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**LANDING SOON**



## A Thank You from the Chief Minister

As the Hantavirus response draws to a close, I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who played a part in keeping our community safe.

To the 18 individuals who complied with the self-isolation requirements, thank you for your selflessness, patience and cooperation. By putting the protection of your families, friends and wider community first, you made an important contribution during a period of uncertainty.

To all those who supported them throughout this time, thank you.

I would also like to thank our healthcare professionals, public health staff and partner agencies who worked tirelessly to deliver a precautionary,

evidence-based response and keep the island informed, supported and safe. Your professionalism, dedication and commitment have been invaluable in protecting the wellbeing of our community.

To those in the UK and elsewhere who also undertook periods of self-isolation and can now return to normal life, thank you for your cooperation and support.

Finally, I extend gratitude to the UK Government, particularly the FCDO, UKHSA and MOD, for the support provided throughout the response. Acting out of an abundance of caution, the rapid mobilisation of medical, technical and logistical assistance, together with the precautionary medical evacuation of those assessed to be at the highest risk, safeguarded our community and greatly strengthened St Helena's emergency response capability at a challenging time.

## Trump Considers Buying Chagos Islands from Mauritius, Reportedly

Donald Trump is reportedly weighing a plan to buy the Chagos Islands from Mauritius .

Under the reported proposal, the Trump administration would sidestep UK officials and purchase the island, securing control of the US-UK Diego Garcia military base.

The island, however, would first have to be ceded to Mauritian sovereignty, allowing the US to negotiate its purchase with Mauritius directly. Previous legislation to hand the islands to Mauritius were shelved in April after the US removed its support of the deal.

Some officials in the Trump administration were concerned about giving the island to Mauritius, an ally of China, opening up the possibility of espionage.

A delegation of Chagos refugees visited the UK last week. The six-person contingent from the Chagos Refugees Group expressed their full support for the UK to conclude an agreement on the future of the islands. "The most important is our rights," Louis Olivier Bancoult, the delegation leader, said on Friday. "There is not a real will for the British government to find a solution for our people. We need to find a way." He added, "We're still suffering and our position is clear; we have the right to live in our birthplace."

## Air Fare Rises Inevitable as Airlines Face Extra £75 Billion Jet Fuel Bill This Year

Airlines will have to spend an extra £75 billion on jet fuel this year, with fares "inevitably" rising to cover the bill after the war with Iran choked off oil supplies.

With jet fuel prices expected to be 70% higher across 2026, airlines body IATA said that collective industry profits worldwide would halve to £17.24 billion. Some carriers would struggle to survive the fuel price shock caused by the closure of the strait of Hormuz in March, it said.

"High oil prices will inevitably mean higher ticket prices," said Willie Walsh, director general of the International Air Transport Association (IATA). "There's just no way to avoid that."

Walsh said industry polling showed passengers were now braced for higher fares and prepared to spend more, but added: "The big unknown is how long travellers and shippers can tolerate the higher costs of connectivity."

Speaking at IATA's summit in Rio de Janeiro, Walsh said it was a "challenging and unpredictable time", with "wafer-thin margins".

"It's going to be very challenging and for a lot of airlines the increase in the fuel bill is potentially existential."

But concerns about possible fuel shortages were now over, despite the soaring costs, and compared with Covid, it was not a crisis.



## **The Time Has Come – part one**

Over the last two years there are those who have reason to develop a strong association with the Coffee Shop fence. There have been a few battles over this unpermitted development. A development application was required. The application was submitted. The application was considered. It was refused. An appeal was lodged against the decision to refuse. The decision was upheld. A second development application was prepared with care, and submitted. It was refused, it is said. What it was, what it might have been, nobody knows. Page Not Found is so often the reply on the SHG Planning Authority website page.

### **ODE TO THE FENCE**

WELL SORRY FENCE THE TIME HAS COME  
WE HAVE TO TAKE YOU DOWN.  
ALTHOUGH ITS WITH GREAT SADNESS  
WE'VE ENJOYED YOU BEING AROUND

YOU'VE STOOD FOR OVER TWO YEARS NOW  
UPRIGHT TALL AND STABLE  
PREVENTING LATE NIGHT GATHERINGS  
AND TEEN SEX ON MY TABLE

BUT THE 1% HAS SPOKEN  
AND SO WE MUST OBEY  
AND NOW THAT I'VE RUN OUT OF TIME  
YOU MUST COME DOWN TODAY!!



***'Roosy' they called him – gone but never forgotten***

### **The Time Has Come – part two**

All those who knew agreed, he was a great cock. Strutting around the Millennium Forest as if he owned every square inch of it. Nothing and no one could change his confident and commanding swagger. To him, dogs, cats, humans and rats were of no importance. He was an old fella. He had been around the block a few times. He had seen it, and done it, long before you. And so the time came for the old fella, to do the one last thing he had not done – he died.

# KEY CONCERN

Dear Editor,

I write to raise serious concern about the new mascot names presented to students of St Helena Secondary School. The names offered have no identity, dignity, or connection to St Helena Island. It is deeply troubling that the Education

Department would introduce mascots that reflect neither heritage nor values. Instead of strengthening pride in St Helena's culture, these names risk pulling our children further away from it.

Despite repeated attempts to seek clarity from the Head Teacher, the Portfolio Assistant Director of Schools, and the Minister of Education, no meaningful response has been provided. Parents were told the names came from a "student-led process." This is simply untrue. Students were not asked to create names that reflect St Helena; they were handed a list. Their voices were directed, not respected. In all my years on this island, I have never encountered any story, tradition, or local creature resembling the proposed mascots. How can these names represent our people or our culture?

Names such as Cerberus, Leviathan, and Phoenix are not only irrelevant to St Helena—they carry meanings that are entirely inappropriate for a school:



- **Cerberus:** a three-headed dog guarding the gates of hell. Its entire mythology is rooted in death, darkness and the underworld.
- **Leviathan:** a symbol of chaos, destruction, and evil.
- **Phoenix:** a foreign mythical creature with no link to our island.

Other names follow the same pattern: dark, mythical, and disconnected from who we are.

Even when positive spins are offered, the core symbolism remains. And this raises a critical question: How does giving children mascots rooted in destruction and chaos safeguard their wellbeing? What are we teaching them when we ask them to rally behind symbols of darkness rather than symbols of resilience, pride, and identity?

This direction contradicts everything St Helena stands for: Community. Tolerance. Family. Tradition. Charity. Compassion. St Helena island is named after Saint Helena of Constantinople, a figure of humility, generosity, and devotion. These are the values children should see reflected in their school environment.

The proposed mascots do not honour St Helena's heritage. They do not reflect the identity. They do not uplift the children.

There are many meaningful alternatives rooted in our island's story:

Wirebird (St Helena Plover) – Proud. Vigilant. Enduring. Whale Shark – Strength Through Calmness. Jonathan – Steady. Wise. Unstoppable. Spiky Yellow Woodlouse – Small but Mighty. St Helena Ebony – Rise Again.

These names reflect St Helena's environment, St Helena's conservation legacy, and community spirit far more authentically than imported mythical creatures.

For these reasons, I call on the community to stand firmly against the proposed mascot names and insist that they be replaced with ones that truly embody the beauty, history, and identity of St Helena Island. The children deserve symbols that honour who the Saints are not symbols of chaos, destruction, or fantasy.

**Shanon Cornelson.**

# Role Models for the Formative Years

In recognition of how close Greek mythology is to the hearts of all Saints, some of the most exemplary mythical figures are chosen as the new inspirational emblems deemed appropriate for nurturing Secondary School kids' aspirations.

