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Has this ever happened before?



A trained, skilled and experienced journalist with a good and established reputation shines a spotlight on St Helena and keeps it there. Searching every nook and cranny to get the full story and then telling it in a way so that every twist and turn is explained easily and readily understandable. Sorry, a mistake there. It's not a spotlight; it's a bank of the brightest floodlights. It's not a pretty sight.

On Sunday, Luke Jones launched his podcast 'Surgeon from St Helena'. The Sunday Times featured it in the UK and it pops up in various social media, complete with video clips. The podcast is the whole of the Sergio Story, so far, told in seven episodes – each one 25-30 minutes. There are interviews with many of the

people involved, including the victims of Sergio's clinical negligence. It's not about what Luke Jones says, it is what the people say themselves. Some refused to say anything. Attempts to get a response from Sergio Villatoro Bran were met with silence. Every single person in the St Helena government resolutely responded with 'no comment'. It sounds so ugly. In the video clips on social media, it looks even uglier. Not even an expression of sympathy for Sergio's many victims. There was one exception in the SHG crowd.

Respect to Cllr Ronald Coleman. He was interviewed and maintained his dignity. He concluded that the councillors were badly advised. How long ago was it that Speaker Lyndsay Hoyle recommended councillors and ministers should have independent sources of information available to them. They could try Google on some things, for a start.

So where are we now. The legal representatives have won all the legal battles fought against SHG's ham-fisted attempt to deny Sergio's victims access to justice. But that does not mean the clinical negligence claims are back on track. After losing the legal battle, SHG by-passed the legal representatives of the compensation claimants and tried directly to persuade them to accept a sum of money they said would be a final settlement. The offer they made had no link to a scale of compensation based on seriousness of disability through negligence, nor was it backed by expert medical opinion. The questionable tactics of SHG continue.

The worst of it is that the legal profession of the entire world and all who are associated with it now view the Sergio compensation claims situation as 'volatile'. This includes the insurers who are absolutely necessary to protect claimants from impossibly expensive fees and charges they may have to pay. The insurers have come to the definite conclusion that dealing with SHG is too high a risk. They will not insure, so claimants cannot proceed without the financial protection of insurance. The next move is to try to move the legal battle to the English Courts. The permission of a High Court judge is required before that can happen – the story continues. This saga continues in other ways too. Insurers will not come anywhere near SHG. Insurers are a key part of the financial services sector. The SHG Vision and Strategy published this week includes attracting financial services to register their business here. Fat chance!

The Verdict of the Supreme Court

Keegan Thomas – 15th May 2026

Mr Thomas was convicted of false imprisonment and assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

Extracts from the sentencing report

The Circumstances of the Offence

In the early hours of the 27th of December 2025, you were the driver in a motor vehicle which contained your partner Rebecca Caesar Crowie, her brother and her brother's friend.

At Seaview the car broke down and you got angry at Miss Caesar Crowie because of this. She started to walk away from the vehicle as did her brother and his friend. You stopped her leaving the car by assaulting her and forced her back into the vehicle. Once in the vehicle you again assaulted her. She suffered from a cut to the inside of her top lip, both lips were swollen, as was her right eye and the bridge of her nose, the injury to the nose also caused a nosebleed. Once in the vehicle you managed to start it again and drove towards Deadwood. She was crying and asking to be taken home but you did not stop at her house leading to her trying to get out of the moving vehicle, shouting for her mother and grabbing the steering wheel. These signs of distress at your behaviour had no impact upon you and you in fact sped up.

You took her to her uncle Jeremy's house which you knew would be empty as you had seen him in town earlier that evening. You followed her into the house and were so close to her that she had no escape. On the way in she accidentally cut her arm on the glass of the door causing significant bleeding and a cut that later needed stitching, however you made no effort to seek medical attention for her. Instead when in the house you remained very close to her, even following her to the toilet so she had to use it in front of you, and despite her distress and repeated requests to go home you would not let her leave. When she showed any desire to leave you would raise your fist at her or make a movement towards her that was threatening. When she went into a bedroom and latched the door which stopped you getting in you banged on the door so hard she thought it would break. When she let you in to the room you sat on the bed next to her as she cried herself to sleep and at one point lay on top of her to stop her moving.

Once she fell asleep you then slept next to her and you were both woken the next morning by Miss Caesar Crowie's mother calling your phone. You answered it and handed the phone over to Miss Caesar Crowie and she was able to drive home at that stage. You travelled in the car with her and at one point she told you that she wanted nothing more to do with you. At that stage you pulled up the handbrake and her reaction was to get out of the car and walk away. However you again made her get back in the car and the journey continued to her mother's house, at which point she got out of the car and ran inside.

When her mother came outside to remonstrate with you your response was to remove the battery from the car thereby immobilising it to prevent Miss Caesar Crowie using it and you walked away. The period of detention started at about 2 or 3 am and ended at about 9am when the mother called your phone and she was able to leave.

Previous Criminal Record

You are 34 years old and have convictions for 40 offences committed since you were 20 years of age. Many of these offences are for violence, 6 of them relate to assaults against a previous partner and you have breached a domestic abuse protection order 3 times. You were on probation at the time of these offences which was imposed on the 24th of April 2025 for offences of breach of a domestic abuse protection order and common assault against your ex-partner. The aim of the order was to help you address your propensity to commit offences

of domestic violence. There was also a probation order imposed in May 2024 for 1 year when you breached a domestic abuse protection order.

I recognise that the cognitive deficits that you suffer from may mean that you lack the skills or ability to engage fully with the work probation try to do with you, but you know violent offending is wrong as you have received prison sentences in the past for it.

Seriousness of the Offence

Given all that I know of you from previous pre-sentence reports and what I have heard in the trial I am of the view that you pose a high risk of serious harm to women that you are in a domestic relationship with.


I am satisfied that the force used and threatened against Miss Caesar Crowie was significant. Force was used to initially detain during which injuries were inflicted and threats were used throughout the detention to enforce it. It is the combination of the actual force used and the threats over a period of time that bring the force into the significant bracket.

Turning to harm I respectfully disagree with the prosecution assessment that the harm caused was not serious. The victim personal statement describes that when Miss Caesar Crowie did leave the house in the days following this incident her injuries were visible. This led her to feel judged and embarrassed when people asked her questions about what had happened to her. Her daughter, who is 4, was scared and worried when she saw her mother the day after. She had to change her day to day behaviour in that her mother would go with her when she was out, which took away her independence. She also does not go to her uncle Jeremy's house alone now. This impact cannot be simply attached to the ABH as the assault formed part of the false imprisonment and was the means of effecting it.

The offences are aggravated significantly by your previous convictions for like domestic offences and other offences of violence. You were on probation designed to address this type of offending and subject to a domestic abuse protection order in relation to your victim's daughter and an ex-partner. Additionally, the offences were committed in a domestic context. I recognise that your cognitive deficits and background act as mitigating factors and I will take these very much into account.

Having regard to the aggravating and mitigating factors I consider that the appropriate sentence is one of 3 and a half years. That sentence is reduced by just over 15% to reflect the prison conditions, leaving a sentence of 35 months. This sentence is too long to suspend and the offending is too serious for a community penalty, in any event your level of compliance with court orders does not allow for that.

Keegan was sent sentenced to 35 months Imprisonment.



The Verdict of the Supreme Court

Warren Benjamin – 29th May 2026

Mr Benjamin was convicted of one offence of assault by beating and one of harassment. Offences of common assault and perverting the course of justice for which not guilty pleas were entered will lie on file.

