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This island is often seen as a safe harbour by ship's captains who find while mid-voyage they have a critically ill crew member aboard. Last week the advantageous location of this island in such situations went into over-drive.

The Sequence of Events – As Best We know It

It all started in early April when a passenger on the Hondius fell ill and eventually died on 11th April while the ship was somewhere in the Tristan area of the South Atlantic. On Wednesday 22nd April the Hondius anchored as scheduled in James Bay for a three day stopover. Passengers from the expedition ship were in Jamestown appreciating the history and particularly the red billed tropic birds. The photographers among the passengers recorded a red tailed tropic bird, which was way off course, attempting to socialise with its red billed cousins, only to be cold-shouldered. On Friday 24th, the day of the ship's departure, the body of the deceased was brought ashore from the Hondius for repatriation to the Netherlands. Reports indicate arrangements are being finalised to repatriate the deceased to the Netherlands. Coming ashore at the same time was the deceased's wife who had decided to cut short her cruise and also return home to the Netherlands. The information from Oceanwide Expeditions who own and operate the Hondius states, "that the wife had become unwell during the return journey and had later died." From this it can be assumed she flew to Johannesburg the following day. St Helena Online quotes a South African Department of Health spokesman and reports that she collapsed while waiting for a flight from Johannesburg to the Netherlands and later died in hospital on Monday 27th April.

Also on the same Monday, "another passenger became seriously ill and was medically evacuated to South Africa" according to the Oceanwide Expeditions press release. On Tuesday, this person was being treated in the intensive care unit in Johannesburg and is in a critical but stable condition. Is this the third known passenger from the Hondius disembark at St Helena? As of Tuesday this week, this person is one of two people to have hantavirus officially identified as the cause of ill-health. Information on this overlooks mentioning the strain of hantavirus identified.



An announcement from Ascension Island government stated. "On Monday 27 April 2026, a passenger from the vessel (Hondius) was admitted to Georgetown Hospital. The same individual was then medically evacuated on Wednesday 29 April. It has since been confirmed that the patient was infected with a strain of Hantavirus." A call at Ascension is not mentioned on the Oceanwide Expeditions website for this cruise. It appears an unscheduled call was made due to a health emergency developing onboard the Hondius. However, the imprecise

information offered from various sources makes it difficult to compile a full and accurate account.

Last Saturday, 2nd May, a German passenger died onboard the Hondius as the ship approached Cape Verde. Last Saturday was the day the cruise was scheduled to end, but the Hondius was not permitted to enter port and remained anchored offshore.

As the Hondius lay off Cape Verde two crew members, one British, the other Dutch, both require urgent medical attention. They both have acute respiratory symptoms, one mild and one severe. Later on Tuesday the Spanish government gave permission for the Hondius to enter port at the Canary Islands – a four day voyage from Cape Verde.

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In a fast moving and seemingly unpredictable sequence of events, the Cape Verde government arranged for three passengers requiring urgent medical attention to be airlifted from the Hondius. There are 88 passengers onboard and 61 crew. As of Tuesday, no other people with symptoms have been identified.

Route of the Hondius Cruise to St Helena



Cape Verde's Director of Health, Angela Gomes, briefs the press on arrangements for the medical evacuation of patients from the cruise ship MV Hondius during a press conference in Praia, Cape Verde



SHG Said Nothing

The earliest reports in international media of the first fatality on the Hondius surfaced on Sunday 3rd May. The information source quoted in reports was the South African Government Health Department. Presumably the South Africans became aware of the increasingly serious health emergency aboard the Hondius after the St Helena Health Department, (or Ascension?) arranged a medical evacuation to Johannesburg. The plight of the passengers aboard the Hondius and the viral infection that is claiming lives soon became news in every corner of the globe. In St Helena, the island at the centre of this significant and developing public health situation, we heard about this from various outside sources, often in a jumbled and confused way.

The St Helena government waited until Monday morning to make a first attempt to tell us some of what had been happening. We, 'the public' most closely concerned with important aspects

The New York Times

What to Know About the Suspected Hantavirus Outbreak on an Atlantic Cruise Ship

Three passengers of the MV Hondius died after showing symptoms of the rare disease. Health authorities confirmed one case and are investigating five others.

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of a serious public health issue were kept completely in the dark by our open, transparent and lovable government.

It is fair to suppose our government would have withheld the information for longer if the information was not already everywhere else in the world. The first SHG press release was issued about 9am on Monday 4th May. Senior government officials will have known about the death aboard the Hondius and the mysterious virus that caused it, a full two weeks before releasing the information to 'the public' – as they delight in calling us.

The Hondius arrived in James Bay on 22nd April. They will have known in advance of the health emergency aboard the ship. Under UK law, a ship's Master is legally required to report suspected infectious diseases or deaths on board to port health authorities. A Maritime Declaration of Health must be submitted for arriving ships, well before arrival, if there are illnesses, deaths, or animal sickness onboard. A criminal prosecution can follow if this requirement is ignored. It would be gravely negligent if this UK law does not apply here. At 10am on Monday 4th April, Ascension Island government issued a press release about their call of the Hondius and the subsequent medical evacuation from Georgetown hospital. The timing of these two press releases is unlikely to be a coincidence.



What the World Health Organisation Said

As of 4 May 2026, seven cases (two laboratory confirmed cases of hantavirus and five suspected cases) have been identified, including three deaths, one critically ill patient and three individuals reporting mild symptoms. Illness onset occurred between 6 and 28 April 2026 and was characterized by fever, gastrointestinal symptoms, rapid progression to pneumonia, acute respiratory distress syndrome and shock. Further investigations are ongoing.

The outbreak is being managed through coordinated international response, and includes in-depth investigations, case isolation and care, medical evacuation and laboratory investigations. Human hantavirus infection is primarily acquired through contact with the urine, faeces, or saliva of infected rodents. It is a rare but severe disease that can be deadly.

Although uncommon, limited human to human transmission has been reported in previous outbreaks of Andes virus (a specific species of hantavirus). WHO currently assesses the risk to the global population from this event as low and will continue to monitor the epidemiological situation and update the risk assessment.



What the New York Post Said

First, the New York Post is not what most people would call a 'serious' newspaper. Eye catching headlines and stories that cause shock and horror are always on the menu. It can be said, with confidence, the NY Post is the opposite of an SHG press release – and really, it should be that way.

The Headline chosen for the Post report on the Hondius tells us everything about their editorial style.