**Cerberus** is already shown. Known as the "Hound of Hades," it is the monstrous, multi-headed dog who guards the gates of the Underworld. His job is to prevent the dead from escaping and to stop living mortals from entering without permission. Why was this one chosen? Was it to promote reason and understanding, to always respect the opinion of people with opposing views?



The **Leviathan** is not originally from Greek mythology. It is a colossal, fire-breathing sea serpent rooted in ancient Near Eastern and Hebrew theology, famously appearing in the Old Testament as an example of chaos and cosmic disorder.

Maybe this endearing sea creature, rooted in Hebrew theology was chosen as an obscure and indirect attempt to discourage any tendencies towards antisemitism. Or is it a recruitment poster for more fishermen and maybe one or two women? No? Well, you figure it out! The message is probably lost on today's kids. Will they want to know if it is a computer game?

The **Phoenix** is a legendary immortal bird associated with the sun. Living for 500 or more years, it regenerates by bursting into flames and rising from its own ashes. It is an ancient symbol of rebirth, renewal, and the triumph of life over death. But what a way to go!

This mythological Greek phoenix originated from ancient Egyptian tales linked to the flooding of the Nile and the sun god Ra. All of us identify with that one. Or is it because someone somewhere in the middle of all this comes from Phoenix, Arizona? For children today, history starts after many of the older people on his island were born. More relevant historical figures to consider could be Winston Churchill, Mahatma Ghandi, Nelson Mandela or Martin Luther King Jnr. They were not myths. They all had courage, strength of character and they were constant and resolute – despite whatever human failings the 'holier than thou' contingent like to remember about them.



All of those are men, of course. To maintain balance there is also Sirimavo Bandaranaike, Indira Gandhi, Golda Meir, Benazir Bhutto and others. All of them exceptional leaders over several years and all were the first of their kind for different reasons.



## St Helena's Economic Future

Professor Peter Clegg

University of the West of England, Bristol

As noted in the pages of this newspaper, there has been growing concern about St Helena's economy, with frustration centred on a lack of a 'can-do' attitude, weak project delivery, and ideas—such as improving supply chains—that are discussed but often not implemented. High start-up costs are highlighted as a major obstacle, and much investment is focused on preserving existing

systems rather than creating new opportunities.

As the Chief Minister has observed, the island faces several challenges: infrastructure pressures, rising costs, supply vulnerabilities, and external shocks. These issues reflect underinvestment, ageing infrastructure, and the inherent difficulties of running services in a remote location with limited capacity. All of this creates a sense that St Helena is reacting to problems rather than shaping its own economic future.

And yet, while this diagnosis is fair, there is reason for hope when one considers other small islands. They face similar challenges and have found ways to overcome them. The question is: how can St Helena replicate such a shift?

One way of thinking about this is through a set of simple economic models often used to describe small island economies. These models are not exact blueprints, but they help indicate a direction of travel. Academics favour acronyms, and there are three that are useful here.

The first is the **MIRAB** model—Migration, Remittances, Aid, and Bureaucracy. This describes economies where people move abroad for work, send money home, and the island depends heavily on external financial support and a large public sector. St Helena has often been placed in this category. This approach has provided stability but is not necessarily serving the island well at present. St Helena has effectively moved from subsistence to subsidy, and this model has now reached its limits. It cannot deliver the growth or resilience the island needs, and continued reliance on it risks holding St Helena back. For this reason, new thinking is essential.

An alternative is the **PROFIT** model—People, Resources, Overseas Engagement, Finance, and Transport. In simple terms, this approach is more active and outward-looking. It encourages places to think carefully about their population and skills, to make better use of their natural advantages, to build strong external connections, and to create the right conditions for investment. Not every part of the PROFIT model applies directly to St Helena. However, it is valuable because it points towards a more confident and proactive mindset. It suggests being more ambitious, more strategic, and more willing to use the island's unique position to generate economic activity.

A third model is the **SITE** model, meaning Small Island Tourist Economy. This highlights the role tourism can play when it is focused on quality and distinctiveness rather than scale. Norfolk Island, once a classic MIRAB economy, has managed to break out of that pattern, in part through the development of tourism. This shows that change is possible.

For St Helena, tourism is clearly one of the main opportunities. Its environment, wildlife, and history are exceptional. Rather than trying to attract large numbers of visitors, the island should perhaps focus on two groups—those willing to pay for a unique experience and budget adventure travellers. Getting the right infrastructure in place is crucial and this could be supported by joint public-private ventures, with the UK government underwriting and

guaranteeing those investments.

But tourism alone is not enough. Another important opportunity lies in developing products based on local materials. Many successful islands build industries from what they already have—fruit, fish, wood, stone, or even waste from other activities. These materials are cheaper because they do not need to be imported, and they are naturally linked to the island's identity. This creates the potential for strong branding. Products that are clearly “from St Helena” can be sold in specialised niche markets where buyers value authenticity. These markets are not about low prices, but about quality and differentiation. Even small producers can succeed by selling limited quantities at higher margins, particularly to the diaspora and other high-value customers. There is potential for St Helena with coffee, fisheries, and crafts, but greater application and appropriate scaling would be required.

Another major opportunity lies in what might be called location-based income. Many islands earn revenue simply because of where they are, by allowing others to use their location or legal system. This can include fishing licences, communications infrastructure, shipping registries, or other specialist services. The Marshall Islands, for example, has built a major shipping industry through so-called ‘flags of convenience’, while Nauru runs a detention centre for undocumented migrants intercepted in Australian waters, providing significant employment, although this arrangement has not been without problems. Indeed, not all opportunities are appropriate—recently, the government of Fiji has rejected a proposal by an Australian billionaire to generate energy by burning waste in Fiji, following opposition from traditional landowners and tourism operators.

St Helena's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) can potentially offer greater location-based income. For small islands, EEZs can be far larger than their land area, turning them into ‘large ocean countries’. These zones allow governments to charge for fishing access and manage valuable resources. Some island economies have successfully tapped into the commercial value of their EEZs. The Solomon Islands, for example, has expanded its fishing industry by improving governance and monitoring, licensing both domestic and foreign fleets, cooperating with other countries, and implementing a long-term fisheries policy to sustainably increase tuna production. At the same time, it has invested in processing facilities infrastructure, and (largely small-scale inland) aquaculture to capture more value domestically, create jobs, and reduce reliance on raw fish exports. Of course, closer to home, the Falkland Islands has also a well-managed and profitable fisheries sector, which allowed it to become financially independent from the UK. None of these developments should be beyond Saint Helena's government and people.

There is also growing interest in seabed resources within EEZs, including minerals such as copper, cobalt, and rare earth elements that are important for modern technologies. While such opportunities must be handled carefully, with strong environmental safeguards, they show that the waters around St Helena could play a much larger role in its economic future.

There are also lessons from elsewhere. The Danish island of Samsø, for example, transformed its economy by focusing on renewable energy and involving the whole community. The lesson is not to copy this exactly, but to recognise the importance of choosing clear priorities and pursuing them consistently.

Indeed, St Helena must strengthen how it delivers projects. Better planning, stronger project management, and a more positive culture of driving change are essential. Without these, even the best strategies will struggle to succeed.

Finally, the UK has an important role to play. Support must continue, but it should also enable a more creative and flexible approach to development—helping the island explore new ideas, build partnerships, and develop its own capacity over the medium to long term. Short-termism

must be avoided, and a sustained commitment made to St Helena's progress. In conclusion, the MIRAB, PROFIT, and SITE models do not provide simple answers. But they do suggest a clear direction of travel: away from dependence and towards a more diverse, confident, and outward-looking economy. By making more of its unique strengths—its people, its products, and its vast ocean resources—St Helena can build a more resilient and sustainable future.

