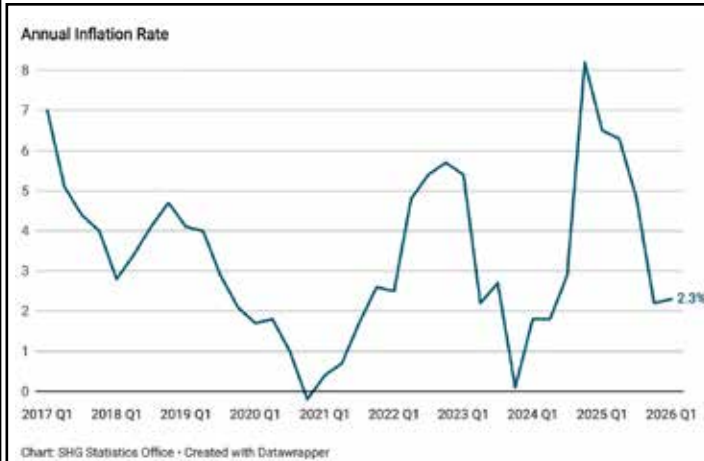
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Levelwood

Silver Hill Shop

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Price Increases 2026 - So Far



The chart line is expected to show an increase in the months ahead due to Trump's war in Iran. We may feel it first when the fuel pumped ashore a few weeks ago by the Talisker reaches the fuel stations. Fuel price increases eventually affect everything we buy.

Inflation figures released by the Government Statistics Office calculate an increase of 0.5% for the first three months of this year. Compared with prices twelve months ago, the increase is 2.3%.

Price increases over the past three months most affected alcohol and tobacco (0.9%) due mainly to increases in the price of cigarettes. Also food (0.6%) and transport (0.6%). A category called Miscellaneous goods and services also showed increases since 1st January by as much as alcohol and tobacco. The price of toilet rolls is pin-pointed in the descriptive text accompanying the figures.

Alcohol and tobacco prices have increased by 4.8% when compared with a year ago. Surprisingly, food prices only increased

by 0.9% compared with this time last year. The category showing the biggest year-on-year increase is household energy at 10.2%.

Price inflation in the UK and South Africa have major knock-on effects for St Helena, as most of what we buy is imported from those two countries. The February year-on-year price inflation figures for both countries remained stable.

Currency variations also affect the value of goods imported from South Africa. The value of the Rand compared to the Pound has remained stable, overall, suggesting outside influences have only had a minor effect on price rises in St Helena over the past year. Although imported meats and dairy products is a major reason the 0.9% year-on-year increase shown in the food category.

Blast from the Past



***The White Horse - park yer saddle and grab a pint (you deserve it)
Photo Provided by Tony Brooks***

SNAPSHOTS:

The World in a Week of Trump's Iran War

11th April
POLITICO

Pope Leo XIV denounces the 'delusion of omnipotence' he says fuels the US-Israeli war in Iran - "Enough of the idolatry of self and money!" the pontiff said. "Enough of the display of power! Enough of war!"

12th April
CNN

Trump tore into the pope on Sunday evening, denouncing his stance on the Iran war. "Pope Leo is WEAK on Crime, and terrible for Foreign Policy," Trump wrote, going on to say he doesn't want a pope who thinks it's OK for Iran to have a nuclear weapon or who thinks it's "terrible that America attacked Venezuela." Trump added, "I don't want a Pope who criticises the President of the United States,"

12th April
The Guardian

Car buyers' interest in electric cars has surged across Europe since the start of the war in Iran, as the rising cost of petrol highlights the cheaper power available from a plug. Online marketplaces in the UK, Germany, France and Spain reported huge increases in inquiries about electric vehicles since the start

13th April
AVIATION WEEK
by informa•••

As Europe's airports warn of "systemic fuel shortages" in the EU if oil tanker passage through the Strait of Hormuz is not restored within three weeks, the region's airlines are calling for concrete help from EU policymakers to weather the Middle East crisis.

14th April

BBC NEWS

Several Ships Cross Strait and Leave Iranian Ports Since Start of US Blockade

Shipping data analysed by BBC Verify shows that at least four Iran-linked ships, including two that visited Iranian ports, crossed the Strait of Hormuz on Tuesday. A further three ships that were not linked to Iran were seen to have crossed the strait after the blockade started at 14:00 GMT on Monday.

The US naval blockade of Iranian ports has remained largely unclear during its first full day, with our security correspondent Frank Gardner suggesting a lack of preparation and transponder interference as possible explanations.

15th April

NBC NEWS

Senate to vote on curbing Trump's Iran war powers

Vice President JD Vance rebuked Pope Leo XIV yesterday over his criticisms of U.S. foreign policy and the war.