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The two possible causes for the cruise ship hantavirus outbreak — one is disgusting, the other terrifying

That's probably a fair assessment, but a headline written in a style which those of a sensitive disposition may find unnerving. It is also insensitive to the plight of those onboard the Hondius. What this report does do, which we could find useful, is provide information that SHG would never include in information to 'the public'.

The facts used in this report are all quotes from qualified professionals in healthcare. In the interests of balanced reporting, it has to be said that, after checking out the NYP sources, one is a virus researcher at the Pirbright Institute in the UK. She has done some research specific to the hantavirus which makes her ideal for obtaining information. However, she is a member of the Early Career Researcher Representatives Committee. Heaven only knows what that is, but 'early career' seems to confirm the suspicion that the NY Post reporter was over the moon when she found someone who is young enough, and naïve enough, to make unguarded comments. Someone with more experience would make more cautious comments and leave the reporter to work it out.

The other source for the reporter's information is a doctor with a string of letters after his name. The reporter introduces him as an Air Force flight surgeon, which is true, but only one of the several things he does. The reporter chose the description which would impress her readers most. The doctor heads a US private health group of doctors. He gives the impression that he believes any publicity is good publicity for his business. Many will find it a concern that he uses ketamine for PTSD, anxiety, and depression treatments.

The NY Post report starts with, "The more likely scenario would be passengers contracting the virus from the faeces, urine or saliva of infected rats or mice." No one can say fairer than that. This is followed by, "World Health Organization insisted Tuesday that no rodents have been found on the stranded liner." Calling the Hondius a 'liner' is a bit excessive but puts the required image into the readers' minds. More to the point, if there are no rodents on the Hondius where was contact made with infected faeces, urine or saliva?

This conveniently leads us to the Andes virus. There are several strains of hantavirus, just like COVID-19, "The Andes virus — that one specific subtype of the hantavirus — in Argentina, where they were, is the one that's transmitted person-to-person," the doctor said. The Hondius started its cruise from Ushuaia, Argentina. Warming to his theme the doctor continued, "The Andes strain of the hantavirus — the only one to be spread through human-to-human contact — is found in the area of Argentina where MV Hondius cruise passengers have visited" the doctor told the NY Post. To this is added, "The WHO confirmed Tuesday that it is the working theory, and that people may have been infected before boarding the ship." All circumstantial stuff with two entirely different quotes carefully paired together.

At the end of all this the reporter writes, "Still, experts stress there's no reason to panic." Having gripped the attention of her readers with the Andes strain, the reporter started including some less sensational stuff. "Health officials say a less terrifying explanation is far more likely: exposure to a rodent-borne strain, which is typically contracted by inhaling the virus from infected droppings." The doctor doubts the source originated onboard. "They could have picked it up anywhere — I don't think it came from the ship," he said, noting that "hantavirus can take weeks to show symptoms after exposure."

"The most likely situation is that people travelling from South America came in contact with infected rodents' dropping in this part of the world," said the Pirbright Institute virus researcher who has now suddenly gone viral herself. "At the moment, we cannot be sure where the contact happened: It might have been during touristic activities in the region, or infected rodents might have been present on the ship." Watch your mouth Ms Pirbright Institute, there could be

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a civil litigation claim coming your way. What proof do you have for this accusation? Finally, the NY Post report tells us, "The luxury cruise ship was refused permission to dock in the West African island nation of Cape Verde on Monday, after the boat had requested help from local health authorities following the latest death." Authorities in the country, which has a population of 500,000, said the decision was made as a precaution, citing the "aim of protecting national public health." So far, no one has been allowed to disembark except those who need urgent medical care, according to Oceanwide Expeditions, the company operating the cruise ship. That's something different. No other report seen mentions urgent cases have been allowed ashore at Cape Verde.

A quote from the Pirbright researcher finished off the report. "The World Health Organization and other public health agencies will have to investigate the circumstances leading up to the three suspected hantavirus deaths on board the cruise ship. Adding, "It would be necessary to identify any potential source of infection on the ship, (don't say it like that!) and trace back the journey of the patients, to know if they visited American regions where hantaviruses are reported,"

Hantavirus Hot Line Set Up By SHG

On Tuesday, SHG announced a new Hantavirus Screening Line. It was been set up for people who have had close contact with passengers or crew, or boarded the MV Hondius during its visit. If close contact is thought to be the possible cause some new symptoms or advice is needed on what might have been possible exposure with passengers or crew you can now dial 25949 for information.

Possible symptoms include:

- fatigue, fever and muscle aches
- headache, dizziness and chills
- nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea or abdominal pain
- later, symptoms such as coughing, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

The Health Department ask, with feeling, that people phone first and do not attend the hospital in person. This precautionary protocol is to safeguard protect patients, staff and the wider public from the possibility of infection, however remote that possibility may be.

People who have not had any contact with the passengers or crew and have not boarded the MV Hondius have no need to call the screening line and should seek healthcare in the usual way if required.

Following the screening call, a clinician will review the information provided. If a face-to-face assessment is needed, the ambulance service will attend to assess the person safely and arrange further care. This reduces the risk of anyone who may be infectious attending the hospital without the correct precautions in place.

In a medical emergency, including severe breathing difficulty, chest pain, collapse or serious deterioration, call 999 immediately and tell the call handler that you may have had contact linked to the MV Hondius.

SHG Update on the Hondius and Hantavirus

SHG issued a second press release on Wednesday, about the Hondius and hantavirus, giving information and assurance.

The main points are:

- SHG is working closely with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and international partners
- Among the Hondius passengers, there have been three deaths reported, two of which have been confirmed as infected with hantavirus. There are a further four people with suspected hantavirus infection.

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- On St Helena, there are currently no people with suspected hantavirus infection.
- All higher risk contacts identified to date have received daily verbal contact from a doctor, including instruction on the need to self-isolate at home.
- All lower risk contacts have been issued with an information letter and actions to take should they develop symptoms.
- Further written guidance for those in isolation is being developed in partnership with experts at the UKHSA for early release.
- Additional support for those in isolation is being coordinated by HSC.
- In the rare instances of person-to-person spread, the main risk is close and prolonged contact with someone who is unwell.