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His area of expertise include -

Governance and development issues in non-independent territories

Small states in the international system

The international political economy of the Commonwealth Caribbean.



***Heartfelt thanks to our wonderful family and friends for celebrating Alethea Peters' milestone 102nd birthday with us on May 31st.***

***Your presence, love and warm wishes made her day truly memorable.***

## After St Helena, Eight Years in Jersey, and Now Time to Go Home



**John Phillipson welcomes Paul McGinney (left) is the new CEO of the North East Autism Society**

Many will remember Paul McGinney. When he left St Helena in 2018 he was Assistant Chief Secretary. Paul took a job with the Jersey government where he rose to become Director of Local Services, with duties that included overseeing care homes during the pandemic, co-ordinating charities, and leading on homelessness and disability. He was the Jersey government's lead on the humanitarian response to major incidents, including a 2022 gas explosion in a block of flats that killed 10 people. He also established Jersey's International Culture Centre to welcome migrant workers who are crucial to the island's economy.

Paul's most recent big idea for Jersey will be enjoyed when he is four weeks into his new job as chief executive of the North East

Autism Society. The World Cup knock out stage and the Wimbledon Tennis Championship will be displayed on giant open-air screens in a Jersey park. Paul said the event was designed to "bring people together" through sport, culture and free activities for islanders of all ages. "It's not just for the football fans," said Paul. "It's for the people who maybe just want to walk up on a nice, sunny afternoon, bring their strawberries or whatever, and watch some tennis." The idea grew out of previous successful public screenings of the Lionesses and recent community football events organised with Jersey Sport. "We just thought, let's do something spectacular to bring people together," he said. "Football and food bring everybody together. It's kind of like an international language." The project is being organised through the International Cultural Centre, which was established by Paul for people who come to live and work in Jersey and promotes different cultures across the island. "The idea for this is to basically bring the community together," he said. "It's a safe space for people who maybe don't want to go to the pubs to watch football."

Paul will be remembered for his five years in St Helena when he earned the reputation for getting things done.

Now, he has returned to his native North East and will be joined by wife Lindsay, an art teacher, and their two teenage children. Talking about his new job to local media, Paul said, "I want to listen to children, parents, and staff to see where we need to go next in developing our services. I'm passionate about employment opportunities for autistic and neurodivergent people and building on the drive around autism acceptance. It's wonderful to be part of an organisation that puts people at the centre of everything it does, whether it's service-users or colleagues who do an outstanding job on a daily basis," he said.

Outgoing CEO, John Phillipson, said: "I'm delighted to be handing over to someone who is not only extremely well qualified but a lovely person too. He's the perfect fit I have no doubt he'll do a brilliant job."

John Phillipson ended his term as CEO with an ambitious farm project that will give autistic people hope. The project transforms a County Durham farm into a pioneering training centre for autistic and neurodiverse people

# Ten Years of the Blue Belt Programme

## 2016

initiated by the UK Government, focusing support on UKOTs with designated large-scale MPAs – British Indian Ocean Territory\*, South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands, and within the British Antarctic Territory – alongside those with ambition to do so: St Helena, Ascension, Tristan da Cunha, and the Pitcairn Islands.

St Helena designates its entire Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) as a sustainable use MPA.

## 2018

The first satellite images are collected for the Blue Belt Programme as a tool to tackle IUUF in remote island locations.

## 2019

Ascension Island designates its entire EEZ as an MPA.

Two Discovery expeditions (DY99 and DY100) conduct comprehensive scientific surveys in Tristan da Cunha and St Helena and investigate benthic biodiversity in South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

## 2020

Tristan da Cunha designates 90% of its EEZ as a Marine Protection Zone (MPZ).

## 2021

The Blue Belt Programme establishes the Global Ocean Wildlife Analysis Network (GOWAN), a global network of stereo baited remote underwater video systems that support the observation and analysis of ocean wildlife. It operates across most of the UKOTs in the Programme in addition to Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Montserrat and Gibraltar.

Turks and Caicos Islands join the Blue Belt Programme, the first Caribbean Territory to do so.

## 2022

Anguilla joins the Blue Belt Programme.

St Helena opens its new state-of-the-art lab and marine centre, funded through the Blue Belt Programme.

The Blue Belt Programme launched a sustainable finance workstream to support the UKOTs in identifying and accessing additional funding sources. In St Helena and the Pitcairn Islands, the Programme has supported the development of MPA financial plans to better understand the long-term costs of effective management and identify ways to close gaps in funding.

The DY159 expedition takes place to study seafloor topography and biodiversity in uncharted waters around St Helena and Ascension Island.

## 2023

The Cayman Islands join the Blue Belt Programme.

St Helena MPA is awarded 'Hope Spot' status by Mission Blue, acknowledging efforts to manage its marine environment.

Following the establishment of its MPA, the Blue Belt Programme supported the St Helena Government to introduce new regulations for marine tourism, ensuring that only activities which do not harm or disrupt species within the MPA are permitted. A new licensing system for marine tour operators was created, requiring them to undertake compulsory training to meet accreditation standards.

In St Helena, the Programme supported the island's Marine Awareness Week, which gave every schoolchild the opportunity to experience the marine environment firsthand through a trip to sea.

15 tour operators in the Blue Belt Programme successfully completed this training, each achieving the competency level required for accreditation.

## 2024

Representatives from St Helena, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha to attend the 7th International

# Ten Years of the Blue Belt Programme

Marine Conservation Congress in South Africa, where they presented their work to more than 800 scientists and practitioners from around the world.

In Tristan da Cunha, four Young Ocean Champions were jointly hosted by the Blue Belt Programme and the Atlantic Guardians project for UK-based training, including powerboat handling and a marine science bootcamp. The Programme also worked with the Tristan da Cunha Government to develop marine education packs for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 students.

**2025**

A new laboratory was installed on Ascension Island to focus on ecophysiology, the study of how organisms respond to environmental conditions. This has enabled the government to carry out crucial research on the effects of climate change on local species.

Operation Gannet conducts coral assessments, habitat mapping and seabird tagging in the Pitcairn Islands.

The Blue Belt Programme supported further research to inform the long term management of sustainable tourism within the island's MPA. Funding was provided for the development of a smartphone application for marine tour operators, giving the government new tools to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of management measures.

On Ascension Island, the team conducted a first-of-its-kind study which analysed deep-water samples to assess levels of microplastic contamination.

This work was accompanied in 2025 by pioneering research examining seabirds for plastic ingestion, which found that 85% of seabirds investigated had evidence of microplastics and other litter within their digestive tracts. This research contributed directly to the Zoological Society of London's South Atlantic Plastics Project, helping to build a clearer picture of the drivers and extent of plastic pollution in the region.

**2026**

The Beyond the Reef expedition is the first in the Programme's history to explore the Caribbean, studying the offshore waters of Anguilla, Turks and Caicos and Cayman Islands.

Montserrat joins the Blue Belt Programme.

## What the Blue Belt Programme Say About St Helena Fisheries

The Blue Belt Programme has supported St Helena with the extensive work required to underpin the effective management of this MPA, including the production of a marine management plan, a monitoring and research plan, and the first annual MPA report in June 2025. In 2023, St Helena's MPA was designated as a global Hope Spot by Mission Blue in recognition of its efforts to monitor and manage its marine environment while developing a sustainable economy.

Fishing remains central to the island's economy and culture, with tuna species supplying both local and international markets. To strengthen sustainable fisheries management, the Blue Belt Programme assisted in the development of the 2021 Fisheries Ordinance, which provides a clear legal framework for effective regulation.

The team also supported in establishing a fisheries science programme, delivering evidence-based assessments and management advice for key species.