16th April

sky news

Setback in Australia's fuel crisis as fire breaks out at oil refinery

A large fire has broken out at one of Australia's two operating oil refineries - prompting fears over the country's petrol supplies amid global disruption caused by the Middle East conflict. The facility, supplies 10% of the country's fuel

Tickle Yer Funny Bone

An Englishman, a Scotsman, and an Irishman are all builders working on a bridge. The Englishman opens his lunch-box and says, "If I get one more tuna sandwich, I'm going to jump off this bridge." The Scotsman opens his lunch box and says, "If I get one more ham sandwich, I'm going to jump off this bridge." The Irishman then says, "If I get one more egg sandwich, I'm going to jump off this bridge." The next day, all three get the same lunch, all three jump off the bridge, and all three die. At their funeral, the Englishman's wife says, "If only I'd known he didn't like tuna." The Scotsman's wife says, "If only I'd known he didn't like ham." The Irishman's wife says, "I don't understand it. He made his own sandwiches."

An Englishman, a Scotsman, and an Irishman walk into a bar. The Englishman has a sword, the Scotsman has an axe, and the Irishman has a bomb. The Englishman throws his sword out the window and leaves. On his way home, he finds a little boy crying. "Oh, what is the matter, poor child?"

"A sword flew out of the sky and it landed on my father..." the boy sobs. The Englishman walks home.

The Scotsman throws his axe out the window and walks home. On his way home, he finds a little girl crying "Dear lass, what's the matter?" he asks. "An axe fell out of the sky and it landed on my brother..." The Scotsman walks home.

The Irishman throws his bomb out the window and leaves. On his way home, he finds a little boy laughing hysterically. "What's so funny, lad?" he asks. "I farted and my house blew up."

An Englishman, Scotsman, and yer man Paddy were boasting about how famous their uncles are. "My uncle is a bishop," said the Englishman, "and when he walks down the street, everybody says, 'Your Lordship.'" "My uncle is a cardinal," said the Scotsman, "and when he walks down the street everybody says, 'Your Eminence.'" "Dat's nothing," says Paddy. "My uncle weighs twenty-nine stone, and when he walks down the street everybody says, 'God Almighty!'"

An Englishman, a Scotsman, a Welshman and Paddy the Irishman were flying together in an airliner. The captain announced that due to the failure of one of the engines they were rapidly losing altitude and that one of them would have to jump out to save the others. "I do this for the glory of Scotland!" said the Scot and he jumped out. "We need to lose more weight," cried the captain, so the Welshman shouted as he jumped, "I do this for the glory of Wales!" "Sorry," said the captain. "I'm afraid we need to lose more weight." "I do this for the glory of Ireland!" said Paddy the Irishman as he threw the Englishman from the plane.

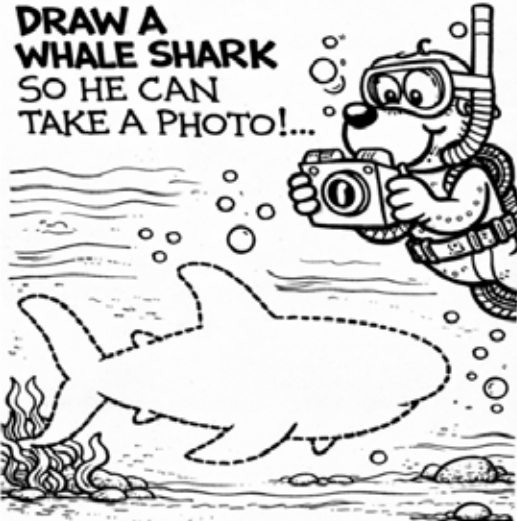
Two Englishman, two Irishmen, and two Scotsmen are shipwrecked on an island. Within a month, the Irishmen are distilling whiskey, the Scots are selling it at their pub, and the Englishmen are drinking on opposite sides of the bar because they haven't yet been properly introduced.

An Englishman and a Scotsman each had a horse but they couldn't tell them apart. So the Englishman cut the tail off his horse and all went well for a while, but then the Scotsman's horse lost his tail in an accident so they were back where they started. Finally, they consulted an Irishman and he said, 'You two are a right pair of fools. Anyone can see that the black horse is three inches taller than the white horse.'



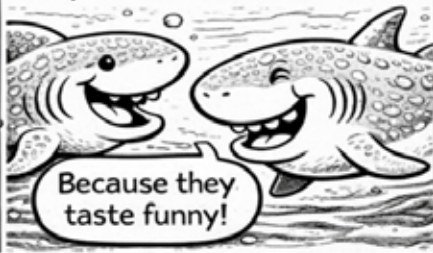
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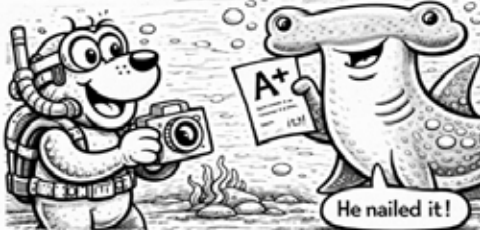


..... Whale shark

Why won't sharks eat clowns?