Hantavirus Confirmed as the Andes Strain

The National Institute for Communicable Diseases in South Africa have identified the strain of hantavirus afflicting Hondius passengers. It is the Andes virus, the one many healthcare professionals across the world are quoted as saying it is not probably the virus responsible. The Andes virus is the most common cause of hantavirus pulmonary syndrome in South America. Andes virus is transmitted mainly by the long-tailed pygmy rice rat. It is a common rodent in southern Argentina.



Oceanwide Expeditions started their Antarctic Peninsula to St Helena Cruise from Ushuaia which is on the southern tip of Argentina – that’s where the long-tailed pygmy rice rat has made its home. It is one of four species of rodent which is a carrier of hantavirus but the long-tailed pygmy is the only one to carry the Andes virus variant.

The Andes virus is the only known communicable variant of hantavirus that is capable of human-to-human transfer. Unlike COVID-19 of recent memory, Andes virus does not ‘jump’ from one human to another. The virus requires prolonged, close personal contact for human to human contagion. Social distancing is not so important with the Andes virus but be careful on a Saturday night. The St Helena Health Department states that knowing it is the Andes virus that is causing all the grief does not affect their planning or response. They say they have built in the possibility it would be the Andes virus from the start. They ask that everyone follows public health advice and detailed updates will be issued on a regular basis

The first SHG announcement on hantavirus, issued on Monday stated a full risk-based contact tracing process is underway to identify and notify people who may have been in contact with others known to be at risk. Late on Wednesday, another SHG update informed, “The World Health Organisation (WHO) has officially taken the lead in coordinating the global response, including the tracking and tracing of any further cases across international borders.

There are St Helenians overseas, who were passengers on the outbound flight from St Helena on 25 April, who have been contacted by international partners as part of this tracing process. SHG is working with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and the WHO to share and monitor all health data. All of those who have subsequently returned to St Helena have been contacted directly by our team on island.”

They added, “In St Helena, the Health and Social Care Portfolio (HSC) confirm:

- There are currently no suspected or confirmed cases of hantavirus on the Island.
- The risk to the general public remains low. The Andes hantavirus is not known to spread through passing or casual social contact such as in shops, schools, or workplaces.
- There is no risk to the public from the deceased passenger who passed away on board the MV Hondius on the 11 April 2026. All handling procedures to retrieve the body on 23 April 2026,

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and store it locally prior to repatriation, met high safety standards to protect both staff and the community.

Ongoing Precautions

- As a precautionary measure, the HSC continues to monitor a small number of individuals identified as "higher risk" contacts (those who had close, prolonged contact with the unwell passengers of the vessel). These individuals remain in good health and are receiving daily check-ins from medical professionals.
- Written guidance has been issued to higher risk contacts currently being advised to isolate at home. This includes the required period of isolation which, in consultation with experts at the UK Health Security Agency, has been set as 45 days from the last known exposure to the virus. This means that the period of isolation will end on 9 June subject to any developments in the situation in St Helena.
- The Hantavirus Screening Telephone Line (25949) remains active. Anyone who boarded the vessel or had close contact with its passengers and subsequently develops symptoms of hantavirus such as fever, muscle aches, breathing difficulties or gastrointestinal problems (nausea, vomiting, stomach pains, diarrhoea) is advised to call this number for guidance. They should not attend the hospital in person.
- Whilst the international nature of this incident requires a coordinated global response, the situation on St Helena remains stable and controlled. We ask the public to remain calm and to respect the privacy of those affected by this incident.
- Updates will be provided daily from 18:00 to 21:00 until further notice.



Governor's Office
St Helena, Ascension and
Tristan da Cunha

Dear Friends,

I am sure that we are all by now aware of the challenge we face following confirmation today by the South African authorities of the presence of the Andes variant of the Hantavirus aboard the vessel MV Hondius. We are now responding to a crisis none of us would have wished.

The resilience of our communities has been tested before and I am proud once again of the calm, measured and proportionate response we are seeing across the Territory in difficult times. Those responding directly warrant especial thanks.

I know that information is key in these moments both to share what is known and to reassure. The three governments in the Territory have already issued detailed and coordinated Public Health information. They will continue to do so. I would reiterate that from the outset all have acted with an abundance of caution.

I am acutely aware that the vessel and its passengers is currently the subject of global news interest. Among our communities, there is intense social media activity. This is understandable. Yet we must also be cautious of potential fallibility, as the recent global misreporting of the death of Jonathan the tortoise so clearly revealed.

The Public Health information we have issued is the best available, drawing not only on the experience of our talented local experts, but also that of the UK Health Security Agency.

I am confident that we will confront this challenge together. To help achieve that, the governments will keep the public informed with a regular rhythm of information. Every effort will be made to ensure it is your trusted source.

I am grateful for your fortitude and continued support.

HE Governor Nigel Phillips

Tristan and the Hondius Cruise Visit

Kelly Green summed up Tristan's cruise season in a recent online edition of Tristan News. Regarding the visit of the MV Hondius - and social interaction between islanders and passengers – Kelly wrote, our final visit of the season was the MV Hondius, and even as we moved well into mid-April, the island continued to deliver those perfect little weather windows. She arrived in morning of Tuesday 14th April 2026, and cruised off the north east of Tristan while immigration formalities were dealt with. Two of our island guides joined the ship in hopes of making a landing at Inaccessible Island.

Unfortunately, the weather didn't quite play along for a landing, but guests were still treated to zodiac cruising around the island, which in itself is an unforgettable experience, getting up close to the cliffs and wildlife. The ship also did a circumnavigation of Tristan Island.

Wednesday morning started early, with one of those breathtaking sunrises that stops you in your tracks. It was a cooler start, but the sea was calm, the skies were clear, and everything just came together perfectly. Visitors spent the day ashore making the most of everything on offer. There was a great buzz around the settlement, with guests heading off on guided walks, exploring at their own pace, visiting the museum, and enjoying all the open venues. The pub, as always, was a firm favourite, full of laughter and stories being shared from their journey.



St Mary's School pupils with their gifts

By way of something different, a passenger who owns a museum in Katwijk, Holland, showed a video that some of the students at Pieter Groen College had put together to show the children here on Tristan. The college is named after one of Tristan's founding fathers Peter Green (originally Pieter Groen). Hondius crew members also talked to the children.

On Wednesday 15th of April there was lots of excitement at the school as we had the pleasure of welcoming three visitors from the cruise ship Hondius. Two of them were crew and one was a passenger whose local college is named after one of Tristan's first settlers, Pieter Groen.