Extracts from the Sentencing report

The Circumstances of the Offence

Your victim in both offences was your then partner Terri Francis. The assault occurred in the home after you had been looking at her phone and questioned her about the name of a

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man you had found. She left you to go into another room and you followed her. As part of an altercation between the two of you, you assaulted her. You say that this was done recklessly and you will be sentenced on that basis but I note in your pre-sentence report you claim you acted in self defence, which does not reflect your basis. Whatever the circumstances you clearly used some force as your victim went to hospital the next day due to a sore neck causing very tight muscles which required pain relief. Not only that but she was forced to leave her own home and go into the refuge.

Three days after the assault, and when she was in the refuge, you harassed her. You arranged for your sister to deliver a telephone to the refuge which you rang over 10 times in 80 minutes. You also texted her a number of times which included asking her to drop the charges against you. I treat this offence as particularly serious as after you assaulted her and forced her to leave her own home you then deliberately set out to undermine the purpose of the refuge with no thought as to the impact on your victim. She was observed after you called her to be very frightened, worried and distressed by what you did.

Previous Criminal Record

The pre-sentence report indicates that you clearly have little understanding of the impact of your behaviour and limited empathy for your victim. You know very well the seriousness of what you have done as you have been before the court before for behaving in a similar way and been punished for it.

Seriousness of the Offence

The assault caused more than minor physical harm in the context of common assault. The matter is aggravated by your previous convictions, that it was committed in a domestic context and your victim was forced to leave her own home. I find no mitigating factors.

In relation to the harassment there was a high degree of planning in that you obtained a telephone and tricked your sister into delivering it. Your victim was described as very frightened, worried or distressed which I consider to be serious distress falling just short of very serious distress but above some distress.

Your previous convictions aggravate the matter, as do the facts that the offence occurred within a refuge where Miss Francis should have been safe and you were also on bail for the assault. I find no mitigating factors. These offences occurred on differing days and the sentences should run consecutively, providing a sentence of 18 weeks' imprisonment.

I agree with the assessment that you pose a medium risk of serious harm to Miss Francis and that risk must extend to any new relationships you might form. I would be justified in finding that a probation order would not have any meaningful impact on you. Your insight into your behaviour is poor and you lack empathy. Your previous conviction for domestic violence should have been a wake up call that you cannot offend in this way, yet you chose to do so.

The harassment took place 3 days after you assaulted Miss Francis and was clearly planned which indicates that you are quite prepared to offend in this way if you think you can get away with it.

However I believe that the best hope for those you are in intimate relationships with is to impose a probation order of 2½ years as a direct alternative to a prison sentence of 18 weeks. This order is aimed at reducing the risk you pose to women through domestic violence and will include a condition that you undertake 100 hours of unpaid work to prevent recurrence of like offences by way of deterrence.

The impact of the order being a direct alternative to custody is that should you breach the terms of the order, or offend during the period of it, then you are likely to go to prison for 18 weeks in addition to any other punishment that may be imposed at the time.

You are prohibited from contacting directly or indirectly Terri Francis for a period of 2 years. Should you breach that order this court can impose a prison sentence of up to 5 years.

The Verdict of the Supreme Court

————— *Mudaliyar Ramachandran – 18th March 2026 - Ascension* —————

Mr Ramachandran was convicted of an offence of wounding contrary to section 20 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861.

Extracts from the Sentencing report

The Circumstances of the Offence

On the 18th of December 2025 at the Residency you were employed as a cook along with Mr Kuttapan at a Christmas function. Also employed at the function was Mr Malairaja who is your friend. During the time that you were working you would go to the bar and drink whisky and beer which was free of charge. Both Mr Malairaja and Mr Kuttapan continually advised you to stop drinking but you ignored them.

As the event wore on you became more drunk and you got upset at Mr Malairaja as you believed that he had not catered sufficiently for the staff at the function. You told Mr Malairaja that you were in charge and slapped him to his left cheek, in response you were slapped back. You then picked up a wine glass, smashed one end onto a table to break it and attempted to push it into Mr Malairaja's face. As Mr Malairaja raised his hand to defend himself the glass cut his left middle finger. You then attempted to stab Mr Malairaja in the face again with the broken glass but the blow was deflected. However on the third attempt you struck Mr Malairaja to the left side of the head with the glass causing a laceration. After this you had to be separated and the police and an ambulance were called.

Seriousness of the Offence

Mr Malairaja had 3 lacerations, 2 to the scalp which were stapled and one to the finger which was sutured. The lacerations to the scalp were 2 cm each and the one to the finger 3cm. Mr Malairaja did not want to make a formal complaint against you as you are friends but did provide a witness statement.

I note that you tend to work overseas for the US forces to support your family in India and that you are currently unable to support them as you have lost your employment over this. I further note that you are a qualified plumber but are now likely not to be able to work for the US forces again. In light of this not only will you suffer for some time because of your actions, but your family will as well.

I do not consider that a broken glass can be described as a highly dangerous weapon having regard to the extent of harm that would normally be expected from a broken glass. It might cause some disfigurement or at the very worst the loss of an eye if used in a particular way which makes it a dangerous weapon, but it is not one that can be described as being substantially above and beyond the legislative definition of an offensive weapon.

Nor do I accept that the assault was persistent, on the evidence this was an incident where the

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Mudaliyar Ramachandran – 18th March 2026 - Ascension

violence was over quickly and could not be said to have gone on for some time, certainly not long enough to permit a persistent assault to have occurred. It is right that only two attempts to inflict harm may be described as persistent in some circumstances, but to my mind it would be unfair to make that finding in your case where there was a short lived struggle. Harm was thankfully minor in terms of this type of offence and has left no lasting impact upon Mr Malairaja. You do however have no previous convictions and a positive good character.

I look to see if there is a meaningful non-custodial option available and there is not. Ascension cannot accommodate probation or community service orders and in any event you will lose your right of abode after today.

Your actions could have caused significant life changing injuries to your friend, stabbing someone to the face can cause disfigurement or even loss of sight. However set against this I believe that your risk of reconviction is low given your lack of previous convictions and age, you will lose the ability to support your family if incarcerated and you would be in a foreign jail where you do not speak the language.

In light of this I am just minded to suspend the sentence. The sentence will be one of 29 weeks' custody suspended for 2 years. The impact of this is that you will not go to prison today but if you commit an imprisonable offence in the next 2 years this sentence can be activated alongside any additional punishment you may receive for the new offence. You have no money so I make no order for costs or compensation.



Weekly Police Report

Royal St Helena Police

Thursday evening, an 18-year-old male was arrested in Jamestown on suspicion of criminal damage and drunk and disorderly behaviour. He was interviewed and subsequently released on police bail the following day while further enquiries continue.

On Friday evening at approximately 9:00pm on Friday, officers arrested a 30-year-old male at Ladder Hill on suspicion of breaching bail conditions, possession of cannabis, and harassment. He was interviewed on Saturday morning and has since been released on police bail, pending further enquiries.

We would like to thank members of the public who continue to report incidents and assist officers with our

enquiries. Your information helps us keep our community safe.

As always, if you witness suspicious or criminal activity, please report it to the Police as soon as possible.

The Results from the Police Survey in March

The Royal St Helena Police Service (RSHP) would like to extend its sincere thanks to all community members who took the time to complete the public survey distributed in May of this year.

Your feedback is invaluable in helping us shape a safer, more supportive environment for everyone on the island. Based on the responses received, we have identified three key areas of focus and are pleased to share the immediate actions we are taking to address them:

Enhancing Community Interaction and Rebuilding Trust

A primary theme from the survey was the desire for more face-to-face interaction with officers to rebuild public trust and confidence.