How did the hammerhead shark do on his test?



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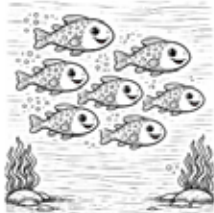
CAN YOU FIND THESE PARTS OF A SHARK?



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J	A	W	I	U	Y	G	P
H	N	M	Q	L	B	S	K

- DORSAL
- FIN
- GILL
- BODY
- JAW

What do a shark and a computer have in common?



They both have megabytes!

A GROUP OF WHALE SHARKS IS CALLED A SCHOOL. GIVE ME 5 RHYMES FOR



UNSCRAMBLE THIS TO SEE WHERE THE WHALE SHARK LIVES...

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St Helena's Day Celebrations 2026

Thursday 21st May

Will be hosted by the St Helena Football Association,
in collaboration with the St Helena National Trust.

FLOAT COMPETITION

Theme: *"St Helenian Food"*

A Fusion of Continents - A taste of home!

*This year we want to celebrate the flavours that define us!
Explore and showcase the unique culinary heritage of our island.
From traditional roots to global influences - that has made our local cuisine
truly one of a kind.*

Open to: Districts * Community groups * Schools * Families * Businesses

CASH PRIZES will be awarded to 1st * 2nd * 3rd Places

More details of the day will be advertised shortly

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St Helena's Day Celebrations 2026

Calling all interested food vendors & stall holders

Calling on Our Community! Be part of something truly special as we celebrate the rich and distinctive flavours of St Helena—recipes and traditions created on our island, shaped by our history, and passed down through generations. We invite you to share your homemade delights, from jams, jellies, and preserves to sweet treats like fudge, coconut ice, and other favourites that capture the taste of home. This is your chance to showcase your creativity, share your skills, and celebrate the stories behind your recipes, all while taking part in a vibrant community event with friendly competitions and prizes to be won. Every jar and every bite reflects who we are as a people, so join us in keeping these traditions alive and let others experience the true, authentic taste of St Helena. **Note: All stalls are, as usual, welcome!**

Please register with Alayah Pidgley on 25531 or E: alayah.pidgley@trust.org.sh



Births (Mar '26)

Addison Grace Yon (F) - 04/03/2026

Thyia Ella Rose Thomas-Green (F) - 11/03/2026

Jose John (M) - 17/03/2026

Sloane Aster Yon (F) - 31/03/2026

Deaths (Mar '26)

Auntry May Lawrence (Female, 78) - 08/03/2026

Reynold Arthur Knipe (Male, 65) - 08/03/2026

Muatile Hisekua (Male, 45) - 09/03/2026

Sona Haig Pangbourne (Female, 81) - 11/03/2026

Elvina Joyce Mercury (Female, 95) - 12/03/2026

Gwendoline Vivien Leo (Female, 78) - 13/03/2026

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT 



communion in action


WEEK OF PRAYER 2026

18-25 April

Sat 18	11 AM	 SDA Church Hall
Sun 19 - Fri 24	7 PM	
Sat 25	11 AM	

 Youth Ministries Leader - Georgia Bedwell 25710

Baptist Church
Gospel Outreach




MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD

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When: Sunday: 19th April 2026

Where: Blue Hill Community Centre

Time: 3.00 pm



sing!



Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 19th April 2026 - 2nd Sunday after Easter

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist/Church Parade	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
	Thursday 23rd April	
7.00 p.m.	Mission Worship and Praise	Blue Hill Community Centre

The Parish of St James


Sunday 19th April 2026 - 2nd Sunday after Easter

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 23rd April	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John

Sunday 19th April 2026 - 2nd Sunday after Easter

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthews
	Tuesday 21st April	
7.00 p.m.	Bible School on Wheels	St Mark

APRIL OPENING HOURS



Main Branch

Monday - Friday	08:45 - 15:00
Saturday	09:00 - 12:00


Airport Kiosk



Flight days only	10:30 - 14:30
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Remote Banking



HTH Supermarket	Thursday, 23 April 2026	09:30 - 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Friday, 24 April 2026	09:30 - 13:00

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Bank Teller

Commencing at £10,908 per annum

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

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

The main duties of the post include:

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

Interested persons can contact the Teller Services Manager on + 290 22390 ext 211 or email tellerservicesmanager@sainthelenabank.com or Operations Manager on email operationsmanager@sainthelenabank.com or on +290 22390 ext 205 for more information.

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

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

Closing date for applications is Friday, 01 May 2026.