When the Hantavirus Outbreak Became Public Knowledge

The first casualty of the Andes hantavirus died onboard ship on 11th April. The Hondius called at Tristan on 13th to 15th April. Tristan Administrator. Philip Kendal, wrote an information piece published in Tristan News on Monday this week. He wrote:

As widely reported in the international media on the 3rd May 2026, a suspected outbreak of a hantavirus has occurred on the cruise ship MV Hondius during a South Atlantic island hopping voyage from Ushuaia, Argentina to the Cape Verde Islands. The Hondius visited Tristan on the 13th to 15th April during this voyage, so this development is of serious concern to the island.

We understand that the first passenger was taken ill after the ship left South Georgia and unfortunately passed away before arrival at Tristan. We know that passengers came ashore and may have had some contact with members of our local community but whilst the virus can be serious, no cases of this illness have been identified on Tristan and there is no significant cause for concern on the island at this time. The islanders who travelled to St Helena on the MV Hondius are being advised by Public Health in St Helena to undertake a period of self-isolation, just as a precaution. We will do the same here where necessary. The Government will provide full support to those who are asked to do so. A full risk-based contact tracing process is underway to identify and notify such persons on St Helena, Ascension and Tristan.

CELEBRATING OUR CULTURE

THE CUISINE

So throughout the month of May, we will bring you a college each week showcasing St Helena's culture.

Today lets share with you the islands cuisine and the dishes you will expect to see here.

St Helena island cuisine is a unique, comforting blend of British, Indian, South African, and Chinese influences, characterized by aromatic curries, spicy fishcakes, and one-pot rice dishes.

Staple ingredients include fresh local fish (tuna, wahoo), rice, root vegetables, and spices, resulting in a distinct Creole-style food culture.



St Helena crayfish, known locally as spiny lobster, is a prized delicacy often enjoyed simply grilled with butter or featured in rich curries and aromatic rice dishes.

Traditional preparations include garlic butter crayfish, curried crayfish, and incorporating crayfish meat into hearty, one-pot stews and seafood dishes, often paired with island spices



St. Helena fishcakes are a staple, often featuring tuna, mashed potatoes, chilli, parsley, and occasionally bacon, shallow-fried until golden. Popularly served in bread rolls (a "fishcake roll"), with rice and onion gravy, or alongside salad and sweet chilli sauce, they are a beloved, versatile dish.



St. Helena mackerel dishes, often featuring local yellowtail mackerel, are a cornerstone of Saint Helenian cuisine, characterized by fresh, bold flavors. Key dishes include traditional fishcakes (frikkadels), spicy mackerel curry, fried mackerel with curry sauce, and **stuffed mackerel**.

These are commonly served with rice, sweet potatoes, or pumpkin dishes

St. Helena islanders frequently fry deep-water fish, such as Deep Water Bullseye or other deep water fish

These dishes are typically served with rice and potato-onion gravy, or cooked into fishcakes.



St. Helena island curry dishes are a staple, slow-simmered comfort food blending British, African, Indian, and Chinese influences, characterized by a velvety texture and medium-spiced, golden curry powder.

The signature dish is **Plo**, a one-pot curry-powdered rice dish with meat, fish, or vegetables (similar to paella), alongside curry and rice, and savory curry puffs



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St Helena Island cuisine is known for hearty, comforting soups, with Pea Soup (often featuring split peas, bacon bones, and root vegetables) and rich Pig Trotters Soup being staple, traditional dishes.

These soups reflect the island's resourceful, comforting culinary style, commonly served as warming meals.



Bread n' Dance is actually tomato paste sandwich-breads, so named because they are always served at a dance, or other social event.

St Helena fish and batter is a iconic Saint Helenian dish featuring fresh, firm fish—traditionally tuna or wahoo—coated in a thick, savory batter, often seasoned with curry powder, diced onions, and chili. It is shallow-fried until golden and crispy, commonly served as a meal or in a bread roll.



Chow Chow is a local favourite on St Helena.

Can be boiled, roast or stuff it as a dinner side. It's a soft vegetable that as a mild flavour

Coconut Fingers is simply the best cake in the world.

These pink fingers melt in the mouth and take you to sweet heaven.

St Helena ginger beer is a traditional, sweet, and smooth home-made fermented drink, popular as a refreshing island favorite.

It is often made with fresh grated ginger, sugar, lemon juice, cream of tartar, and yeast, fermented for 24-48 hours.

It is often enjoyed chilled, particularly with Sunday lunch.



St. Helena Black Pudding have been spiced up and using pigs blood to create a unique and delicious food you will not find anywhere else in the world.

Island people also make White Pudding which is spiced up but just omit the blood.

They are a favourite which could be eaten as a meal or a party snack.



This Cheese Straws recipe is so easy to make that it will become a favourite, just like it is at every St Helena party.





Letter to the Editor Taking Parenting Seriously for the Future of Our Island

I have wanted to write this letter for some time. I have delayed, perhaps too long. But I do not wish to find myself on the wrong side of history for remaining silent when I ought to have spoken. Although I have raised these concerns before, at constituency meetings and at PTA AGMs. I believe the time has come to appeal more broadly to us as parents and guardians.

I write as a parent of a student at St Helena Secondary School, and as a member of a community I deeply care about. My concern is simple, but weighty: the kind of children we are raising on this island, and the role we as parents are playing—or failing to play—in that process.

Parenting is one of the most important responsibilities on this planet, yet it is often underestimated. For most jobs, there are minimum requirements before one is even shortlisted for an interview. Yet many of us become parents while completely unprepared for what that responsibility truly entails. Our reference point is usually how we were raised. If we liked it, we repeat it. If we did not, we often swing to the opposite extreme. Others, regrettably, appear not to engage seriously at all, believing that the government—through schools, safeguarding and social care—will somehow raise their children for them.

That should never be the case.

Over time, parents have been allowed, and sometimes encouraged, to take a back seat in their own children's behaviour and upbringing. I do not claim to be a "super parent" myself. Far from it. That is precisely why I make a conscious effort to improve by reading, attending talks, and seeking guidance wherever possible. Parenting is not instinct alone; it is a skill that requires learning, reflection and consistency.

The future of this island does not ultimately depend on the amount of aid we receive. It depends on the quality of people we raise. Families build communities; communities build nations. If we fail to raise responsible, disciplined and respectful human beings, we place our collective future in jeopardy.