Our Action: In response, our front-line staff have increased their visible presence across the island, engaging regularly with local schools and conducting foot patrols in Jamestown, Half Tree Hollow, and Longwood. We are grateful for the positive feedback we have already received regarding these efforts.

Neighbourhood Policing Team: To build on this momentum, we have launched a dedicated Neighbourhood Policing Team consisting of a Police Sergeant and a Police Constable. This team will focus on community-based issues, working closely with schools and crèches, addressing district-specific concerns, and utilising local Police Posts to meet and greet residents.

Bridging the Gap and Returning to True Community Policing

Feedback indicated a perceived gap between the police and the public, with a strong collective desire to return to the island's traditional, close-knit style of community policing.

Our Action: As a service, we are committed to deepening our relationship with the community. We are already noticing a positive shift in how the public interacts with our officers, and we hope you are feeling the difference. We will continue working hard to earn and maintain your confidence.

Monitoring and Combating Underage Alcohol Consumption

Underage drinking was highlighted as a significant ongoing concern for residents.

Our Action: We are actively collaborating with local schools and have increased our targeted weekend patrols in known problem areas to deter and counter this behaviour.

How You Can Help: If you have any information that could help us address underage drinking or identify hot spots, please message us directly at cid@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Moving Forward Together

Every comment submitted in the survey is being taken on board as we continually look for ways to improve. Your insights directly support our core policing priorities:

Preventing and tackling crime

- Protecting vulnerable people
- Improving public confidence in policing
- Enhancing our overall police service
- Delivering justice for victims of crime
- Making our roads safer

Chief of Police, Julian Pezzani, commented:

"You are the community, and we are here to listen to you. Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping us keep St Helena safe."



Wednesday this week was 'the day' for a few reasons. A bit of a splash was made because it was World Parliament Day. The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) said it was a time for legislative bodies worldwide to review their progress in becoming more transparent, inclusive, and representative of their people. The message was clear. Nobody and nothing are perfect; there is always room for improvement. The 30th June is a day for reflection, a time for stone-hearted self-analysis; how can we, as parliamentary leaders, do better in representing the voices of citizens, passing laws, allocating funds, and hold ourselves to account?

The CPA point to Australia's Northern Territory. In 2016 a new government was elected on a promise of more openness and transparency. The new government introduced several important reforms after holding a formal inquiry into Opening Parliament to the People. The Territory is twice the size of Texas but is thinly populated with just 260,000 residents. The Australian aboriginal population is concentrated in the Northern Territory and they own about half the Territory's land.

The St Helena Government also marked World Parliament Day, (also known as International Day of Parliamentarism) but SHG called it World Parliamentarian Day. The theme for 2026 is "Bring Human Rights into Focus", but SHG don't mention that in their poster advert which is published in the Independent today. The text in the poster includes, "we recognize {recognise} the vital role parliamentarians play in representing people, upholding democratic values and shaping laws that promote justice, equality and sustainable development". This is all in the present tense, suggesting (intentionally or not) that all of it is in place and up to speed. Nothing as humble as the CPA's day of reflection and striving to improve.

Wednesday was also the day when the first episode of a new podcast series called The Surgeon of St Helena was broadcast on Saint FM. It is, of course, about Sergio Villatoro Bran. There are seven episodes in the series, each one last about 25 – 30 minutes. The long-running Sergio saga is very clearly explained and all the information is there. The podcast makes sense of a complicated story with many twists and turns. There is a separate article in this edition of the Independent on Luke Jones' podcast, The Surgeon of St Helena. Don't miss it. And finally, the Chief Minister and some of her ministerial team came to the Saint FM studio to introduce and explain their plans for government between now and the next general election. The information publicly available is called the SHG Vision and Strategy 2026–2029. Every government has at least one of those and you can't start without one. This year its different for two main reasons. The financial aid settlement announced in April was for a three year settlement. For this financial year the aid settlement is not too bad, with a 4.8% increase over last year in core funding. But for years two and three there is a sting in the tail. Only a 2% increase is offered for each of those years. The usual and inevitable price inflation can easily be more than that. Inflation in St Helena depends very much on the inflation rate in the UK and South Africa where most of everything imported here comes from. In the UK the rate is 2.8% at the moment with food and energy being much higher. In South Africa the overall rate of price increases was 4.5% for May this year. Energy is again the leader of the pack but food prices 'only' increased 1.9%. Even at that rate, we can kiss goodbye to any benefits from the UK government's 2% increase in financial aid.

But that's not all. If St Helena hits targets set by the UK government there is the promise of some extra cash for doing so. SHG have not said what the target are so we have no idea what the chances are that we might be better off at the end of the three year settlement or reduced to a bunch of paupers. At a guess, most of the incentives are about being on time and within budget with physical investments such as renewable energy, telecom upgrades and improving the education system.

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Since April, SHG have been rebudgeting eight across the board to take into account the three year spending programme. It's easy to see a good bit of work has gone into this. With a one year spending programme it's only necessary to have detailed costs for twelve months or so. With a three year budget it's necessary to obtain detailed cost that are as reliable as possible for thirty-six months, or so. Obtaining extra detail means gathering a mountain of information first. It's easy to imagine a massive job has been going on for the last three months. No wonder Dax Richards looks a bit out of sorts when I passed him at the Coffee Shop the other day.

So, after April, May and June what kind of vision and strategy have we got? It starts with three main themes. The themes are under-pinned by nine priorities, and then somewhere in the mix there are strategic outcomes.

The three themes are:

Stabilising the Population and Labour Market
Protecting Living Standards and Core Services
Enabling Sustainable, Locally Driven Growth

The nine priorities are:

1. Stabilise the population and labour market
2. Protect health and social care and improve prevention outcomes
3. Reform education and build the future workforce
4. Reduce the cost of living through investment in utilities and infrastructure
5. Enable sustainable, locally driven economic growth
6. Grow revenues fairly
7. Reform and strengthen the public service
8. Safeguard the environment as a strategic asset
9. Protect living standards during transition

Progress will be measured through clear performance indicators and reported publicly through regular quarterly performance updates.

Strategic Outcomes

This is a summary of the benefits, improvements and/or targets expected to be achieved by 2029.

- **Health:** stabilising hospital flow, reducing overseas referrals, expanding residential care, developing sustainable financing models.

- **Education:** COBIS accreditation, primary school reorganisation, Additional Educational Needs reform, post-16 vocational pathways, a more inclusive educational system and establishing a Higher Educational Provision on St Helena.

- **Utilities:** renewable energy transition, telecoms regulation, water security.

- **Growth:** tourism development, Impact Company Registry, financial services reform, agriculture and fisheries revival.

- **Public Service:** digital transformation, workforce planning, performance management.

During the Saint FM discussion the chief minister and ministers were at pains to make clear that while a lot of ground had been covered, there is still more to do. Further details can be expected.

Some feedback the Independent had after the Saint FM interview was that all this is taking too long. People want to know more and they want to know now. It did not take this long before. What is the hold up? Let's hope the reason is they want to make sure they get it right this time.

Uniquely Saint Market Set to Showcase Local Talent and Heritage in July

Giselle, Chairperson on Arts & Craft Board



Art & Crafts
St Helena Island

A new community initiative is hoping to bring together crafters, makers, growers, food producers, and small businesses from across St Helena through the launch of a regular Uniquely Saint Market.