The island's fisheries are continuously monitored to track changes in fish abundance and diversity. This includes local stock assessments, lobster and dive surveys, and, from 2025, a fish egg survey developed with support from the Blue Belt Programme team. In collaboration with St Helena's Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio, this data is systematically analysed and used to inform sustainable management decisions.

These recommendations have directly informed the implementation of fisheries control measures, including targeted fishing restrictions and other measures designed to maintain healthy fish stocks. Monitoring approaches are regularly reviewed and strengthened in line with best practice, ensuring that fisheries management remains adaptive and grounded in the latest scientific data.

Since 2016 and building on the Fisheries Ordinance, the Blue Belt Programme has supported St Helena to be fully compliant with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), including a detailed review of tuna assessment methods in 2024–25 and the tagging of over 2,300 tunas to monitor local population levels.

# '100 & Fabulous'

*Evelyn celebrates 100 years with reception at Plantation and card from the King*



*From Sara Bower's Facebook*



# 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 all elements of safety and compliance, through Business Operating Unit 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.

### Interested Persons Should:

- Have IOSH or similar Health & Safety Certification
- Have experience in a Health & Safety / Compliance role
- Ideally be knowledgeable of Food Safety practises
- Ideally have supervisory or experience in a management role
- Have grade C or above in English and Maths or equivalent
- Be computer literate in the use of Microsoft Applications
- 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

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

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Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via [hradmin@solomons.co.sh](mailto:hradmin@solomons.co.sh) and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **25 June 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

## Assistant BFI Manager



Salary for the post will commence at £16,596 per annum (£1,383 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Bulk Fuel Installation for an Assistant BFI Manager.

As the Assistant Manager you will assist the Manager with the day to day running of the Bulk Fuel Installation, and to deputize for the Manager in their absence.

### Interested Persons Should:

- Have proven experience working within bulk fuel storage, distribution and handling or similar environment, and related Health & Safety knowledge
- Be committed to the continuous improvement of Health & Safety performance, developing, and maintaining effective safety systems, and promoting a positive safety culture
- Have GCSE Maths & English or equivalent at Grade C or above and excellent ICT skills
- Have strong leadership skills and experience in developing and coaching a team
- Be able to undertake administrative duties including report writing and produce work with a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail.
- Have strong interpersonal & organisational skills and be able to communicate effectively on all levels.
- Be analytical with strong technical skills and the ability to confidently make decisions.
- Have the ability to multi task & work under pressure.
- Be in possession of a valid driver's licence in class C
- Be knowledgeable of general maintenance of fuel equipment and facilities
- Be flexible to work outside of normal working hours as and when required

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# Vacancy

## Freight Agent



Salary for the post will commence at £12,360 per annum (£1,030 per month), and will increase following completion of requisite training

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

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

### Interested Persons Should:

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

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

Anthea Joshua, Assistant Shipping & Travel Manager via  22523  [asstshipping-travelmanager@solomons.co.sh](mailto:asstshipping-travelmanager@solomons.co.sh)

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

- ◆ Pension Contributions
- ◆ Staff Discounts

# Vacancy

## Part-Time Cargo Processing Agent



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

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

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

### Interested Persons Should:

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

### For further information contact:

Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies) via  22523  [gm-agencies@solomons.co.sh](mailto:gm-agencies@solomons.co.sh)

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# Vacancy

## Part-Time Security Officers



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


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

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

### Interested Persons Should:

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

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# Vacancy

## Part-Time Ramp Handlers



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

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has vacancies for Part-Time Ramp Handlers to join the team at St Helena Airport.

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

### Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a good standard of English & ICT
- Be in possession of a clean & valid Drivers' Licence ideally in class D
- Be committed to delivering an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be committed to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake repetitive Manual Handling & physically demanding duties
- Have the ability to multitask in a fast paced environment to meet tight deadlines
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment and remain calm in high pressure situations

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# Vacancies

## Part-Time Aircraft Cleaner



Rate of pay will commence at £5.60 per hour, increased to £6.50 per hour upon completion of relevant training.

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



The Aircraft Cleaner will be responsible for the cleaning of the Airport Terminal on the days of aircraft operations and also cleaning of aircraft cabins of arriving and departing Aircraft.

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

### Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a good standard of English & ICT
- Be customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be available to undertake the required training including both classroom and online-based training
- Be available to undergo the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake manual handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Be able to work with a high degree of attention to detail
- Have the ability to remain calm under pressure.

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Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies) via  22523  [gm-agencies@solomons.co.sh](mailto:gm-agencies@solomons.co.sh)

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## VACANCY



## IT ASSISTANT

Connect Saint Helena Ltd has a vacancy within the Business Support Team for an IT Assistant to carry out daily technical support for the company's IT infrastructure and employees. The role will report to the IT Officer and act as the first point of contact for IT queries, delivering professional end-user support in person and by phone. By consulting with departments to assess and address their specific requirements, the IT Assistant supports operational continuity and system reliability across the organisation.

### EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES



- Knowledge of Computer Systems, hardware, software, networking, cyber security and cloud technologies
- Current experience working in IT Environment providing computer hardware and software support (1 year).
- Ability to troubleshoot and solve technical problems.
- Driving Licence, Class A.

### QUALIFICATIONS



- GCSE in English and Maths at Grade C or above
- GCSE in ICT or Computer Science

### BENEFITS



- A competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- 15% pension contributions of the base salary and 30 days annual leave.

For further information contact Saheed Oyewo on +290 22255 or email [Saheed.Oyewo@connectonline.co.sh](mailto:Saheed.Oyewo@connectonline.co.sh). Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: [Annalisa.Young@connectonline.co.sh](mailto:Annalisa.Young@connectonline.co.sh) by 9:00am on Monday, 15 June 2026. To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.

[www.connect.co.sh/vacancies.html](http://www.connect.co.sh/vacancies.html)



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<https://www.linkedin.com/company/connect-saint-helena-ltd/>

VACANCY



## Wind Farm Technician

Connect Saint Helena Ltd has a vacancy within our Electricity Generation team for Wind Farm Technician. This role involves delivering professional installation, planned preventative maintenance, fault rectification, and infrastructure refurbishment of mechanical power generation equipment—primarily associated with the Wind Farm—to ensure a safe, reliable, and high-quality power supply to customers. Also, this position provides cover for the Power Station Operator and Assistant.

### EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES



- 5 years Technical Experience Power Generation
- 3 years Power Generation Operational Experience including SCADA
- Driving Licence, Class C.

### QUALIFICATIONS



- GCSE in English and Maths at Grade C or above
- City and Guilds Mechanical engineering- Level 1
- Possesses awareness of, or have relevant Health & Safety qualifications, including First Aid and Fire Safety

### BENEFITS



- A competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- 15% pension contributions of the base salary and 30 days annual leave.

For further information contact Merril Lawrence on +290 22255 or email [Merril.Lawrence@connectonline.co.sh](mailto:Merril.Lawrence@connectonline.co.sh). Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: [Annalisa.Young@connectonline.co.sh](mailto:Annalisa.Young@connectonline.co.sh) by 9:00am on Monday, 22 June 2026. To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.



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VACANCY



## Power Plant Maintenance Technician

Connect Saint Helena Ltd has a vacancy within our Electricity Generation team for a skilled Mechanical Technician. You will be responsible for the professional installation, planned preventative maintenance, fault rectification, and infrastructure refurbishment of mechanical power generation equipment — ensuring a safe, reliable, and high-quality power supply to our customers. This role also includes providing cover for the Power Station Operator and Assistant.

### EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES



- 5 years Technical Experience in Power Generation
- 3 years Power Generation Operational Experience including SCADA, Plumbing, welding & fabrication.
- Driving Licence, Class C.