Some of us, uncomfortable as it may sound, are contributing to the very lawlessness we complain about. Take simple examples. School policy clearly states that mobile phones are not allowed at school. Yet parents buy phones for their children and permit them to take them to school. The school knows. The children know. There are no real consequences. Or consider uniform standards. When children refuse to tuck in shirts or wear uniform correctly, instead of insisting on compliance, we dilute expectations or change the uniform entirely to avoid conflict. I have attended awards days where a child, unkempt, trousers sagging and shirt hanging loose, steps onto the podium to receive an award. And we - parents, teachers and officials applaud. How can we fail to see the problem? What message does this send to other children? If a child cannot meet basic standards of presentation at a formal school event, should they really be paraded as an example before the whole school? We are the adults. Who, then, is calling the shots in our community?

How are we preparing our children for the world beyond our island. Where laws must be complied with, and where non-compliance carries consequences?

Any system that treats parents or guardians as mere spectators when behavioural issues arise



is fundamentally flawed. In whose house do these children sleep? Who clothes them? Who feeds them? To sideline that person is to undermine the very authority required to raise a child well.

My appeal is straightforward: parents and guardians must take this responsibility with the seriousness it deserves. Where we feel ill-equipped, help is readily available in this information age. Let us also discourage young people from rushing into parenthood before they are ready, and mentor them towards responsibility before they take on a role that shapes another human life.

As a final point, I view the school as a factory: every pound spent, to buy paint for the wall, every litre of diesel used for school transport, and every salary paid is an input. We must expect measurable outputs. We should be able to see academic results clearly, compared year on year. A former acting Director of Education once described education on St Helena as “an engine of decline.” That narrative must change. We should expect internationally competitive results from our only secondary school, but that journey begins at home. When behaviour is reinforced in families, teachers are free to do what they are trained to do: teach.

The future of St Helena rests, more than anything else, on the quality of our parenting. Let us rise to that responsibility for our children, and for the island they will inherit.

**Yours sincerely,
Bramwell Bushuru**



Dis-Connect

This week has not been good with Connect. During Monday, customers being fed from Feeder 2 were without power. Within an hour, power was restored. However, Lower Jamestown had the brunt of it all, with issues occurring around 4pm the same day. Due to health and safety, works to rectify the issue couldn't commence until the next day.

Lower Jamestown was still affected throughout Tuesday, with Connect staff working to resolve the problem. Due to the extent of the issue, a temporary solution was put in place that resulted in generators being transported to

provide power to MOST of those affected. At the time of writing, works are still ongoing.

It wasn't just Jamestown that was affected. The whole island were disrupted on Wednesday evening, with constant and repetitive blackouts. This has resulted in the Sentinel print job being postponed until early Thursday morning, with the promise of stable connection being undeniably on our minds.

Public outcry ensued on Facebook, yet the only response the public had on the matter from Connect ended in the usual “we sincerely apologise...”. In the big 2026, an apology isn't enough. Customers and businesses were affected by these outages. Businesses lost potential customers, produce became a race against time, nighttime dinner resorted to having a small bite, potential equipment ruined and more. Yet, this statement shows public concern on the matter being brushed off.

Though Connect staff should be commended for attempting to get power up and running for everyone, having to become a “call centre” on Wednesday evening, this issue that has long plagued our infrastructure should not be passed down.

Compensation is no longer a suggestion - it is a necessity, and they may complain about not having any money to dish out, but the impact this had on their customers is more substantial.



Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 10th May 2026 - 5th Sunday after Easter

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament	St Martin
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
	Thursday 14th May	
10.00 a.m.	Ascension Day Service SPPS	Cathedral
9.00 a.m.	Ascension Day Ser St HSS	St HSS
6.30 p.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral

The Parish of St James

Sunday 10th May 2026 - 5th Sunday after Easter

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 14th May Ascension Day	
10.00 a.m.	Ascension Day Service PPS	St James
6.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St John

Sunday 10th May 2026 - 5th Sunday after Easter

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Thursday 14th May Ascension Day	
6.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mark



MARVELOUS MERULA MOMENTS

Jamestown

Rose & Crown
 Thorpes Grocery
 The Standard Bar
 The Mantis Hotel
 Chad's Shop
 Anne's Place
 Yacht Club
 Blue Lantern
 The Mule Yard
 The Star

Ladder Hill

The Crown Supermarket

Longwood

Rose & Crown Hardware
 Rose & Crown Supermarket
 St Helena Golf Club

New Ground

McDaniels

Half Tree Hollow

Joshies
 A&D Mini Market
 HTH Supermarket
 SydneyRays

St Pauls

Philip John

Levelwood

Silver Hill Shop

We are grateful for the support of our retailers and look forward to our customers enjoying our beer.

St Helena's Day Celebrations 2026

Thursday 21st May

“FOOD COMPETITION”

Cash Prizes to be won!

1st Prizes - £40.00 / 2nd Prizes £20.00

1st Category: Best Homemade Beverage

Wine & Ginger Beer

2nd Category: Best Savoury

Tomato Paste & Fishcake

3rd Category: Best Treat

Cheese Straw & Pumpkin Fritter

For more information or to register contact Alayah Pidgley
 E: alayah.pidgley@trust.org.sh T: 25531

Vacancy

Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper



Salary for the post will commence at £11,100 per annum (£213 per week)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Bulk Fuel Installation for a Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper.

As the Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper, you will be responsible for the loading and delivery of fuels to clients and accountable for completion of documents. Provide support to the Watchkeepers as and when required, assist with general maintenance duties, fuel transfers between storage tanks and also assist with Ship-to-Shore Tanker operations.