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ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND PLANNING

Water Resourcing Management Plan - Consultation on the Draft Plan

The St Helena Government (SHG), in partnership with Connect Saint Helena Ltd and JBA Consulting, invites the community to take part in the public consultation exercise for the island's Draft Water Resource Management Plan (WRMP). The Plan has been commissioned by SHG to support long-term planning for water resources on the island. It is a strategy for maintaining the balance between supply and demand for water over the next 40 years, aiming to ensure a secure and sustainable supply of water to meet forecast customer demand.

This important plan will guide how St Helena secures reliable and sustainable water supplies for homes, agriculture, businesses, and the natural environment over the coming years. Following stakeholder and community engagement and technical analysis of water use, supply, and future risks across the island, the draft Plan is now ready for consultation and review. It brings together local feedback and evidence-based assessment to set out practical, long-term solutions that strengthen resilience to climate change and drought while protecting our environment.

WHY YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Water affects everyone on St Helena. Reviewing the draft Plan is your opportunity to see how your views have shaped the proposals and to ensure they reflect the island's priorities. Your continued involvement helps guide how water is managed and invested in – now and for future generations.

HOW TO TAKE PART

Join one of our community consultation events as follows:

- **Jamestown Community Centre – Tuesday 21 April at 7pm – 8.30 pm.**
- **Longwood Community Centre – Wednesday 22 April, 7pm – 8.30 pm.**
- **Jamestown Museum – Thursday 23 April, 1pm – 3pm (Day Time Drop-In Session – Come and chat about the draft with the Consultation Team).**
- **Kingshurst Community Centre, St Pauls – Thursday 23 April, 7pm – 8.30 pm.**

Consultation materials will also be available online and through hard copies at the following venues: Jamestown Library, Essex House and Scotland Offices Reception areas, with opportunities to submit feedback in writing.

Written feedback on the draft Plan should be submitted to Project Manager, Lesa Davidson via email at lesa.davidson@sainthelena.gov.sh or via hard copy at Essex House Reception Desk by no later than 8 May 2026.

This project to develop a Water Resources Management Plan has been approved for funding under the UK funded Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), in partnership with the FCDO.

SHG

13 April 2026

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<https://www.facebook.com/StHelenaGovt>



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

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Senior Care Assistants - Social Care (£11,935 per annum)

Social Care is seeking to recruit Senior Care Assistants to work across the areas of Ebony View, the Community Care Centre, and Sheltered Accommodation. The successful candidates will be responsible for delivering care and promoting the well-being of service users in accordance with individual Care Plans, as well as established unit procedures and guidelines. Applicants should possess strong interpersonal skills and have experience of working with challenging behaviour within a care setting.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Latoya Thomas on Tel No. 23151 or Email: latoya.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh
 Kelly Hopkins on Tel No. 23343 or Email: kelly.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh
 Tinevimbonashe Hove on Tel No. 23090 or Email: tinevimbonashe.hove@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 21 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 24 April 2026
Interview date: Week commencing 4 May 2026

Maintenance & Supplies Supervisor (£11,604 per annum)

The Community Care Centre is seeking to appoint a Maintenance & Supplies Supervisor to join its small and dynamic team. The individual will be responsible for supervising Handymen/Drivers, including the daily allocation of work schedules, overseeing cleaning and general maintenance activities, and reporting any vehicle repairs to the Transport Section. The post holder will also be required to carry out maintenance tasks and minor repairs across all Social Care premises, as requested.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Tinevimbonashe Hove on Tel No. 23090 or Email: Tinevimbonashe.hove@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 20 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 23 April 2026
Interview date: Week commencing 11 May 2026

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Social Care Officer (£13,569 per annum)

Are you interested in joining a small, dynamic team? If so, Social Care is offering an opportunity to become a Social Care Officer. In this important role, you will work directly with children and families, building meaningful relationships and contributing to the delivery of family and parenting support programmes. You will also support Social Workers with assessments by gathering information, carrying out direct work and delegated tasks, and contributing to observations. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Amy Martin on Tel No. 23312 or Email: amy.martin@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 20 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 23 April 2026
Interview date: 04 May 2026

Teacher (Early Years) (£14,725 - £19,061 per annum depending on qualifications & experience)

Are you passionate about shaping young minds and making a lasting impact in early education? We are looking for an inspiring and dedicated Early Years Teacher to join our vibrant school community and nurture the next generation of learners. In this rewarding role, you will deliver engaging, high-quality teaching within Key Stage 1, creating a positive and stimulating learning environment where every child can thrive. You will plan and deliver well-structured, creative, and differentiated lessons that meet the diverse needs of all learners, ensuring each child is supported and challenged appropriately. You will also set purposeful home learning tasks that reinforce classroom learning and encourage continued progress. A key part of this role is fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive school environment, promoting positive behaviour, supporting student wellbeing, and maintaining high standards of discipline both inside and outside the classroom.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