Developed by the Art & Crafts Action Group the market aims to create a vibrant and supportive space where local people can showcase and sell their products while celebrating the creativity, skills, and heritage that make St Helena unique.

The concept is built around the Uniquely Saint Quality Assurance Mark, which was developed by the St Helena Art & Crafts Association to recognise products that reflect the island's identity and values. Participating artisans and crafters will be encouraged to meet the Uniquely Saint standards, including producing items that are locally made, utilise local materials where possible or involve significant transformation, carry a Made in St Helena label, are environmentally responsible, and demonstrate a high standard of workmanship.

The market is intended to provide makers with something regular to work towards throughout the year. Rather than relying solely on the Christmas season or occasional events, organisers hope the monthly markets will create ongoing opportunities for local producers to generate income, test new products, build customer relationships, and grow their businesses.

While crafts and handmade goods will form an important part of the market, organisers are keen to welcome a broad range of local producers. Fresh produce growers, honey producers, bakers, preserve makers, confectionery producers, artisanal food businesses, and others who contribute to St Helena's rich food heritage are encouraged to participate.

In addition to celebrating local crafts and products, the Uniquely Saint Market aims to promote healthy and wholesome living by encouraging the sale of fresh produce and locally produced foods. Visitors can expect to find a variety of seasonal fruit and vegetables, honey, preserves, baked goods, artisanal cheeses, and other speciality foods that reflect the island's food heritage and support local producers.

The market will also rotate between different districts around the island, making it easier for communities to access and enjoy the events while ensuring that opportunities are shared across St Helena. By taking the market into different areas, organisers hope to encourage wider participation and create a stronger sense of community involvement.

The market is also intended to be a welcoming community event for all ages. Organisers hope to create a lively and enjoyable atmosphere through live acoustic music performed by local musicians, alongside simple entertainment and activities for children. By combining local products, food, music, and family-friendly activities, the market aims to become a regular gathering place where communities can come together, support local businesses, and celebrate the unique talents and traditions of St Helena.

Beyond simply providing a place to buy and sell products, the initiative has a broader vision. It aims to inspire people to explore their creativity, learn new skills, revive traditional crafts, and discover opportunities to earn additional income. Organisers hope the market will encourage more people to become involved in crafting and making, whether as a hobby, a side business, or even the beginning of a future enterprise.

The initiative also aligns closely with the wider vision of the St Art & Crafts Association to preserve and celebrate St Helena's living heritage. Traditional skills such as lace making, flax work, embroidery, woodworking, spinning, and other local crafts form an important part of the island's story. By creating

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opportunities for these skills to be demonstrated, shared, and sold, the market will help ensure that this heritage continues to thrive for future generations.

The Uniquely Saint Market also seeks to celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit of St Helena. By providing a regular platform for makers, growers, food producers, and small businesses, it offers an opportunity for people to test ideas, build confidence, develop products, and potentially grow a hobby or side income into a sustainable enterprise. It is hoped that the market will encourage innovation while remaining rooted in the island's unique culture, traditions, and sense of community.

The Art & Crafts Action Group believes the Uniquely Saint Market has the potential to become much more than a marketplace. It can become a regular community showcase, a platform for small business growth, a family-friendly community gathering, and a celebration of the talent, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit that exists throughout St Helena.

The first Uniquely Saint Market will take place on Sunday 26th July at the Jamestown Community Centre, from 12 noon to 4.00 p.m. The public is warmly invited to come along, support local makers and producers, enjoy the community atmosphere, and discover the wonderful range of products and talents that St Helena has to offer.

If you are interested in selling products, please register via popping into the Arts & Craft or by signing up to an online form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlTj5zTngMxFx56-ZDHBjTW5O0VfzPVfy1IS3jJkb4AVZwog/viewform>

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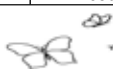


The Sandy Bay Community Centre would like to say a Huge Thank You to everyone who supported our Multi Raffle!

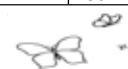
Your generosity helped to make the raffle a great success, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who donated prizes, brought tickets and helped to organise the event. A sum of £480 was raised.

Congratulations to all our lucky winners listed below:

Prize Number	Item:	Sheet Number	Ticket Number	Name of Winner	Address
1st	A Child's Bicycle	10	10	Carlos Yon	No 12, Cow Path
2nd	Bliss Hair Voucher	1	13	Marilyn Pidgley	Youngs Valley
3rd	A Set of Bath Mats	7	8	Dylan Hercules	Longwood
4th	A Unicorn Craft Kit	7	5	Nigel Thomas	Levelwood
5th	Single Duvet Cover Set	2	7	Shinade Benjamin	Terrace Knoll
6th	Voucher sponsored by Dan's	19	13	Jennifer Andrews	Half Tree Hollow
7th	Set of 3 Mixing Bowls	18	11	Hunter Thomas	Sandy Bay
8th	Deep Fryer	14	7	Thelma Sim	Sandy Bay
9th	A Shampoo & Perfume Gift Set	22	10	Brianna Henry	New Ground
10th	A Unicorn Craft Kit	7	4	Kasia Crowie	Longwood
11th	A Snorkelling Trip for 2 To the Papanui	29	2	Marilyn Pidgley	Youngs Valley
12th	St Helena Shopping Bag	15	5	Lesley Benjamin	Sandy Bay
13th	Double Duvet Set	32	6	Rascal - c/o Colin E Thomas	Sandy Bay
14th	Voucher sponsored by Dan's	10	3	Linton Stevens	Alarm Hill
15th	Alarm Clock with Radio	29	9	Wonda O'Bey	Cow Path
16th	British Quiz Game	10	8	Sylvia Phillips	Half Tree Hollow
17th	Mini Iced Cake	24	4	Lucio & Laine George	Cow Path



Thank You once again for your support. It was truly



TIP OF THE WEEK



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The family of the late Mrs May Young would like to thank everyone for their kindness during her illness and who sent messages and sympathy cards following her death.

They would also like to express their gratitude to those who assisted with her funeral and wake.

It was very much appreciated.



Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 5 July 2026 - 14th Sunday of the Year

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

Tuesday 7th July 2026

7.00 p.m.	Mission Worship and Praise	Sandy Bay Community Centre
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The Parish of St James

Sunday 5 July 2026 - 14th Sunday of the Year

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Michael

Monday 6th July

7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mary
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Thursday 9th July

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

Sunday 5 July 2026 - 14th Sunday of the Year

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
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Tuesday 7th July

7.00 p.m.	Bible School on Wheels	St Mark
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Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

No
Income
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Your First Home.

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A home loan designed for first time homeowners.

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Repayment Type:
Deferred Principal; or
Principal
& Interest



Interest Rate
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Repayment Type:
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No income criteria applies to this product; however, all applications remain subject to eligibility requirements, lending policies, credit assessment and approval. Terms and conditions apply. Available to first time home owners who meet the Bank's lending criteria.



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BENEFITS

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

HOW TO APPLY

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School Secretary (Key Stage 2) (£10,088 per annum)

Do you have a passion for education? We are seeking to recruit a dedicated and enthusiastic School Secretary to join our team. As the first point of contact for the school, you will be responsible for welcoming visitors and responding to enquiries both in person and by telephone, directing them to the appropriate member of staff where necessary. The role also involves a range of administrative responsibilities, including collating and distributing information and correspondence to parents, staff, and other stakeholders. In addition, you will support the wider school community by assisting with playground supervision, accompanying children on school outings when required, and helping with school crossing (Lollipop) duties outside the school gate as needed. This is an excellent opportunity for an organised, approachable, and proactive individual who enjoys working in a school environment and making a positive contribution to the daily life of the school. For more information or an informal discussion about the role, please contact us.