### QUALIFICATIONS



- GCSE in English and Maths at Grade C or above
- City and Guilds Mechanical engineering - Level 1
- Possesses awareness of, or have relevant Health & Safety qualifications, including First Aid and Fire Safety

### BENEFITS



- A competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- 15% pension contributions of the base salary and 30 days annual leave.

For further information contact Merril Lawrence on +290 22255 or email [Merril.Lawrence@connectonline.co.sh](mailto:Merril.Lawrence@connectonline.co.sh). Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: [Annalisa.Young@connectonline.co.sh](mailto:Annalisa.Young@connectonline.co.sh) by 9:00am on Monday, 22 June 2026. To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.



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## WILLS AID

### MAKE A WILL WEEK IN SUPPORT OF ISLAND MINDS FOUNDATION THIS WEEK ONLY 15-19 June 2026

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### ***MAKING A WILL – WHY IT'S IMPORTANT***

It's easy to put off making a will. But if you die without one, all that you own (your assets) may be distributed according to the law rather than your wishes. This could mean that your partner receives less, or that the money goes to family members who may not need it.

It is important for you to make a will, whether or not you consider you have many possessions or much money, because: -

- if you die without a will, there are certain rules which set out how money, property or possessions should be allocated. This may not be in accordance with your wishes.
- unmarried partners cannot inherit from each other unless there is a will, so the death of one partner may create serious financial problems for the remaining partner. There is no such thing as a 'common law wife or husband'.
- if you have children, you will need to make a will so that arrangements for the children can be made if either one or both parents die.
- if your circumstances have changed, it is important that you make a will to ensure that your money and possessions are distributed according to your wishes. For example, if you have separated and your ex-partner now lives with someone else, you may want to change your will. If you are married this may make any previous will you have made invalid.

Wills Aid has been running since 1988. Wills Aid is a special partnership between the legal profession and charity. The idea is that, instead of paying a solicitor's fee, clients are invited to make a donation to charity for the cost of the will. The Public Solicitor Office is supporting Wills Aid and has nominated Island Minds Foundation as our charity for 2026.

If you would like further information about making a will or updating your existing will please contact the Public Solicitor office. Based on current charges, the donation to the charity will be £20 for a simple and straightforward will. For a more complicated will, charges will be between £20 and £50.

For an appointment please contact:  
[office@publicsolicitor.com](mailto:office@publicsolicitor.com) or by telephone 23008



## Women's Corona Society Worldwide St Helena Branch Sponsored Busy hands

The women's Corona Society hosted their FUNDRAISER WITH A DIFFERENCE on Saturday 30 May 2026 at "Harlyn". This was the 10th such session, having been introduced over 20 years ago. Some 18 people including 3 children gathered at 2pm to keep their HANDS BUSY for 2 Hours. Each person had decided what activity they would do and invited members of the public to sponsor them for this.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone and ALL ACTIVITIES officially started at 2.30 pm, meanwhile the Corona Treasurer and members were very busy, sorting and checking each sponsor form and money raised to determine those eligible for 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes.

A very happy 2 hour session of fun, chit-chat and laughter as activities progressed – with hands busy. Activities ranged from sorting photos to cross stitch macramé code breaker knitting crochet and colouring in.

All activities ended at 4.30 pm.

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their support, participation and happy company, indicating how great this is, to help swell Corona funds for the planned Christmas events for the Island Community. This fund raiser was introduced some 20+ years ago- taking place on alternate years. She was delighted to report that this current event had raised £651.60.

A prize giving session then took place. **For most money raised £82.50**

**1st Miss Elli Hewitt For the most money raised £82.50**

**2nd Miss Rosie Mittens with £65.50**

**3rd Mrs Pat Musk £52.00**

Each participant was also given a token gift with a THANK YOU CARD of acknowledgment of the sum they raised. To round off this happy event, everybody was invited to have tea and refreshments.

**JPFlagg**  
Chairperson



## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT Select Committee 1 – Call for Information

Following our previous call for information earlier this year, Select Committee 1 has decided to extend the deadline for submissions of evidence by members of the public to 31 July 2026. The next two key topics that will be scrutinised are:

- **Labour Market Strategy**
- **Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Enhancing Our Natural Capital**

These topics have been selected due to their importance to the long-term well-being, development, and resilience of St Helena. The Committee welcomes contributions from all members of the public to support these inquiries.

We encourage anyone with relevant knowledge, lived experience, data, or professional insight to share their input. Submissions may include observations, case examples, or recommendations that could assist the Committee's work.

Submissions can be sent to the Committee Secretary via email at [marita.bagley@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:marita.bagley@sainthelena.gov.sh), or by letter addressed to:  
Committee Secretary, Legislative Council Office, Jamestown.

All submissions must be received by 4pm on Friday, 31 July 2026. Your contribution could help shape future policy —thank you for taking part.

**Legislative Council**  
**9 June 2026**



## JOIN US! WE ARE RECRUITING...

### BENEFITS

- Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays
- Paid sickness absence

## Head of People (£30,560 to £36,271 per annum)

We are in search of an outstanding Head of People who merges professional credibility with emotional intelligence, resilience, creativity, and strategic insight. The ideal candidate will showcase a proven history in organisational development, transformational leadership, and the provision of high-quality people services within the public sector.

Holding a degree (or equivalent professional experience), you will possess a CIPD Level 7 qualification and be a Chartered Member (MCIPD) or Chartered Fellow (FCIPD) of the CIPD or have an equivalent professional accreditation. You will offer extensive experience in leading people functions, supported by a strong dedication to employee engagement, wellbeing, and the provision of customer-focused services.

With a thorough understanding of UK employment law and best practices, you are adept at analysing complex information, pinpointing opportunities for enhancement, and crafting effective, pragmatic solutions. Your background includes the creation and execution of people policies and strategies, engagement with senior-level stakeholders, and the leadership of high-performing teams. Through your inspirational leadership, you have effectively driven organisational change, implemented transformational programmes, and achieved measurable results.

**Closing date: 28 June 2026**

**Shortlisting date: 07 July 2026**

**Interview date: 24 July 2026**

For a discussion about the role please contact our recruitment partner, Gatenby Sanderson at [orla.brennan@gatenbysanderson.com](mailto:orla.brennan@gatenbysanderson.com)

For more information about St Helena Government terms and conditions please contact Nicole Stevens on email: [nicole.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:nicole.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh)

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

## Principal Statistician & Methodological Lead for preventative interventions (£30,560 per annum) plus market enhancement £28,000 Fixed term – 2 years

The principal statistician and methodological lead for preventative interventions will contribute to enhancing the quality of life for everyone in our community and support the island's prosperity by bolstering the infrastructure and skills base to facilitate improved monitoring of the prevention and management of chronic illnesses. This position aims to enhance both the data management systems and the capabilities of the preventative health team. Essential responsibilities of this role include offering guidance on the design and evaluation analysis, aiding in the development of infrastructure, and mentoring staff involved in data management and analysis. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Tracy Poole Nandy on Tel No.22500 or Email: [tracy.poole-nandy@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:tracy.poole-nandy@sainthelena.gov.sh)  
 Closing date: 17 June 2026  
 Shortlisting date: 23 June 2026  
 Interview date: 07 July 2026

## Apprentice Solicitor/Paralegal (£13,569 per annum)

To improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by contributing to the legal team within Chambers. The Attorney Generals Chambers will invest the time and resources into ensuring our paralegals are fully equipped with the tools for success in the legal sector. Paralegals will be allocated a supervisor to provide them with quality training and opportunities to develop, as well as feedback and guidance. In return, we expect commitment, motivation and a genuine interest in helping our clients.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Andrew Duncan on Tel No.25526 or Email: [andrew.duncan@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:andrew.duncan@sainthelena.gov.sh)  
 Closing date: 17 June 2026  
 Shortlisting date: 23 June 2026  
 Interview date: 06 July 2026