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

Enquiries: Carlean Crowie on Tel No. 24737 or Email: carlean.crowie@sainthelena.edu.sh
Closing date: 8 May 2026
Shortlisting date: 13 May 2026
Interview date: 22 May 2026

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Mechanic (£11,604 per annum)

The Transport Division is seeking to recruit a Mechanic to join their team. If you are a motivated individual who has the ability to work independently when required and have a sound knowledge of practical mechanics and diagnostics with good attention to detail this could be a good opportunity for you. The role requires you to be fully conversant in applying health and safety procedures to guarantee the safety of employees and products/services ensuring that the vehicles and heavy plant equipment are maintained in a safe operational condition. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Theodore Fowler on Tel No. 23643 or Email: garage.manager@helanta.co.sh
Closing date: 29 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 04 May 2026
Interview date: 11 May 2026

Senior HR Assistant (£11,604 per annum)

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

Enquiries: Sharnell Benjamin on Tel No.22470 or Email: Sharnell.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 22 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 24 April 2026
Interview date: 01 May 2026

Administrative Assistant (£10,088 per annum)

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Central Support team? If so, we are looking to recruit an Administration Assistant. The Administration Assistant is responsible for completing straightforward administrative processes that support the smooth running of Portfolios and delivering a high quality, customer focused service. We are seeking a highly motivated individual who works methodically and has a keen eye for detail that can provide administrative support across the Portfolios. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Sara-Kay Yon on Tel No. 23643 or Email: sara-kay.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 29 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 04 May 2026
Interview date: 11 May 2026

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Healthcare Assistant

Total package value up to £22,983 pa

(comprising salary of £11,693.00 per annum plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits)

About the role

We're offering a unique opportunity for a committed and compassionate individual to join the team at Georgetown Hospital as a Healthcare Assistant. You'll play a vital role in delivering high-quality care to the Ascension Island community. This is a hands-on position working alongside experienced nurses and medical professionals in a small, dynamic team that supports both primary and secondary care needs for the island's population of around 800 residents and their dependants.

What you'll do

As Healthcare Assistant, you'll provide direct patient care and assist with routine hospital procedures under the supervision of nursing and medical staff. You'll be responsible for maintaining cleanliness and hygiene within the hospital environment, ensuring a safe and sterile space for all patients and staff. You'll also be part of the island's emergency response team, carrying out standby duties as an ambulance driver and first responder (full training will be provided). In addition, you may be required to assist with X-ray procedures following appropriate training and supervision. This is a varied and rewarding role where flexibility, teamwork and a commitment to patient care are essential.

What you'll bring

We're looking for someone with experience in a healthcare, hospital or care home setting who is calm, respectful, and empathetic in their approach. You'll have a strong understanding of confidentiality and patient dignity, and a willingness to undertake training in areas such as X-ray techniques and emergency first response. A clean and valid driving licence is essential, as you'll be required to drive the ambulance as part of your duties.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of £11,693 per annum (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a single status contract and these benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth up to £2,400 pa (taxable benefit)
- A single status food allowance of £3,900 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance worth £3,140 per year
- A single status water allowance worth £1,850 per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free annual travel insurance

This appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing date: Friday 08 May 2026

Interviews: Week Commencing 11 May 2026 (via MS Teams if off island)

Start date: As soon as possible

For more information, job descriptions, and to apply visit: <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/>

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



Policy, Projects and Communications Officer

Total package value up to £42,298 per annum

Comprising salary of up to £25,000 plus food and utilities allowances, housing and other benefits – details below.

About the role

This is a unique opportunity to play a central role in shaping policy and communications at the heart of Ascension Island Government. Working closely with the Administrator, Senior Management Team and Island Council, you'll help develop clear, evidence-based policy and ensure key priorities are delivered effectively. You'll operate across a wide range of areas, combining strategic thinking with hands-on delivery, from shaping policy to leading projects and managing communications.

What you'll do

You will develop and influence government policy across all directorates, helping to ensure a consistent and effective approach to delivering strategic objectives. Alongside this, you will lead and support the delivery of key projects and initiatives, working closely with senior colleagues to turn priorities into action. The role involves providing clear, well-evidenced advice to decision-makers, and working collaboratively with legal experts to support strong governance. You will also take a lead on communications, managing external messaging and media enquiries, while supporting internal communications to keep staff informed and engaged. Building strong, trusted relationships with stakeholders both on the island and beyond will be an important part of the role.

What you'll bring

You'll have at least two years' experience in leading, or four years supporting, the delivery of policy development, strategic planning and/or operational delivery within central, regional or local government. With excellent oral and written skills, the ability to write effect reports and presentations, you will be able to adapt your communication approach to a variety of audiences. The role requires effective collaboration across a range of teams, forming strong, positive, professional trusting relationships with colleagues and island-wide stakeholders. A degree in a related subject would be beneficial, as would an awareness of legal frameworks.