Interested Persons Should:

- Ideally be familiar with the safe loading, transportation and dispensing of fuels in bulk via Road Tanker
- Be in possession of a clean & valid drivers' licence in class J4
- Have basic competency in Maths & English
- Be able to work unsocial hours, including shift work
- Be customer focused and able to deliver excellent level of customer service
- Honest, accountable and proactive
- Be safety conscious and have Health & Safety awareness in a fuels environment
- Able to work effectively in a team environment
- Able to work to a high degree of accuracy in a within a highly structured framework and comply with established procedures
- Ideally have experience or be knowledgeable of the safe handling of fuels
- Be comfortable to work in a hazardous environment and deal with hazardous substances
- Ideally have the ability to perform general maintenance duties
- Ability to undertake physically demanding and manual handling tasks

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

Mr Rico Yon, BFI Manager via  22332  bfi@helanta.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 **22 May 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

Safety & Compliance Officer



Salary for the post will range between £18,513.00 - £20,000.00 per annum;
depending on qualifications and experience

Job Outline:

Responsible for planning, implementing and overseeing safety all elements of safety and compliance, through BOU Managers, in accordance with laws, regulations, standards and ethical practices as applicable to the Company in respect of environmental management and workplace health and safety, as applicable to all aspects of the Company's diverse portfolio of business interests.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have IOSH or similar Health & Safety Certification
- Have 3 – 5 years' experience in a Health & Safety / Compliance role
- Have 3 years' experience in a supervisory or management role
- Have grade C or above in English and Maths or equivalent
- Be computer literate in the use of Microsoft Applications
- Have the ability to multi-task, organise workload and meet tight deadlines
- Have excellent organisation, interpersonal & communication skills
- Be analytical and have a high degree of accuracy with attention to detail
- Be able to maintain total confidentiality within the Company
- Be experienced in data collation, analysis and able to create reports
- Ideally be knowledgeable of Food Safety practises.

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

Paul Gasteen, Chief Operating Officer via  22380  paul.gasteen@solomons.co.sh

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Plant Operator

Total package value up to £30,186 pa

(comprising salary up of up to £13,159.00 pa, plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits)

About the role

The Ascension Island Government is looking for a reliable and skilled Plant Operator to join our team, delivering essential services that support life on the island. This is a varied and hands-on role where you'll operate a wide range of heavy plant machinery to assist with a variety of tasks, while also contributing to essential stevedore and ship support duties.

What you'll do

As a Plant Operator, you'll operate and maintain a variety of plant machinery including wheeled loader (including JCB backhoe), forklift de-mountable lorry, bulldozer, road roller, cranes, tracked excavators, graders, lifting equipment, Merlo cement mixer and 6 tonne tipper truck. You'll prepare equipment for use, carry out basic servicing and minor repairs, and ensure machinery is used in a safe and effective manner. Your responsibilities will also include supporting construction and maintenance projects across the island, assisting with refuse disposal and burial services, and undertaking stevedore duties on a rotational basis, working 12-hour shifts that may include weekends. You'll be part of a team that plays a crucial role in keeping the island running smoothly.

What you'll bring

You'll have at least three years' experience operating and maintaining heavy plant machinery, with a valid clean driving licence covering classes A, B, C, D, and J. You'll be methodical, safety-conscious, and comfortable following verbal instructions with precision. Good hand-eye coordination, a strong sense of responsibility, and the ability to work well as part of a team are essential. You'll be physically fit, willing to work outdoors in all conditions, and committed to learning and adhering to AIG's health and safety standards. Above all, you'll bring a positive attitude and a willingness to contribute to the essential operations that support the island community.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £13,159.00 pa (depending on experience and taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a two-year **accompanied** status contract and the following allowances and benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth £2,400 pa (taxable benefit)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £7,800 pa accompanied, or Single status £3,900 pa
- An electricity allowance worth up to £3,625 pa
- A water allowance worth £3,202 pa accompanied, or £1,921 single status
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- 30 days' annual holiday (with an additional 9 days public holidays)
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free schooling for dependant children from 4 to 16 years.
- Free annual travel insurance
- Death in Service insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing date: 02 June 2026 Interviews: from week commencing 08 June 2026 (via video call if off island)

Start date: As soon as possible.

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

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S CORONA SOCIETY WORLDWIDE (ST HELENA BRANCH) TOOK PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2026 AT 3.30 PM AT THE BAPTIST HALL, JAMESTOWN – ST HELENA

Attendance was not as good as hoped for, However, in spite of the current small membership and TWO FRIENDS OF Corona in attendance, ELECTION OF OFFICERS for the ensuing did take place.

Ref: Constitution, The President, Mrs J Patsy Flagg undertook this.

Outcome:

CHAIRPERSON	Mrs J Patsy Flagg re-elected
VICE CHAIRPERSON	Vacant
SECRETARY	Mrs Mandy Constantine
TREASURER	Mrs Mandy Constantine (Acting indefinitely)
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Mrs Heather Cranfield Mrs Myrtle Bennett Vacant

The Chairperson, Mrs J Patsy Flagg presented her Annual Report of the Society's Events, Happenings and general management,

The Financial REPORT was presented by Mrs Mandy Constantine as complied by outgoing Treasurer Mrs Phyllis Coleman.

Tea /Refreshments was enjoyed by all present. Chairperson thanked all members and Friends for their valuable help, support and generosity over the past year – and looks forward to working as a TEAM throughout the coming year, with 10 local members (1 resident oversea) and 7 Friends of Corona, we trust that the AIMS & OBJECTIVES of the Society can be brought to bear for the interest benefit and enjoyment of the Island Community as a whole.

Yours faithfully
Mandy Constantine
Secretary

The Women's Corona Society World Wide (St Helena Branch)

Will hold a fundraiser with a difference.

SPONSORED BUSY HANDS

Place "Harlyn" HTH
Date Saturday 30 May 2026
Time 2.30-4.30 (2 Hours only)

Keep your Hands Busy with eg. Crafts, sorting items lap top work music etc.

The Choice is Yours for your own benefit but all Sponsor money to go to Corona Charity.

1st 2nd & 3rd prizes for those raising the most sponsor money.

All participants must arrive by 2pm Sharp with sponsor forms and monies

So that these can be checked for eligible PRIZE Winners.

Teas/Refreshments and prize giving will take place after the 2 hours event.

Everyone welcome, come and enjoy an interesting afternoon in a 200 year old house.

J Patsy Flagg Chairperson



TIP OF THE WEEK

Fridges and freezers work more efficiently when full.
Fill space in your freezer with empty boxes.

Place bottles of water in empty fridge space – the cold water will help keep the temperature down and you have the benefit of cold water to drink when you want it.





JOIN US! WE ARE RECRUITING...

BENEFITS

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

HOW TO APPLY

To access job profiles and application forms online, visit

www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies 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.