## Internal Auditor (£13,095 per annum)

We are seeking an internal auditor to assist the internal audit service in delivering its mandate of providing independent, objective assurance and consulting services designed to add value and improve SHG's operations. Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Tineyi Chiseya on Tel No.22692 or Email: [tineyi.chiseya@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:tineyi.chiseya@sainthelena.gov.sh)  
 Closing date: 24 June 2026  
 Shortlisting date: 29 June 2026  
 Interview date: 09 July 2026

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

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

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

### Why join us?

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

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

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

Contact us for more information and a discussion

**Enquiries: Julianne Stevens on Tel No.22626 or Email: [julianne.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:julianne.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh)**

**Closing date: 24 June 2026**

**Shortlisting date: 29 June 2026**

**Interview date: 09 July 2026**

## Horse Point Landfill Site Operator (£10,088 per annum)

We are seeking a Landfill Site Operator to help deliver the Government's waste management services at the Horse Point Landfill Site. This is a key service that contributes to delivery of the Island's Waste Management Policy.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

**Enquiries: Karl Martin on Tel No.24724 or Email: [karl.martin@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:karl.martin@sainthelena.gov.sh)**

**Closing date: 24 June 2026**

**Shortlisting date: 29 June 2026**

**Interview date: 08 July 2026**

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## Safeguarding Strategic Delivery Manager (£30,560 per annum)

We are looking for a safeguarding strategic delivery manager, aimed at enhancing the lives of everyone in our community and fostering the island's prosperity. This role entails effective leadership, coordination, and operational management of all facets of the St Helena Safeguarding Board (SHSB). The individual in this position will assist statutory partners in developing, implementing, and continuously refining multi-agency safeguarding frameworks for children, young people, and vulnerable adults. This role is pivotal in providing strategic leadership to promote safeguarding throughout St Helena, ensuring that partners fulfil their statutory obligations and that safeguarding measures are effective, proportionate, and responsive to local needs. You will lead and oversee the daily operations of the SHSB, ensuring it functions effectively and complies with statutory requirements and established safeguarding guidelines (including the Working Together principles relevant to St Helena). Additionally, you will develop and uphold a multi-agency performance and quality assurance framework that mirrors the safeguarding duties and activities of all partners. Furthermore, you will manage the SHSB budget in line with Board directives, ensuring the efficient and transparent utilization of resources and oversee the daily operations of the SHSB to guarantee it runs effectively and efficiently. Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Nicole Plato on Tel No. 22470 or Email: [nicole.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:nicole.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Closing date: 26 June 2026

Shortlisting date: 30 June 2026

Interview date: 08 July 2026

## Chair of the Safeguarding Board (£30,560 per annum)

St Helena Government is seeking an experienced and independent safeguarding professional to serve as Independent Chair of the St Helena Safeguarding Board. This high-profile, non-executive role provides independent leadership and professional challenge to support strong, effective safeguarding arrangements for children and adults at risk across St Helena. Working collaboratively with senior leaders and partner agencies, the Chair will help ensure safeguarding activity is focused, coordinated and outcome-driven. The role would suit a senior professional with substantial leadership experience, a strong understanding of multi-agency working and the ability to operate with influence, sensitivity and independence. Experience of safeguarding leadership is highly desirable. The position is offered for an initial 3-year term. The successful candidate will receive an annual retainer fee of £1,200, paid quarterly in arrears, as well as a mileage allowance of 77p per mile for any mileage incurred using personal vehicles in connection with attendance at Board meetings, which are generally held once per month. In addition, they will also receive a monthly payment of £6.65 towards internet costs.

Due to the requirement to be independent, St Helena Government employees and holders of official office are not eligible to hold the position as Chair.

**For further information about the duties of Chair of the Safeguarding Board and/or to obtain the 'Expression of Interest** – Safeguarding Board Chair', interested persons may contact Nicole Plato on Tel No: 22525 or via e-mail [Nicole.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Nicole.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Completed expression of interest forms should be returned to Nicole Stevens, HR Assistant, email [nicole.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:nicole.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Shortlisted persons will then be invited to a discussion with the Chief Secretary, and the successful applicant will be appointed subject to receipt of a satisfactory vetting certificate.

Closing date: 26 June 2026

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- Paid sickness absence

### Portfolio Director – Education, Skills & Employment (£46,631 to £51,812 per annum)

We are seeking a Portfolio Director of Education, Skills & Employment for a crucial Executive level position, overseeing a wide-ranging and impactful portfolio that includes education, skills development, and employment services. You will establish the strategic direction and ensure effective delivery throughout the system—from early childhood education to lifelong learning and workforce engagement—guaranteeing a cohesive, inclusive, and high-performing offering.

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**Closing date: 28 June 2026**  
**Shortlisting date: 07 July 2026**  
**Interview date: wk. commencing 20 July 2026**

For a discussion about the role please contact our recruitment partner, Gatenby Sanderson at [orla.brennan@gatenbysanderson.com](mailto:orla.brennan@gatenbysanderson.com)

For more information about St Helena Government terms and conditions please contact Nicole Stevens on email: [nicole.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:nicole.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh)

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## FIFA Top 20 rankings as of 1 April 2026

Rank	Change	Team	Points
1	▲ 2	<a href="#">France</a>	1877.32
2	▼ 1	<a href="#">Spain</a>	1876.4
3	▼ 1	<a href="#">Argentina</a>	1874.81
4	—	<a href="#">England</a>	1825.97
5	▲ 1	<a href="#">Portugal</a>	1763.83
6	▼ 1	<a href="#">Brazil</a>	1761.16
7	—	<a href="#">Netherlands</a>	1757.87
8	—	<a href="#">Morocco</a>	1755.87
9	—	<a href="#">Belgium</a>	1734.71
10	—	<a href="#">Germany</a>	1730.37
11	—	<a href="#">Croatia</a>	1717.07
12	▲ 1	<a href="#">Italy</a>	1700.37
13	▲ 1	<a href="#">Colombia</a>	1693.09
14	▼ 2	<a href="#">Senegal</a>	1688.99
15	▲ 1	<a href="#">Mexico</a>	1681.03
16	▼ 1	<a href="#">United States</a>	1673.13
17	—	<a href="#">Uruguay</a>	1673.07
18	▲ 1	<a href="#">Japan</a>	1660.43
19	▼ 1	<a href="#">Switzerland</a>	1649.4
20	▲ 1	<a href="#">Denmark</a>	1620.81

## England World Cup squad



**Goalkeepers:** Dean Henderson (Crystal Palace), Jordan Pickford (Everton), James Trafford (Manchester City)

**Defenders:** Dan Burn (Newcastle United), Marc Guehi (Manchester City), Reece James (Chelsea), Ezri Konsa (Aston Villa), Tino Livramento (Newcastle), Nico O'Reilly (Manchester City), Jarell Quansah (Bayer Leverkusen), Djed Spence (Tottenham), John Stones (Manchester City)

**Midfielders:** Elliot Anderson (Nottingham Forest), Jude Bellingham (Real Madrid), Eberechi Eze (Arsenal), Jordan Henderson (Brentford), Kobbie Mainoo (Manchester United), Declan Rice (Arsenal), Morgan Rogers (Aston Villa)

**Forwards:** Anthony Gordon (Newcastle United), Harry Kane (Bayern Munich), Noni Madueke (Arsenal), Marcus Rashford (Barcelona on loan from Manchester United), Bukayo Saka (Arsenal), Ivan Toney (Al-Ahli), Ollie Watkins (Aston Villa)

### Some of Those Who Did Not Make It

Phil Foden, Cole Palmer and Trent Alexander Arnold are three of the biggest names not selected. Harry Maguire was "shocked and gutted" at being left out, his Mum was "disgusted". Maguire's team mate, Luke Shaw, also missed out despite an impressive season. Joint top Premier League scorer Morgan Gibb-White was also disappointed at being left at home.