What we offer

In addition to a salary of up to £25,000 per annum (depending on qualifications and experience and taxable on Ascension), this role offers an accompanied status contract along with the following benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth £3,000 pa (taxable benefit)
- A food allowance of £7,800 a year accompanied or £3,900 single status per year (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance worth £3,296 per year
- A water allowance worth £3,202 accompanied or £1,921 single status per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment for you and your family
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free schooling for children from 4 up to 16 years
- Free annual travel insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Standard Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical and Dental Clearance

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APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application has been received in respect of the following proposals:

1. **Application 2026/33:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Garage**, Longwood Avenue, on Parcel LWS0408, **Applicant:** Coral Thomas.
2. **Application 2026/34:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Four Bedroom Dwelling**, Bottomwoods CDA, Longwood on Parcel LWN0513, **Applicant:** Blessing Gurure
3. **Application 2026/35:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Change of Use to Museum and Interpretation Centre with Restoration Works to include External Access Ramp, Security Fencing and Car Park Area**, Ruperts Valley, on Parcels RV0055. **Applicant:** St Helena National Trust.

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 08.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Administration Assistant on Telephone 24724 or email rea.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make Representations on any of the above Applications should make them in writing to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email planning.mailbox@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Representation Closing Date: 4pm – 1st May 2026

Patricia Coyle, Head of Planning & Building Control

Guess The Names Behind the Outfits?



Getting Dressed Up for the “Music Bingo”
April 18, Jamestown CC from 7pm

Photo By Zac Bargo

FROM THE COUCH

Contributed by Leigh & Louis



Premier League Results

Friday 10th	West Ham	4	0	Wolves
Saturday 11th	Arsenal	1	2	Bournemouth
Saturday 11th	Brentford	2	2	Everton
Saturday 11th	Burley	0	2	Brighton
Saturday 11th	Liverpool	2	0	Fulham
Sunday 12th	Crystal Palace	2	1	Newcastle
Sunday 12th	Nott'm Forest	1	1	Aston Villa
Sunday 12th	Sunderland	1	0	Tottenham
Sunday 12th	Chelsea	0	3	Man City
Monday 13th	Man United	1	2	Leeds



Match Report

This week's matches proved difficult to choose which one to report on with the losses of the popular clubs on island such as Arsenal, Tottenham, Chelsea and Man United but after a toss, we decided to go with Sunderland and Tottenham as Tottenham remains in the relegation zone.

Roberto De Zerbi's first match in charge of Tottenham Hotspur ended in a disappointing 1-0 defeat at Sunderland that keeps them in the Premier League relegation zone.

Spurs started brightly enough, but Brobbey had the game's first clear-cut chance when he headed over from Enzo Le Fee's dink on the stretch, but the visitors were initially awarded a penalty in the 21st minute but, after a VAR review, referee Robert Jones deemed Sunderland defender Omar Alderete got a touch on the ball before any subsequent contact on Spurs forward Randal Kolo Muani, where Mukiele wastefully nodded Le Fee's clipped free-kick wide and Xhaka whistled one past the left-hand post as Sunderland twice went close.

Brobbey was then denied at point-blank range by Kinsky before Robin Roefs did brilliantly to thwart Solanke at the other end in first-half stoppage time and Richarlison hit a tame effort straight at Roefs on the hour, and Spurs were punished a minute later when Mukiele cut inside from the right and hit a left-footed shot that deflected off Van de Ven and wrong-footed the helpless Kinsky, so a lengthy break in play followed when Romero collided with Kinsky, resulting in the Spurs skipper exiting in tears, while the goalkeeper required a bandage around his head.

Brobbey saw tentative penalty appeals waved away after a coming together with Kevin Danso, and Pedro Porro was wayward with a couple of late efforts as Spurs slumped to another demoralising defeat. Spurs dropped to 18th on 30 points after West Ham United routed Wolverhampton Wanderers on Friday and that is where they remain.