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

Enquiries: Elaine Benjamin on Tel No. 22640 or Email: elaine.benjamin@sainthelena.edu.sh

Closing date: 17 July 2026

Shortlisting date: 22 July 2026

Interview date: 30 July 2026

Teaching Assistant (Key Stage 1) (£10,966 per annum)

Do you have a passion for education and supporting young people to achieve their potential? We are seeking to recruit a dedicated and enthusiastic Teaching Assistant to join our team. In this rewarding role, you will work closely with the class teacher to support the delivery of high-quality teaching and learning, helping to create a positive, inclusive, and engaging classroom environment. You will also provide specific support to individual pupils as required. The successful candidate will be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people, and vulnerable adults, and will demonstrate a caring and supportive approach to working with students. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential, as the role involves building positive relationships with pupils, parents, and colleagues, and contributing effectively as part of the wider school community. This is an excellent opportunity for an individual who is passionate about education and making a meaningful difference in the lives of young people. For more information or an informal discussion about the role, please contact us.

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Enquiries: Sharon Peters on Tel No. 24543 or Email: sharon.peters@sainthelena.edu.sh

Closing date: 17 July 2026

Shortlisting date: 23 July 2026

Interview date: 04 August 2026

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Digital Media & Marketing Officer (£16,248 per annum)

We are seeking a motivated and creative Digital Media & Marketing Officer to help strengthen SHG's online presence and support clear, engaging communication with the public, stakeholders and visitors. Working under the guidance of the Senior Digital Media and Marketing Officer, you will play an important role in supporting the Communications Hub, St Helena Tourism and wider SHG teams by coordinating digital content, managing online channels and helping to deliver effective digital campaigns that enhance community engagement and contribute to the island's prosperity. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Anne Dillon on Tel No.22470 or Email: anne.dillon@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 15 July 2026
Shortlisting date: 20 July 2026
Interview date: 29 July 2026

Senior Marketing Manager (£24,503 per annum)

The Senior Marketing Manager will help to improve the lives of all within our community by raising awareness of St Helena as a place to live, learn, work, visit and invest and help the island thrive by leading and coordinating all St Helena Government (SHG) marketing activities. A key focus of the role will be on improving visitor numbers and expenditure by delivering destination marketing initiatives that develop the island's tourism sector. The Senior Marketing Manager will report to the Head of Communications and will be part of the Communications Hub, overseeing the marketing function. The role will serve as a firm link strengthening working relationships, systems and structures between St Helena and external stakeholders, and will support a wide range of PR, product/service development, marketing issues and initiatives, and provide strategic marketing leadership for projects and partnerships. Interested? Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Anne Dillon on Tel No.22470 or Email: anne.dillon@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 15 July 2026
Shortlisting date: 20 July 2026

Customs/Immigration Officer (£11,604 per annum)

If you're looking for a challenge, have an inquisitive mind and see yourself working as part of a team why not join the Customs and Immigration team. We need you on the front line where you will be required to help reduce threats to the border integrity of St Helena. This is a critical and demanding role where you will interact with the public on a daily basis. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Juliette O'Dean on Tel No.22287 or Email: juliette.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 10 July 2026
Assessment date: 14/15 July 2026
Shortlisting date: 16 July 2026
Interview date: 24 July 2026

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Joint Emergency Services Control Centre Operator (£12,432 per annum)

Do you want to make a difference to your community and be of service when it is needed the most? The St Helena JESCC is looking to recruit a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual to form part of their small, but busy team. This role will require you to have excellent communication skills with the ability to deal with vulnerable and distressed members of the public. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Cheyenne Furniss** on Tel No.22626 or Email: cheyenne.furniss@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 07 July 2026

Shortlisting date: 09 July 2026

Assessment date: 14 July 2026

Interview date: 21 July 2026

Youth Connect Worker (£13,569 per annum)

Are you passionate about supporting, engaging, and empowering children and young people to achieve their full potential? If so, the Health & Social Care Portfolio is seeking to recruit a Youth Connect Worker. In this rewarding role, you will deliver group-based activities, informal educational sessions, and personal development programmes covering topics such as healthy relationships, substance awareness, emotional wellbeing, and independent living skills. You will play a key role in identifying emerging needs at an early stage and providing targeted interventions to help reduce the risk of exploitation, social exclusion, missing episodes, substance misuse, and mental health difficulties. The successful candidate will work directly with children and young people involved in the youth diversion scheme, those at risk of offending behaviour, and individuals who may be subject to statutory or criminal justice interventions. You will build positive relationships, provide guidance and support, and contribute to improving outcomes for some of the most vulnerable young people in the community. For further information or to discuss this opportunity in more detail, please contact us.

Enquiries: **Amy Martin** on Tel No 23312 or Email: amy.martin@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 10 July 2026

Shortlisting date: 15 July 2026

Interview date: 28 July 2026

Deputy Superintendent of Prisons (£17,811 per annum)

The Deputy Superintendent of Prisons is a complex role which requires strategic vision, tactical understanding and operational management. Working with and supporting the Superintendent of Prisons, the Deputy ensures that the prison's strategic and operational plans are delivered in line with the prison reform program. The Deputy, along with the Superintendent has national responsibility for the effective management of His Majesty's Prison Service in St Helena. The Job holder will ensure compliance with Prison Ordinance and regulations, protection of the public and the safe and secure welfare of Prisoners, abiding to international standards on the detention. For further information or to discuss this opportunity in more detail, please contact us.

Enquiries: **Paul Duncan** on Tel No.25995 or Email: paul.duncan@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 16 July 2026

Shortlisting date: 22 July 2026

Interview date: 30 July 2026

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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

For further information contact:

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

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

Vacancy

Part-Time 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
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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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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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Vacancy

Ad Hoc Grocery Sales Assistants



Rate of pay will be £4.69 per hour.

We are seeking Ad-Hoc Grocery Sales Assistants within the Half Tree Hollow Supermarket to support the operation on Saturday's, and potentially on Sunday's

As the Grocery Sales Assistant you will assist with the day-to-day running of the supermarket and ensure a high standard of customer service.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess knowledge of food safety & hygiene
- Be customer focused and target driven
- Possess experience of working in a customer facing environment and have excellent customer service skills
- Be competent in Maths, English and IT
- Possess experience in Cash Handling, ideally including use of the EPOS till and payment by local debit card
- Be self-motivated and able to work well as part of a team
- Be able to undertake physically demanding and manual handling duties
- Have the ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment

Please note that relevant training will be provided.

For further information contact:

Nicola Constantine, Senior Mercantile Manager via  22137 / 25989  nicola.constantine@solomons.co.sh

Expressions of interest may be submitted to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, via email hrdo@solomons.co.sh, or Gemma Lawrence, Human Resources Officer, via email hradmin@solomons.co.sh by **Thursday, 09 July 2026**.



METER READING SUBMISSIONS

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is pleased to announce that customers can now submit their electricity and water meter readings between the 1st and 7th July 2026 for July invoicing.

Areas included:

- Levelwood, Sandy Bay, Blue Hill, Deadwood and Longwood
- St Paul's, Cleughs Plain, Rosemary, Sapper Way, New Ground, and Half Tree Hollow (Three Tanks to Cow Path and Evergreen Tree and below)

When submitting your electricity or water meter readings, please include:

- Customer Reference
- Date the reading was taken

Providing this information helps us process your reading quickly and accurately.