## Scotland World Cup Squad



**Goalkeepers:** Craig Gordon (Hearts), Angus Gunn (Nottingham Forest), Liam Kelly (Rangers).

**Defenders:** Grant Hanley (Hibernian), Jack Hendry (Al-Ettifaq), Aaron Hickey (Brentford), Dom Hyam (Wrexham), Scott McKenna (Dinamo Zagreb), Nathan Patterson (Everton), Anthony Ralston (Celtic), Andy Robertson (Liverpool), John Souttar (Rangers), Kieran Tierney (Celtic).

**Midfielders:** Ryan Christie (Bournemouth), Findlay Curtis (Kilmarnock), Lewis Ferguson (Bologna), Ben Gannon-Doak (Bournemouth), Tyler Fletcher (Manchester United), John McGinn (Aston Villa), Kenny McLean (Norwich City), Scott McTominay (Napoli).

**Forwards:** Che Adams (Torino), Lyndon Dykes (Charlton), George Hirst (Ipswich Town), Lawrence Shankland (Hearts), Ross Stewart (Southampton).

## Tune in to every match

All group stage games will be broadcast on BBC Radio Five live, if you can hook up to that, the choice is yours.

### Top Rated Teams Coming Up Soon – times shown are BST

Date	Time				TV	Radio
13 June	20:00	Qatar	v	Switzerland	ITV	5 Live
13 June	23:00	Brazil	v	Morocco	BBC	5 Live
<b>14 June</b>	<b>02:00</b>	<b>Haiti</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Scotland</b>	<b>BBC</b>	<b>5 Live</b>
14 June	18:00	Germany	v	Curacao	ITV	5 Live
14 June	21:00	Netherlands	v	Japan	ITV	5 Live
15 June	17:00	Spain	v	Cape Verde	ITV	5 Live
15 June	20:00	Belgium	v	Egypt	BBC	5 Live
15 June	23:00	Saudi Arabia	v	Uruguay	ITV	5 Live
16 June	20:00	France	v	Senegal	BBC	5 Live
17 June	02:00	Argentina	v	Algeria	ITV	5 Live
17 June	18:00	Portugal	v	DR Congo	BBC	5 Live
<b>17 June</b>	<b>21:00</b>	<b>England</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Croatia</b>	<b>ITV</b>	<b>5 Live</b>
<b>19 June</b>	<b>23:00</b>	<b>Scotland</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Morocco</b>	<b>ITV</b>	<b>5 Live</b>



# CRICKET REPORT

Contributed by Cricheroes in conjunction with St Helena Cricket Association



**Challengers 247/5 (20 overs)**

**beat**

**Cobras 117/5 (20 overs)**

Joey Thomas - 60 (31)  
Cliff Richards - 49 (34)  
Mark Anthony - 2/31 (4 overs)  
Jamie Peters - 2/43 (4 Overs)

Jamie Peters - 46 (17)  
Ralph Knipe - 19 (39)  
Ashton Benjamin - 2/23 (4 overs)  
Harry Winfield - 2/32 (2 overs)

*Player of the Match - Joey Thomas (Challengers)*



**Sandy Bay Pirates 158/8 (20 overs)**

**beat**

**Levelwood Allstars 133/10 (19.2 overs)**

Ronan Legg - 67 (46)  
Brett Isaac - 36 (47)  
Cormac Crowie - 2/9 (1 over)  
Aiden Leo - 2/30 (4 overs)

Aiden Leo - 53 (42)  
Delroy Leo - 33 (27)  
Ronan Legg - 3/19 (4 overs)  
Rhys Francis - 2/8 (3.2 overs)

*Player of the Match - Ronan Legg (Sandy Bay Pirates)*

## 8:30 am - Wooden Spoon Final



Western A Mustangs v Jamestown Heat

## 12:00 - Knockout Final

Challengers v Sandy Bay Pirates (Umpires: David George and Scott Crowie)



Music throughout the day with DJ KJ



Get Carters will provide Curry & Rice and Pizza.

Firework Display in the evening

Note to pet owners—Please ensure you animals are secured for the duration of the firework display.



St Helena Football Association will provide their sports bar



### Website:

[www.sthelenacricknet.org/](http://www.sthelenacricknet.org/)

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



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Instagram

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

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# ST HELENA GOLF REPORT

Contributed by St Helena Golf Club

## **St Helena Golf Club – 2026 Furrows Stroke Play Competition**

Sunshine, smiles, and superb scoring set the tone as twenty golfers teed it up on Sunday, 7 June, for the ever-popular Furrows Stroke Play Competition, proudly sponsored by Fox Motors. With the weather absolutely perfect for golf high clouds, occasional sunny spells and gentle breezes the stage was set for a memorable day on the fairways and the players did not disappoint.

Leading the charge in style was Arthur Francis, who found his rhythm early and never let go. His impressive gross 77, combined with his handicap of 11, gave him a winning net 66 good enough to claim not only the Furrows title but also the first prize.

Hot on his heels was Jason Hopkins, who delivered a composed and consistent round to finish just one shot back on net 67, earning him the runner-up spot and second prize. Jason clearly had his eye in all day, adding a Nearest the Pin prize and one of the competition's "twos" to his tally.

Completing the podium was Patrick Johnson, whose solid play saw him post a net 68 to secure third place and prize.

Only five players managed to break into the 60s a true reflection of the competitive edge and quality of play on the day. Among them were Martin Buckley and Bramwell Bushuru, both carding excellent net 69s, with Martin edging into fourth place after a countback decision.

### **Leading Results (Net Scores)**

1. Arthur Francis – 66 (77–11)
2. Jason Hopkins – 67 (77–10)
3. Patrick Johnson – 68 (85–17)
4. Martin Buckley – 69 (81–12)
5. Bramwell Bushuru – 69 (79–10)



### **Special Prize Winners**

- Nearest the Pin** (Ladies, 7th Hole): Laura Buckley
- Nearest the Pin** (Gents, 14th Hole): Jason Hopkins
- Longest Drive** (Ladies, 9th Hole): Laura Buckley
- Longest Drive** (Gents, 4th Hole): Bramwell Bushuru

The excitement didn't stop there, with four "twos" recorded during the round—always a crowd- pleaser. Well done to: Jeffrey Stevens (1st hole), Keith Joshua (7th hole), Jason Hopkins (14th hole) and Gerald George (16th hole)



As the dust settled on a fantastic day of golf, the St Helena Golf Club once again extended its sincere appreciation to Fox Motors for their continued sponsorship. Their support plays a vital role in making events like the Furrows Competition such an enjoyable and successful occasion for all.

With perfect weather, great company, and top-class golf, this year's Furrows will surely be remembered as one of the highlights of the season.

**Happy Swinging**



**Sunday 14th June 2026**

**Choose your partner Texas Scramble strokeplay competition.**

**Tee off 12:00 noon with Registration closing on Saturday 13th at 3pm.**

They would also like to remind their members of the **biggest event on the St Helena Golf Club's Calendar SHGC Open Championship** is scheduled to take place on 20th, 21st, 27th & 28th June.