Man of the Match



Premier League Fixtures

Saturday 18th	11:30	Brentford	vs	Fulham
Saturday 18th	14:00	Leeds	vs	Wolves
Saturday 18th	14:00	Newcastle	vs	Bournemouth
Saturday 18th	16:30	Tottenham	vs	Brighton
Saturday 18th	19:00	Chelsea	vs	Man United
Sunday 19th	13:00	Aston Villa	vs	Sunderland
Sunday 19th	13:00	Everton	vs	Liverpool
Sunday 19th	13:00	Nott'm Forest	vs	Burnley
Sunday 19th	15:30	Man City	vs	Arsenal
Monday 20th	19:00	Crystal Palace	vs	West Ham



CRICKET REPORT

Contributed by Cricheroes in conjunction with St Helena Cricket Association



Challengers 205/6 (20 overs)

beat

Jamestown Heat 177/3 (20 overs)

Andrew Yon - 52 (28)
Cliff Richards - 45 (27)
Jamie Essex - 3/35 (4 overs)
Hugo Richards - 1/23 (4 overs)

Bob Vettill - 60 (25)
Jamie Essex - 59* (52)
Jordi Henry - 1/12 (4 overs)
Andrew Yon - 1/13 (2 overs)

Player of the Match - Andrew Yon (Challengers)



Levelwood Allstars 103/2 (12.4 overs)

beat

Sandy Bay Pirates 102/8 (20 overs)

Delroy Leo - 42 (36)
Weston Clingham - 31* (26)
Rhys Francis - 2/18 (3 overs)
Hugo Richards - 1/23 (4 overs)

Ronan Legg - 24 (21)
Jerry Thomas - 18* (33)
Brendan Leo - 3/12 (3 overs)
Clayton Leo - 2/15 (4 overs)

Player of the Match - Brendan Leo (Levelwood Allstars)



Western A Mustangs 56/5 (11.3 overs)

beat

Cobras 55/10 (16 overs)

Kurt Jonas - 16* (21)
Kyle Yon - 10 (13)
Kirk Lawrence - 4/11 (4 overs)
Brian Faas - 1/16 (4 overs)

James Andrews - 15 (17)
Kyle Snow - 15 (19)
Jamie Ellick - 3/4 (2 overs)
Gareth Johnson - 2/9 (3 overs)

Player of the Match - Tyler Anthony (Western A Mustangs)



Saturday 18th April @ 8am Cobras vs Levelwood Allstars **Umpires** - Barry Stroud & Gareth Johnson

Saturday 18th April @ 11am Jamestown Heat vs Western A Mustangs **Umpires** - Dane Leo & Stefan Leo

Saturday 18th April @ 2pm Challengers vs Sandy Bay Pirates **Umpires** - Delroy Leo & Clayton Leo



ST HELENA GOLF REPORT

Contributed by St Helena Golf Club

Captain's Challenge Cup 2026 Produces Thrilling Playoff

A superb day of golf unfolded last Sunday as 19 players teed it up in ideal weather conditions for the Annual Captain's Challenge Cup. With sunshine overhead and no cold showers to trouble the field, conditions were perfect for scoring.

The competition, generously sponsored by Club Captain Bramwell Bushuru, produced a thrilling finish as Neil Joshua and Larry Legg tied at the top of the leaderboard on 69, forcing a playoff on the 18th hole.

The playoff provided high drama. Larry Legg teed off first and found the fairway, applying early pressure. Neil Joshua, playing next, fired his tee shot out of bounds and looked momentarily deflated, almost conceding the contest. Encouraged by Larry, Neil regrouped, re-teed, and this time produced a superb shot that landed on

the green of the drivable par4, keeping his hopes alive.

However, the momentum shifted again when Neil missed his putt, opening the door for Larry. Larry's second shot found the green, leaving him with two putts for victory. Showing great composure, he safely parred the hole to claim this year's Captain's Challenge Cup and first prize, with Neil Joshua settling for a well-earned second place.

The Captain and Paddo Johnson tied on net 70. The captain as the sponsor conceded to Paddo Johnson handing him third prize. Both longest drive and nearest to pin prizes for the ladies were won by Laura

Buckley and the longest drive and nearest to pin prizes for the gents by Freddy Thomas. There was also success in the two ball pool, where Lawson Henry birdied the 7th hole to scoop all the balls.

Congratulations to Larry Legg and all the prizes winner of this year's event.

At the prize giving, the Captain thanked all players for their excellent turnout and sportsmanship, and also acknowledged last year's winner, Keith Joshua, who finished a creditable 10th on this occasion.



Sunday, 19 April 2026
4 Ball Better Ball (Choose your partner)
Tee off: 12:00



Happy Swinging
SHGC



Follow us on **Facebook**

Visit our website: www.sthelenagolf.com

King's Commonwealth Games Baton Unveiled at New Horizons



On Friday the King's Baton was put on show at New Horizons for invited guests. This was followed by a series of events ending with the baton being taken on a tour of the schools.

"Good afternoon, everyone and a warm welcome to you all. It's really special to see our community gathered here as we welcome the King's Baton to St Helena as we mark this moment that connects our small Island to something much bigger across the Commonwealth.

For the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, the King's Baton Relay has been reimagined in a powerful and meaningful way. For the first time ever, instead of one single baton travelling the world, each nation and territory has received its own baton...one that reflects its culture, identity and people. Each baton carries a single word from His Majesty's message and all 74 will be reunited at the Opening Ceremony in Glasgow, where the full message will be revealed.