Preventative Health Evaluation & Impact Manager (£19,814 per annum)

The Preventative Health Evaluation & Impact Manager will contribute to enhancing the well-being of everyone in our community and support the island's prosperity by supporting efforts to strengthen the community prevention and management of chronic diseases. This role aims to enhance the processes and capabilities of the preventative health team. Key responsibilities will include designing, implementing, and assessing health improvement initiatives, along with creating impact case studies. Contact us for more information and a discussion. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Selvi Jeyaseelan on Tel No.22470 or Email: selvi.jeyaseelan@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 20 May 2026
Shortlisting date: 25 May 2026
Interview date: 04 June 2026

Emergency Planning Officer (Local interest only) (£11,604 per annum)

As Emergency Planning Officer you will join a very small team to assist with planning and preparing to ensure that St Helena can respond effectively to major emergencies and business disruptions. You will work with a range of partners to plan, prepare and practice our response arrangements.

In the event of an incident occurring you will play a vital role, responding to the event, supporting the management of the response, and enabling the recovery and restoration following on.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and/or demonstrable experience:

- GCSE Math's and English at Grade D or above
- Clean driver's license in Class A
- Proficient in IT skills i.e. Microsoft Office
- Previous experience of working with the Emergency Services
- Ability to remain calm under pressure and in intense emergency situations

Some working out of normal hours, especially during Emergency Incidents this includes being on-call on a rotation basis. If you are interested, please contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Anel O'Bey on Tel No 25052 or Email: anel.obey@helanta.co.sh
Closing date: 8 May 2026
Shortlisting date: 14 May 2026
Interview date: 27 May 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.



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**

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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. Keys 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: 13 May 2026

Shortlisting date: 15 May 2026

Interview date: 28 May 2026

Harbour Master & Port Manager (£26,000 per annum including market enhancement)

The Harbour Master/Port Manager role is focused on enhancing the quality of life for everyone in our community and fostering the prosperity of the island by overseeing the management of St Helena's Port, ensuring safety, efficiency and international compliance. The port and cargo management facility is part of the Islands critical national infrastructure handling over 95% of all food, fuel, equipment and general supplies to St Helena. The Harbour Master/Port Manager serves as the authoritative figure for coordinating the daily operations, management, and development of the port of Jamestown, along with any other designated harbours and landing sites, and will undertake any additional responsibilities necessary for the effective management of the position.

You know if you have succeeded if the Port continues to meet its international security obligations, is maintained to a high-standard, and continues to operate efficiently, safely and securely.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Mia Henry on Tel No. 25970 or Email@ mia.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh or Derek Henry on derek.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: Wk. commencing 13 May 2026

Shortlisting date: Wk. commencing 18 May 2026

Interview date: Wk. commencing 25 May 2026

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FROM THE COUCH

Contributed by Leigh & Louis



Premier League Results

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



Match Report

Following AFC Bournemouth's 3-0 win over Crystal Palace earlier on Sunday, the Red Devils needed one point to be certain of UEFA Champions League qualification for next season and Kobbie Mainoo was the hero as Manchester United clinched a top-five Premier League finish with a thrilling 3-2 victory over Liverpool at Old Trafford.

The Red Devils looked like taking all three points comfortably when Matheus Cunha and Benjamin Sesko put them 2-0 up inside 14 minutes, though goals from Dominik Szoboszlai and Cody Gakpo – the latter stemming from an error by goalkeeper Senne Lammens – saw Liverpool level at 2-2, but Mainoo, who signed a new five-year contract with Man Utd earlier last week, settled the encounter with a well-placed strike into the bottom-left corner in the 77th minute.

Michael Carrick's side remain third on 64 points, but are now six points clear of Liverpool, who still need a maximum of four points to join their rivals in securing a top-five finish.



Man of the Match

Nottingham Forest surged six points clear of the Premier League relegation zone thanks to a stunning 3-1 win over out-of-form Chelsea at Stamford Bridge, whose hopes of a top-five finish ended, as Vitor Pereira's heavily rotated Forest side extended their unbeaten run in the league to seven games, and made it three wins on the spin, with a superb performance.

Forest went 2-0 up inside the first 15 minutes courtesy of Taiwo Awoniyi's header and an Igor Jesus penalty, before Cole Palmer missed a spot-kick at the other end but Awoniyi made it 3-0 from substitute Morgan Gibbs-White's assist, though the playmaker was later forced off with a head injury, marking a cause for concern ahead of Forest's UEFA Europa League semi-final second leg against Aston Villa.



Man of the Match

Joao Pedro's bicycle kick in second-half stoppage time snapped Chelsea's long goal drought, but the Blues have now lost six successive league games and sit ninth on 48 points, four points off the top six, while Forest stay 16th, now on 42 points.



Premier League Fixtures

Saturday 9th	11:30	Liverpool	vs	Chelsea
Saturday 9th	14:00	Brighton	vs	Wolves
Saturday 9th	14:00	Fulham	vs	Bournemouth
Saturday 9th	14:00	Sunderland	vs	Man United
Saturday 9th	16:30	Man City	Vs	Brentford
Sunday 10th	13:00	Burnley	vs	Aston Villa
Sunday 10th	13:00	Crystal Palace	vs	Everton
Sunday 10th	13:00	Nott'm Forest	vs	Newcastle
Sunday 10th	15:30	West Ham	vs	Arsenal
Monday 11th	19:00	Tottenham	vs	Leeds
Monday 13th	19:00	Man City	vs	Crystal Palace



CRICKET REPORT

Contributed by Cricheroes in conjunction with St Helena Cricket Association



RMS T20

Sandy Bay Pirates 103/3 (13.3 overs)

beat

Jamestown Heat 100/8 (20 overs)

Sanjay Clingham - 45 (33)
Brett Isaac - 37* (39)
Hugo Richards - 2/27 (3 overs)
Jason Thomas - 1/28 (4 overs)

Myles Henry - 25 (27)
Jamie Essex - 20 (19)
Rhys Francis - 2/12 (3 overs)
Ajay Bennett - 1/20 (2 overs)

Player of the Match - Brett Isaac (Sandy Bay Pirates)



RMS T20

Challengers 83/0 (5.5 overs)

beat

Cobras 80/7(20 overs)

Andrew Yon - 63* (21)
Cliff Richards - 15* (15)

James Andrews - 20 (27)
Jamie Peters - 14* (14)
Joey Thomas - 3/8 (4 overs)
Ashton Benjamin - 1/8 (2 overs)

Player of the Match - Andrew Yon (Challengers)



RMS T20

Levelwood Allstars 140/9 (20 overs)

beat

Western A Mustangs 60/10 (17.1 overs)