Submission Options

 Telephone: 22341

 Mobile/WhatsApp: +290 66242

 Email: meterreadings@connectonline.co.sh

30 June 2026

BANK OF ST HELENA LTD MAIN BRANCH CLOSURE



Please be advised that the Bank of St Helena's **Main Branch and Customer Services Centre will be closed on Wednesday, 8 July 2026**, as our team takes part in development and training.

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this closure may cause, and we thank you for your understanding and continued support.



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



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CONNECT SAINT HELENA LTD ANNOUNCES TWO EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is pleased to announce that we are currently recruiting for two important positions that will help support the delivery of key infrastructure and renewable energy projects across the island:

- **Senior Renewable Energy Engineer**
- **Project Manager**

These roles form part of Connect Saint Helena's ongoing investment in the island's energy infrastructure and renewable energy transition. Successful candidates will play a key role in delivering projects that improve reliability, sustainability and long-term resilience of essential services for the St Helena community.

The Senior Renewable Energy Engineer will support the development and operation of renewable energy systems, helping to reduce the island's dependence on imported fuel and contributing to a more sustainable future.

The Project Manager will lead the planning and delivery of a range of strategic infrastructure projects, ensuring that investments are delivered safely, efficiently and to a high standard.

Connect Saint Helena is committed to attracting talented professionals who share our ambition to deliver excellent services and support the island's future development.

The recruitment process is now under way and both vacancies are currently advertised on: <https://join-sainthelena.com/about-connect-saint-helena-ltd/> **Closing date: 9 July 2026**

We encourage interested candidates to review the vacancy details and submit an application.

12 June 2026



INVITATION TO TENDER

The St Helena National Trust would like to invite suitably experienced diving (SCUBA) operators to submit tenders for the following contract:
Provision of Scuba Diving Training for Darwin Plus Local Projects, during the 2026–2027 season (September 2026 – March 2027).

Only tenders from Accredited SCUBA Operators will be considered.

Tenders should consider the following:

- Training for participants in: Open Water Diver Course, Advanced Open Water Diver Course and Rescue Diver Course
- Provision of support dives for training.
- Anticipated start date: September 2026.
- Anticipated end date: March 2027.
- Please supply quotes required for each course and for support dives.
- Quotes should include all ancillary costs, e.g. equipment hire, boat costs, tank filling, etc.
- Tenders must provide a current copy of their instructor status/licence, Health and Safety policy, Risk Assessments, and valid Insurance as part of the tender application.

For further details, please get in touch with the Head of Marine Conservation on 22190/22307 or email neil.thorp@trust.org.sh

Interested persons should submit tenders in a sealed envelope to the Office Manager, St Helena National Trust, Broadway House, Jamestown, by no later than 16:00hrs on Tuesday, 14th July 2026.

Job Vacancy

COMMERCIAL FINANCE MANAGER, SADG

Sure is seeking a proactive, highly motivated senior manager to lead and oversee the Accounting and Finance team across the South Atlantic and Diego Garcia Region. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone with an appetite for growth and strategic direction. The role will entail the post holder to collaborate with other managers to optimise financial performance, maximise potential revenue opportunities, prepare and present financial reports to Group level and senior management, and develop and engage the direct team to achieve the departmental and company goals.

Requirements:

- A professional accounting qualification/full or part qualified with a recognised professional body, essential.
- Excellent leadership & people management experience.
- Proven experience in a Financial Management position.
- Highly organised with exceptional time management abilities to prioritise workstreams and meet deadlines.

Join us and you will enjoy some of the many benefits that Sure provides, including but not limited to: competitive salary, incentive bonus scheme, pension, staff benefits and opportunities for continued professional development.

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a Satisfactory Police Disclosure.

Further information regarding the responsibilities of the post may be discussed with Roma Stewart on 131 or email: roma.stewart@sure.com.

CV'S should be submitted to HR on email: recruitment@sure.com by **4pm on Friday 10 July 2026**.





ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

INTERNSHIP - CONSERVATION & FISHERIES DIRECTORATE

Are you a passionate early-career conservationist or recent graduate seeking hands-on experience in one of the world's most unique island ecosystems? The Ascension Island Government is offering a full-time, 12-month conservation internship from September 2026 to September 2027.

Ascension Island hosts a unique assemblage of animals and plants in a dramatic volcanic landscape. It is home to one of the world's largest nesting populations of green turtles, over a million seabirds, plant species found nowhere else on earth and a marine environment that abounds with fish.

Protecting, monitoring and managing this amazing biodiversity is a great challenge and we are looking for hard-working, enthusiastic people to assist us. You will work across all aspects of the department and take part in a range of tasks on the island including monitoring turtle, land crab and seabird populations, non-native species removal, maintaining the National Park and Marine Protected Area, endemic plant restoration, fisheries monitoring and education and outreach programmes.

We'd like to hear from anyone interested in being involved in our conservation work who has preferably lived and worked in small isolated communities before and is willing to work hard as part of a small team. We are offering a 12-month position from beginning of September 2026 to end of September 2027.

For the successful candidates we will provide:

- One return flight between the UK or St Helena and Ascension and reasonable travel expenses within the UK to Brize Norton if required.
- Rent free accommodation, including electricity and water allowances (Shared bungalow with other project staff: private bedroom, shared kitchen, bathroom and communal areas).
- While this internship is unsalaried, each intern will receive a monthly food allowance of £325 to help with living costs.
- Necessary medical and dental care while in Ascension.

This appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory Employment References
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical and Dental Clearance

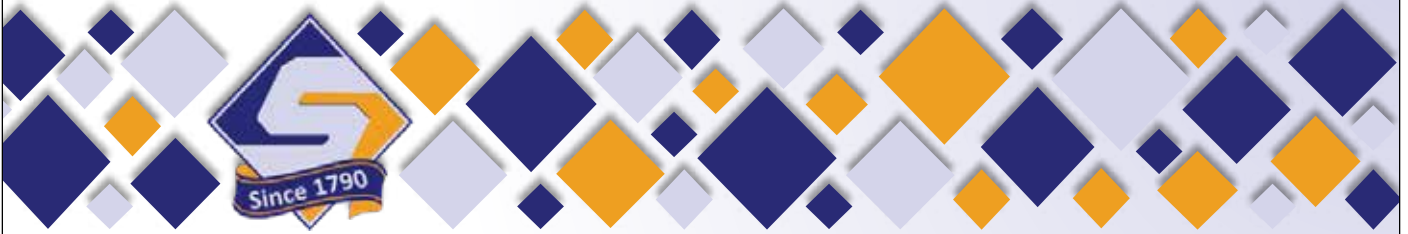
Closing Date: 24 July 2026

Interviews: Week commencing 27 July 2026 (by MS Teams if off island)

To apply visit: <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/>

For more information about AIGCFD, or about living and working on Ascension Island, please visit the official website at www.ascension.gov.ac/conservation or find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/AscensionIslandConservation

Funding is generously provided by Elizabeth Scarlett. <https://www.instagram.com/elizabethscarlett/>



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc
has a Vacancy for a

Financial Services Manager

This is a high profile, leadership position as a member of the Company's Corporate Management Team.

The **Financial Services Manager** will be responsible for the Management of the Finance Department and to oversee the accurate provision of financial services and financial advice to all levels of the company, whilst upholding the Company's Purpose & Values.