# **What's the latest with the SHFA?**

Following a meeting on Wednesday night, the committee of the St Helena Football Association consisting of:

**Chairman—James Cainswicks**

**Secretary—Jordan Yon**

**Treasurer—Jake Letori**

**Members—Keith Yon, Johnny Isaac, Kyle Snow, Shane Stroud, Shane Benjamin, Rico Benjamin, Travis Samuel-Yon and Gareth Drabble.**

Has confirmed that six teams will be entering this years football season which are:

**Harts captained by Shane Stroud**

**Bellboys captained by Shane Benjamin**

**Rovers captained by Rico Benjamin**

**Le Verde captained by Jordan Yon**

**Fugees captained by Travis Samuel -Yon**

**St Helena Young Boys captained by Gareth Drabble**

The season is set to kick of on the weekend of 20th June with fixtures set as follows:

**Saturday 20th June 2pm Rovers Vs Fugees**

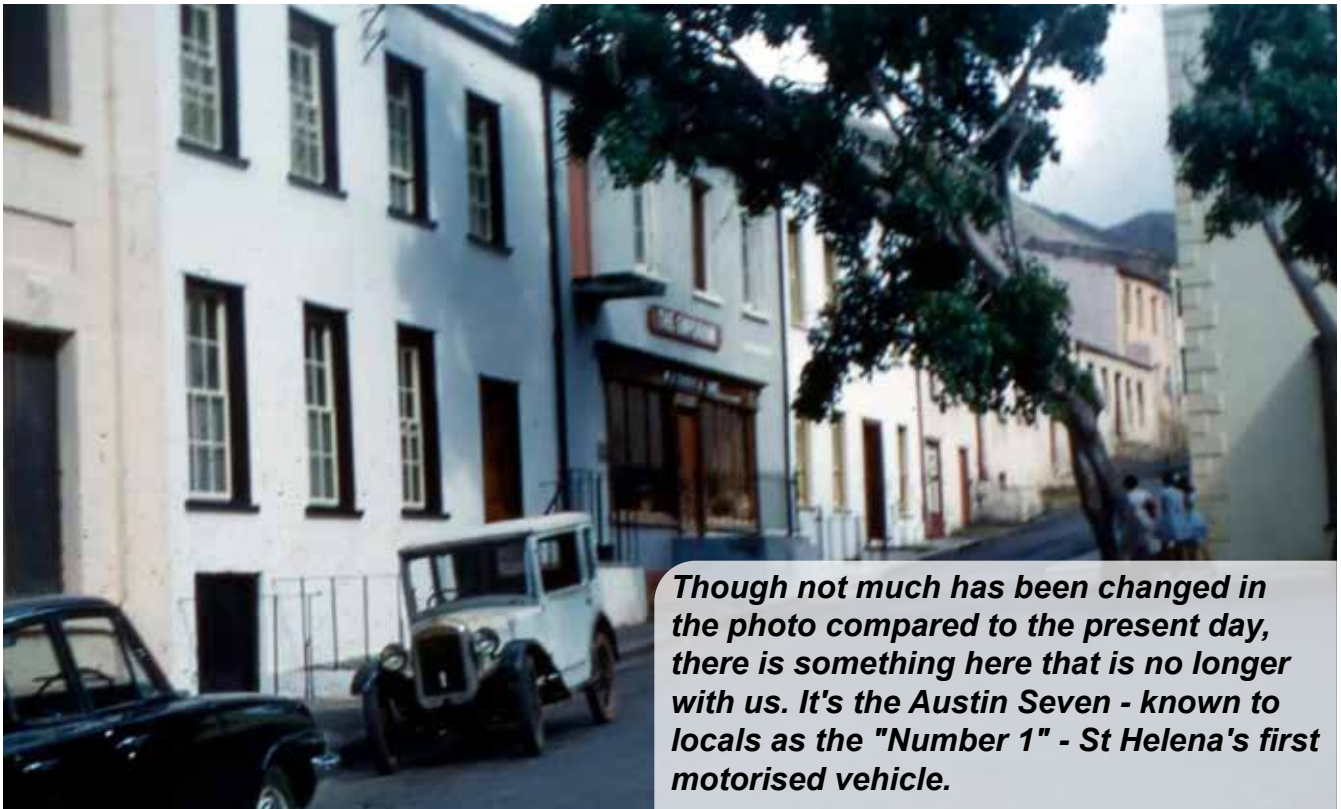
**Sunday 21st June 1:30pm Bellboys Vs Harts**

**Sunday 21st June 3:30pm La Verde Vs STH Young Boys**

They have confirmed the season will be made up of two rounds for the league, followed by two rounds for the district and ending with the knockouts.

The full fixtures will follow soon but follow us here for the latest news on the football field.

# Blast from the Past



*Though not much has been changed in the photo compared to the present day, there is something here that is no longer with us. It's the Austin Seven - known to locals as the "Number 1" - St Helena's first motorised vehicle.*

**Technology has progressed significantly since this image was taken. A lot of new cars has been imported, electric cars has now been embraced and there's even a public EV Charge Station.**  
*-Photo provided by Tony Brooks*

## MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



**WHATEVER YOU NEED TO SHIP**

	LILAC ROLLER 261210	GREY FOX 261212	GOLDEN KAROO 261215
Immingham	25-Apr	06-Jun	11-Jul
	<b>KAROLINE 261705</b>	<b>KAROLINE 261706</b>	<b>KAROLINE 261706</b>
Cape Town	11-Jun	12-Jul	15-Aug
Rupert's Bay	19-Jun	20-Jul	23-Aug
Ascension Island			28-Aug
	<b>KAROLINE 261805</b>	<b>KAROLINE 261806</b>	<b>KAROLINE 261806</b>
Cape Town	02-Jul	2-Aug	13-Sep

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# Mr & Mrs

During the month of April two couples tied the knot to become Mr & Mrs.

At the Independent, we have invited all couples if they would like to share their magical day with you and a few replied which we will bring exclusively to you as and when received.

Today we introduced Mr & Mrs Duncan Brown.

On 11th April 2026 Magdalena Myslakowska and Duncan Brown were married in an open-air civil service in the magnificent garden at Wrangham's in Sandy Bay. Duncan, originally from Nottingham in the UK and Magda, originally from Krakow in Poland met in London nearly 10 years ago and have been engaged since 2019. Life has intervened to delay the wedding until this year, not least the Covid Pandemic, the arrival of beloved son Frederick and more recently a relocation to the South Atlantic! However, after 2 enjoyable years on Saint Helena the time seemed right and the couple could not have asked for a better setting than Wrangham's and the company of Island friends who helped make a most memorable day.

The bride wore a simple off white dress, expertly created on the island by Wanda Isaac, she was accompanied to the wedding arch by wonderful friends Kevin, Nussy, and Justine. The groom and his best man David, a lifelong friend visiting from the UK, wore tailored black navy suits. Smartly dressed son Freddie carried the wedding rings on a ring cushion decorated with arum lilies. The bride and groom wore rings that are family heirlooms, over 100 years old and these made a connection back to Europe and the family who could not make the journey to the Island. After the reception, the children present loved the bouncy castle, while adults dined on a hog roast, the bride's favourite salads and then cut the vanilla wedding cake skilfully crafted by Helen Joshua. In the evening there was a tremendous local band, and the couple will not forget swinging around the garden to the tunes from the likes of Johnny Cash while the Sandy Bay weather held out!

The couple and Freddie will now be visiting the UK and Poland for further celebrations. Magda and Duncan would like to thank all who contributed to their special day, there are too many to mention, but a special thanks to Linda Richards and her team for the excellent catering and rising to the challenge of the Salads as well as James and Jess Fantom for putting together the band and other help. Lastly and with particular thanks to Debbie and Neil Fantom for their friendship and unfaltering assistance in helping organise the day.

If you have recently got married and would like to share your story, get in touch with [independent@helanta.co.sh](mailto:independent@helanta.co.sh)