Weston Clingham - 53 (48)
Brendan Leo - 28* (418)
Gareth Johnson - 3/12 (4 overs)
Barry Stroud - 3/24 (4 overs)

Barry Stroud - 39 (45)
Deon Maggott - 9 (13)
Weston Clingham - 2/7 (2 overs)
David Francis - 2/16 (4 overs)

Player of the Match - Weston Clingham (Levelwood Allstars)



**UPCOMING
FIXTURES**

Saturday 9th May @ 9:30am Jamestown Heat vs Western A Mustangs

Umpires - Dane Leo & Stefan Leo

Saturday 9th May @ 1:30pm Levelwood Allstars vs Challengers

Umpires - Gareth Johnson & Rhys Francis

Sunday 10th May @ 9:30am Jamestown Heat vs Cobras

Umpires - Gavin Ellick & Andrew Yon

Sunday 10th May @ 1:30pm Western A Mustangs vs Sandy Bay Pirates

Umpires - Weston Clingham & Brendan Leo



**St. Helena Cricket
Association**

Website:

www.sthelenacricket.org/

Games can also be followed by the Cricheroes app which can be downloaded from Google Play Store.



Facebook

Find us on our facebook page. You can also send us send us a message via facebook.

[@sthelenacricketassociation](https://www.facebook.com/sthelenacricketassociation)



Tweet us

During our competitions we tend to tweet updates and information about our games

[@StHelenaCricket](https://twitter.com/StHelenaCricket)



Instagram

The best place to find all the great images of our progress from games to training

[@cricketsthelena](https://www.instagram.com/cricketsthelena)

ST HELENA GOLF REPORT

Contributed by St Helena Golf Club

Buckley Holes the Final Shot as Tombstone Thriller Unfolds

Sunday, 3 May 2026, delivered plenty of drama and laughter as 14 players took part in the unique Tombstone Competition, where every golfer quite literally carried a cross and battled on until the very last stroke.

In true Tombstone fashion, the field was gradually whittled down until only one player remained standing, and that honour went to **Laura Buckley**, who claimed **first prize** in unforgettable style, as with pressure at its peak, Laura's very last shot found the bottom of the cup, a perfect ending and the kind of finish golfers dream about.

Hot on her heels was **Neil Joshua**, who secured **second place** after firing a superb final shot that came to rest just inches from the pin on the 18th green, which was close, but not close enough to escape the Tombstone!

The 2Ball Pool produced its own moment of brilliance, with **Gerald George** cleaning up the lot after scoring the only two of the day on the tricky 5th green, proudly grabbing all the balls on offer.



Sunday, 10 May 2026,
18 Hole Stableford Competition

Tee off: 12:00

Registration closes: Saturday 9th May at 3pm,
and players are urged to help the organisers by
registering early.

Great golf, great company, and great stories just
another classic day on the course!

.We wish you all a great weekend and look forward to seeing you on the course.



Happy Swinging
SHGC



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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 2026/36:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed One Bedroom Dwelling** at Gordon's Post on Parcel FP0519, **Applicant:** Louis Youde.
2. **Application 2026/37:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of Metal Royal Mail Box** at Blue Point, Blue Hill on Parcel BA0031, **Applicant:** St Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
3. **Application 2026/38:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Bank's Battery, Ruperts on Parcel RV0116, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
4. **Application 2026/39:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Cox's Battery, Longwood on Parcel PB0044, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
5. **Application 2026/40:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Diana's Peak on Parcel DPRR0170, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
6. **Application 2026/41:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Flagstaff, Longwood on Parcel DW0197, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
7. **Application 2026/42:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Gill Point, Longwood on Parcel WH0007, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
8. **Application 2026/43:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Great Stone Top, Levelwood on Parcel WH0007, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
9. **Application 2026/44:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Heart-Shaped Waterfall on Parcel FP0398, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
10. **Application 2026/45:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation a Wooden Post Box** at High Hill, Blue Hill on Parcel TW0033, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.

11. **Application 2026/46:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at High Peak, Blue Hill, on Parcel SBW0087, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
12. **Application 2026/47:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Lemon Valley on Parcel NG0002, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
13. **Application 2026/48:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Lot, Sandy Bay on Parcel SBW0065, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
14. **Application 2026/49:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Lot's Wife Ponds, Sandy Bay on Parcel BA0032, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
15. **Application 2026/50:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Manati Bay, Blue Hill on Parcel BA0031, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
16. **Application 2026/51:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Mackintosh on Parcel TH020235, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
17. **Application 2026/52:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Peak Dale, Blue Hill on Parcel SBW0045, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
18. **Application 2026/53:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Powell's Valley, Sandy Bay on Parcel SBE0142, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
19. **Application 2026/54:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation a Wooden Post Box** at Prosperous Bay, Longwood on Parcel PB0044, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
20. **Application 2026/55:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Sandy Bay Barn, Sandy Bay on Parcel SBE0142, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
21. **Application 2026/56:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of Metal Royal Mail Box** at Sampson's Battery, Jamestown on Parcel JT170093, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
22. **Application 2026/57:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Shark's Valley, Longwood on Parcel WH0007, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
23. **Application 2026/58:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at South West Point, Blue Hill on Parcel TW0045, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.

- 24. Application 2026/59:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Sugar Loaf on Parcel RV0116, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
- 25. Application 2026/60:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at The Barn, Longwood on Parcel TB0001, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
- 26. Application 2026/61:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Wooden Post Box** at Thompson's Valley, Blue Hill on Parcel TW0033, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
- 27. Application 2026/62:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Covered Area** at No2. Deadwood on Parcel DW0164, **Applicant:** Housing Management, St. Helena Government.
- 28. Application 2026/11:** **Re-advertisement to include additional and revised drawings/ plans** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Half Tree Hollow Wastewater Treatment Works** at The Guns, Ladder Hill on Parcel HTH1213. **Applicant:** St. Helena Government

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 – 22nd May 2026
 Patricia Coyle, Head of Planning & Building Control

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	GREY FOX 261206	BLUE MASTER II 261208	LILAC ROLLER 261210
Immingham	21-Feb	28-May	25-Apr
	KAROLINE 261703	KAROLINE 261704	KAROLINE 261705
Cape Town	03-Apr	06-May	07-Jun
Rupert's Bay	11-Apr	14-May	15-Jun
Ascension Island			
	KAROLINE 261803	KAROLINE 261804	KAROLINE 261805
Cape Town	26-Apr	27-May	28-Jun

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