Interested Persons should have:

- The following knowledge and experience:
 - 5 years professional experience in a financial field
 - 3-5 years' experience in financial management, accounting and budgetary control, including financial planning, and project management experience
 - Practical knowledge of maintenance of accounting systems internal controls and relevant accounting procedures. Experience with Access Dimensions will be an advantage.
 - Direct experience of preparation, analysis and reporting on monthly, quarterly and annual financial information
 - Preparation of Annual Financial Statements in readiness for audit.
- CCAB qualification or recent equivalent level of experience
- Financial Leadership/Management certification/accreditation.
- Strong financial and strategic planning skills including technical budgeting, forecasting and analytical skills
- Comprehensive knowledge of financial regulations and compliance requirements.
- Financial Risk assessment and risk mitigation skills and abilities
- Financial technical skills and abilities and able to train and develop accounting technicians and the wider finance team
- Delegation, planning and organisational skills
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- A high degree of integrity, maturity and professionalism with the ability to lead effectively in a demanding, fast paced team environment

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Paul Gasteen, Chief Operating Officer, on telephone number 22380, or via email: paul.gasteen@solomons.co.sh
Application forms can be collected from the Main Office Building, Jamestown, or alternatively, an electronic copy can be requested via email address: hadmin@solomons.co.sh. Completed application forms should be submitted to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Manager, or via email address hrm@solomons.co.sh by **1600hrs, Thursday, 23 July 2026**.



We're Hiring: Marine Project Manager

Full-time

£13,395 per annum



Do you have a passion for marine conservation and a desire to make a real difference?

The St Helena National Trust is looking for a Marine Project Manager to help lead exciting conservation projects focused on whale sharks, seahorses, devil rays and seabirds, while supporting long-term marine monitoring across St Helena.

Applicant must have strong organisational and communication skills, attention to detail, and a passion for conservation. Experience in ecological monitoring or conservation project delivery is desirable, and all scuba and technical training required for the role will be provided.

This is a fantastic opportunity to work with local and international conservation partners and contribute to protecting one of the world's most unique marine environments.

For more information,
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To request an application form and job description,
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Closing date:
Midnight, Thursday 16th July 2026



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 7th JULY 2026
AT JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE AT
7.00 PM

1. Utilities updates, next steps and discussion – Chief Executive Officer, Connect St Helena and Minister for Economic Development, Environment, Natural Resources and Planning
2. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2025
3. Matters arising
4. Presentation of audited accounts for 2025-2026
5. President' Report
6. Election of Chamber Council
7. Any other business.

Light refreshments will be provided



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

St Helena Airport Ltd is inviting **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST** from interested parties, to operate the **AIRSIDE CAFÉ** at the St Helena Airport on flight days, from **early August 2026 until 31 May 2031**.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted to Mandy Peters, Business Manager; at St Helena Airport Ltd via email to mandy.peters@sthenaaairport.aero by **1600 hrs on Friday 17 July 2026**.



CHANGES TO UTILITY CHARGES – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Connect Saint Helena Ltd (Connect) would like to inform customers of changes to utility charges that take effect from today and other factors that may affect future bills.

The increases to water and sewerage charges have been approved by the Utilities Regulatory Authority as part of the regulated tariff framework that helps ensure the long-term sustainability of St Helena's essential services. The approved charges will be implemented by Connect in line with regulatory requirements.

Sewerage Charges

From today, **1 July 2026**, sewerage standing charges will increase by **10%** in accordance with the Utilities Regulatory Authority **Gazette 57 of 2026**. This adjustment supports the ongoing operation, maintenance, and eventual replacement of wastewater infrastructure.

Water Charges

In accordance with the Utilities Regulatory Authority **Gazette 62 of 2025**, water tariffs are scheduled to increase by **10% each year** until the full cost of supplying water is reflected in the tariff, or until otherwise directed by the Utilities Regulatory Authority.

The next increase will take effect on **1 August 2026**, and will be reflected in bills issued from that date onwards.

These increases support the continued operation, maintenance, and long-term sustainability of St Helena's water supply.

Electricity Charges

Unlike water and sewerage charges, electricity tariffs are influenced by the cost of diesel fuel used for power generation.

Global fuel prices have fluctuated significantly in recent months and may continue to do so. As a result, future adjustments to electricity tariffs may be necessary. Any changes will be made in accordance with the approved regulatory framework, and customers will be notified before they take effect.

Our Commitment

We recognise that increases in utility charges place additional pressure on household and business budgets. Connect remains committed to operating efficiently, delivering reliable services, and investing in the infrastructure needed to support the long-term sustainability of St Helena's electricity, water and wastewater services.

We also remain focused on improving operational efficiency and delivering value for money, while ensuring that essential infrastructure is maintained and renewed to provide safe and reliable services for the community.

Queries and Support

If you have any questions about your bill or these upcoming changes, please get in touch with the Connect Saint Helena Billing Team, who will be happy to assist. The Billing Team can be reached by telephone at 22341 or by email at Accounts.support@connectonline.co.sh.

01 July 2026





WORLD PARLIAMENTARIAN DAY

• 30 JUNE •

ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

“ Today, as we observe World Parliamentarian Day, we recognize the vital role parliamentarians play in representing the people, upholding democratic values, and shaping laws that promote justice, equality, and sustainable development.

This day reminds us that effective leadership begins with listening, accountability, and a commitment to serving the public good.”



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St Helena Government

SHG Invites Community Input on the Future of St Helena’s Fishing Industry

St Helena Government (SHG) is inviting fishers, industry stakeholders and the wider community to help shape the next stage of planning for a strong and sustainable fishing industry on the island.

Following the publication of the Situational Analysis of the St Helena Fishing Industry, SHG is beginning the next phase of work to identify practical options for future policy and practice. The report is available here: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/documents/situational-analysis-of-the-st-helena-fishing-industry/>

SHG’s shared goal is to support the development of an industry that is economically viable, environmentally sustainable and informed by those with direct experience of fishing and related activity in St Helena.

The planning process will take place in two stages:

- Ideas gathering: Fishers, industry representatives and members of the community are invited to share views on what should be done to strengthen the industry. This input will help shape the options to be included in a policy paper.
- Public consultation: Once draft options are prepared, fishers and the wider public will be asked to provide feedback. This will inform the government’s final decisions on future policy and practice.

SHG emphasises that there is no predetermined plan and that it is not aligned with any single group or outcome. All ideas will be considered equally, with decisions guided by evidence and the views of those involved in and affected by the industry.

Contributions can be made by sharing ideas in writing by email or arranging a meeting during the day or evening with Ann Muir, Head of Strategic Policy via Ann.Muir@sainthelena.gov.sh. Alternatively call +290 22470. All contributions should be submitted by Friday 24 July, so they can be included in the first stage of planning.

SHG encourages everyone connected to the fishing industry, as well as members of the wider community, to take part in this process and help identify solutions that can benefit St Helena.



Last 32	Last 16	Quarter Finals
Germany 1 Paraguay 1	Paraguay v France	
France 3 Sweden 0		
South Africa 0 Canada 1	Canada v Morocco	
Netherlands 1 Morocco 1		
Portugal Croatia		
Spain Austria		
United States 2 Bosnia-Herze 0	United States Belgium	
Belgium 3 Senegal 2		
Brazil 2 Japan 1	Brazil v Norway	
Cote d'Ivoire 1 Norway 2		
Mexico 2 Ecuador 0	Mexico England	
England 2 Congo DR 1		
Argentina Cabo Verde		
Australia Egypt		
Switzerland Algeria		
Columbia Ghana		



It's Kane! – “When Your Country Needs You” – Alan Shearer



The ball is a blur, too fast for the camera. Kane's shooting boot is a blur too, as England take the lead over DR Congo on Wednesday

“The captain's dug them out of another huge hole” said Alan Shearer after Harry Kane scored the equaliser against DR Congo. When Kane scored the winner, Shearer moved up a couple of gears. “Oh yes! Oh yes! England have never needed their captain more.” “The strike of a killer marksman.” “He's got no right to shoot from there. When your country needs you, he has the answer.”