Running alongside this is a shared commitment to environmental action. Through a partnership with the Royal Commonwealth Society, the Commonwealth Clean Oceans Plastics Campaign is bringing together athletes and communities across the Commonwealth with one clear goal:

to prevent one million pieces of plastic from entering our waterways before the Games begin in July 2026.

So, this Baton doesn't just connect us through sport...it connects us through responsibility. And already, that journey is well underway with over 167,000 pieces of plastic removed across the Caribbean, Africa and Oceania. So today, it's our turn to be part of that story.

But the truth is...here on St Helena, this isn't something new to us. We see the impact of plastic pollution first-hand. Even though we're one of the most remote islands in the world, we're not isolated from this problem. Ocean currents carry waste from across the globe and bring it right onto our shores. Surveys carried out here on the island found that nearly 90% of the waste collected is plastic, with over 16,500 items recorded across 71 surveys. These numbers show just how much of our everyday waste ends up in our environment.

Because St Helena isn't just any island. It's home to species that exist nowhere else on Earth. Of our 700+ recorded marine species, around 10% are endemic to this island.

So, when we talk about protecting our oceans, for us...it's personal!

Through the South Atlantic Plastics Project, led by the St Helena National Trust and its partners, we've been able to better understand the scale and impact of plastic pollution here.

While that project has now concluded, its legacy continues, in the awareness it has built, the data it has provided and the actions it has inspired. And those actions are still very much alive



Cllr Denny Leo was on hand with the deputy governor to lead the ceremonies.

King's Commonwealth Games Baton Unveiled at New Horizons

in our community. Local businesses are continuing to step up. We've seen initiatives like "bring your own bag," reusable alternatives, and changes in how goods are transported across the island to reduce plastic use.

And it's not just businesses — it's all of us.

A focused one-year shoreline monitoring program at two sites by the South Atlantic Plastics Project saw more than 33,000 items being collected...91% of them plastic, including 364 bottles and 1,555 bottle lids. So although choosing reusable bags, refillable containers and reusable water bottles may seem like small changes, they have a real and lasting impact.

Living on an island like St Helena means we rely heavily on imports. Sustainable alternatives can be harder to access, more expensive and not always available when we need them.

But despite that, there is a clear willingness here. People care. People are trying. And that matters. Because this Baton, and what it represents, isn't about perfection... it's about progress...It's about communities, like ours, doing what we can, with what we have.

And of course, this Baton also represents something else, the spirit of the Commonwealth Games themselves. A celebration of talent, determination and unity.

St Helena first took part in the Commonwealth Games on 30 September 1982, at the 12th Games in Brisbane; a very proud moment in our island's history.

Our very first team included Athlete Brian Yon, who served as team captain alongside swimmers Caroline Lawrence and Gavin Knipe, who represented the island across a range of events...And today, that legacy continues.

And for a small island like ours, every athlete who steps onto that stage carries not just their own dream...but the pride, hope and support of an entire community behind them.

We are incredibly proud that St Helena will once again be represented on that global stage in Glasgow. In swimming, we have William Caswell, Nolan George and Lukas Robbertse. And in athletics, Tyler Anthony, Blaze Baldwin, Tye Leo-Stroud and Sean Crowie."

Celebrating Local Artistry

Picture 1:
*COMMONWEALTH
SPORT*
engraved by Simon
Henry and painted by
Alex Adams



Picture 2:
SAINT HELENA
painted by Tyanne
Williams

Picture 3:
OPEN ARMS
engraved by Simon Henry.



LATE LATE NEWS

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) Vaccination Clinics

The following dates and times have been scheduled for those who have registered with the Health Promotion team and for walk-in appointments:

Week 1		
Tuesday 21 April	10:00 – 15:00	For anyone travelling overseas within the next 2 months Jamestown Outpatient Clinic
Thursday 23 April	14:00 – 16:00	Jamestown Community Centre
Friday 24 April	10:00 – 15:00	Jamestown Community Centre
Week 2		
Monday 27 April	11:00 – 15:00	Longwood - Harford Community Centre

Details for the rest of Week 2 and Week 3 will appear next Friday

MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



WHATEVER YOU NEED TO SHIP

	GOLDEN KAROO 261203	GREY FOX 261206	BLUE MASTER II 261208
Immingham	17-Jan	21-Feb	28-May
	KAROLINE 261702	KAROLINE 261703	KAROLINE 261704
Cape Town	02-Mar	03-Apr	02-May
Rupert's Bay	10-Mar	11-Apr	10-May
Ascension Island	15-Mar		
	KAROLINE 261802	KAROLINE 261803	KAROLINE 261804
Cape Town	31-Mar	24-Apr	23-May

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