Shearer himself was the star striker at the turn of the century. In 1996 he joined his hometown club Newcastle United for a then world record £15 million and went on to become the club's all-time top scorer, picking up Premier League and UEFA Euro Golden Boot awards along the way.

When the DR Congo game was just seven minutes old



The End of the World is Nigh

And then six minutes from the end



Pure Heaven!

ST HELENA GOLF REPORT

Contributed by St Helena Golf Club

St Helena Golf Club – OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2026.



Winner—Scott Crowie

Runner-Up—Jason Hopkins

The St Helena Golf Clubs flagship event, the **2026 SHGC Open Championship**, was played over **four exciting days** on **20, 21, 27 and 28 June**, attracting a strong field of **31 entrants** competing for the clubs most prestigious title.

The opening two rounds served as the **qualifying stage**, with the **top twelve players progressing to the Championship**, while the remaining competitors were divided into the **A and B Flights** for the final two rounds.

Qualifying was dominated by eventual champion **Scott Crowie**, who set the pace with impressive **rounds of 75 and 75** for a **two-round total of 150**. He was followed by **Peter Bagley** on **159**, while **Dax Richards** and **Arthur Francis** shared **third place on 160**. Rounding off the Championship qualifiers were **Philip Francis** and **Jason Hopkins (162)**, **Cyril Arthur Young** and **Larry Legg (165)**, **Martin Joshua (166)**, **Freddy Thomas (171)**, **Leeroy Caswell (172)** and **Bramwell Bushuru (173)**.

Once play resumed for the final two rounds, the championship battle intensified. **Scott Crowie** maintained his outstanding form throughout the four-day event, producing rounds of **75, 75, 79** and a **superb closing 71** for a **winning gross score of 300** to claim the coveted title of **2026 SHGC Open Champion**.

Jason Hopkins produced an excellent comeback over the final weekend, recording scores of **84, 78, 80** and **79** to finish as overall **runner-up on 321**. **Peter Bagley** secured third place overall with an aggregate score of **324**, while **Martin Joshua** and **Arthur Francis** completed the **top five on 326** and **332** respectively.

FLIGHT A

Winner— Jeremy Clingham

Runner-Up—Jeffrey Stevens



In the **A Flight** competition, **Jeremy Clingham** emerged victorious after four consistent rounds, finishing ahead of **Jeffrey Stevens**, who claimed the **runner-up** position in a closely contested division.

The **B Flight** title provided one of the most dramatic moments of the championship. **Gavin Crowie** and **Neil Joshua** both finished tied on an **aggregate score of 366**, forcing a **playoff to decide the winner**. In a tense conclusion, **Gavin Crowie** held his nerve to win the playoff and secure the **B Flight** title, with **Neil Joshua** finishing as **runner-up**.

Two ball pool winners over the 4 days were as follows: Day 1 **Raymond Henry** and **Jeremy Clingham**, Day 2 **Jason Hopkins**, Day 3 **Jason Hopkins** and **Martin Joshua** and Day 4 **Peter Bagley**.

FLIGHT B

Winner— Gavin Crowie

Runner-Up—Neil Joshua

At the conclusion of play, prizes were presented by the **clubs oldest playing member, Gerald George**, who also participated in this years championship. He was assisted by former **Club President Christine Scipio**. The St Helena Golf Club extends its sincere appreciation to both **Gerald** and **Christine** for their continued support and valued contribution to the prize-giving ceremony.



The club congratulates all players who took part in this years championship and especially **Scott Crowie** on becoming the **2026 SHGC Open Champion**. We thank all family and friends who joined us to witness the climax this year's event.

Attention now turns to the next competition on **Sunday, 5 July**, when golfers will compete in the **18-Hole Medalford Competition**, sponsored by club members in honour of honorary member **Cecil Thomas**, who celebrated his **90th birthday** in June. Tee off **12:00** registration closes on **Saturday 4 th July 2026** at **3pm**.

Jonathan Reported in the Seychelles Meeting India Premier

Our highly prized tortoise just cannot keep himself out of the international media. On Monday, Jonathan was reported by news media in India to be 4,500 miles away from his Plantation paddock - in the Seychelles! The Indian Prime minister, Narendra Modi, was on an official visit to the Seychelles and paid Jonathan a visit while he was there. At least, that's what the report would have you believe - sort of.

The report tells us 'Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Jonathan who is the world's oldest living land animal during his official state visit to Seychelles National Botanical Gardens'. Later, readers are told, 'He currently resides on the Saint Helena it is a British Overseas Territory that is located in the South Atlantic Ocean. Now we have Jonathan, the tortoise that moves with the speed of light.

The Indian Prime Minister has been hoodwinked



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
	KAROLINE 261705	KAROLINE 261706	KAROLINE 261706
Cape Town	11-Jun	12-Jul	15-Aug
Rupert's Bay	19-Jun	20-Jul	23-Aug
Ascension Island			28-Aug
	KAROLINE 261805	KAROLINE 261806	KAROLINE 261806
Cape Town	02-Jul	2-Aug	13-Sep

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FOLLOW THE SHFA SEASON 2025

Every week we will bring you the latest results, table standings and all information relating to the SHFA football season 2026.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

After a successful week one into the St Helena Football Association season , Saturdays match was delayed by 30 mins to allow for those involved with the weekly Airlink flights to get to Francis Plain to play their much awaited game, which was reported to be a highly competitive game of football that saw some great play from both teams, but Harts ultimately showed the clinical edge against Le Verde to come away with all three points.

Sadly during Saturday night and Sunday morning, St Helena were faced with heavy showers of rain which the committee of the St Helena Football Association informed the media and members of the public



The St Helena Football Association

June 28 at 12:58 PM · 🌐

🚨 FOOTBALL CANCELLED 🚨

Please be advised that today's scheduled SHFA League fixtures have been cancelled due to heavy rain and waterlogged pitch conditions.

Details regarding the rescheduling of today's matches (Rovers vs STH Young Boys and Bellboys vs Fugees) will be shared by the committee in due course.

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Saturday 27th June Harts 3 – Le Verde 1

Goalscorers Harts – Lebron George 2, Paul Teyang,

Goalscorer Le Verde– Jordan Johnson

Man of Match–Paul Teyang (Harts)

Young Player of the Match–Riley Yon (Le Verde)



FOOTBALL TABLE

TEAM	PLAYED	WIN	DRAW	LOST	G/FOR	G/AGAINST	G/DIFFERENCE	POINTS
Rovers	1	1	0	0	12	0	12	3
La Verde	2	1	0	1	6	3	3	3
Bellboys	1	1	0	0	5	4	1	3
Harts	2	1	0	1	7	6	1	3
STH Young Boys	1	0	0	1	0	5	-4	0
Fugees	1	0	0	1	0	12	-12	0

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Saturday 4th July @ 2:00pm

Harts vs Rovers

Linesman Bellboys & Le Verde

Sunday 5th July @ 1:30pm

Fugees vs STH Young Boys

Linesman Harts & Rovers

Sunday 5th July @ 3:30pm

Bellboys vs Le Verde

Linesman Fugees & Young Boys