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STAND FOR THE BY-ELECTION
Become a **Councillor**

"Being a councillor gives me the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in my community and help address the concerns of local residents." Councillor Baily

"Being a Councillor is highly rewarding as I can make a tangible difference by influencing policies and legislation and holding island stakeholders accountable. I enjoy being a voice for Islanders, ensuring fair community representation in decision-making and governance." Councillor Shearer

"You do not need to be a career politician to make a massive difference. You just need to care." Councillor Nicholls

"If you feel your voice isn't being heard or genuinely care about the direction in which the island is heading, and want to make sure that the best interest of the community are taken into consideration, then here is an opportunity to achieve this" Councillor Bennet

"Change will only happen if you stand up and ask for it!" Councillor Ellick

Ascension voters might go to the polling station this time around. It is the 3rd time the vacancy on the Island Council has been advertised and nominations invited. Deadline for nominations is 22nd July. If two or more nominations are received, the vote is on 6th August.

DID YOU KNOW THESE THINGS HAD NAMES?

1. The space between your eyebrows is called a glabella.
2. The way it smells after the rain is called petrichor.
3. The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoelaces is called an aglet.
4. The rumbling of stomach is actually called a wamble.
5. The cry of a new born baby is called a vagitus.
6. The prongs on a fork are called tines.
7. The sheen or light that you see when you close your eyes and press your hands on them is called phosphenes.
8. The tiny plastic table placed in the middle of a pizza box is called a box tent.
9. The day after tomorrow is called overmorrow.
10. Your tiny toe or finger is called minimus.
11. The wired cage that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne is called an agraiffe.
12. The 'na na na' and 'la la la', which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of any song, are called vocables.
13. When you combine an exclamation mark with a question mark (like this ?!), it is referred to as an interrobang.
14. The space between your nostrils is called columella nasi.
15. The armhole in clothes, where the sleeves are sewn, is called armscye.
16. The condition of finding it difficult to get out of the bed in the morning is called dysania.
17. Illegible hand-writing is called griffonage.
18. The dot over an "i" or a "j" is called tittle.
19. That utterly sick feeling you get after eating or drinking too much is called crapulence.
20. The metallic device used to measure your feet at the shoe store is called Bannock device.

MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



	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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The South African Traveller Management System

From 1 July 2026, all travellers entering or leaving South Africa through air, land, sea and rail ports of entry are required to submit an online traveller declaration before travelling.

Called the South African Traveller Management System (SATMS), it is described as a whole-of-government approach to strengthen data integration and facilitate Inter-agency risk management, enhancing the monitoring, analysis, and reporting of cross-border activities.

SATMS enables travellers to meet their legal obligation to declare goods in their possession, including currency various digital channels. It is claimed SATMS promotes voluntary compliance to simplify the declaration process.

Travellers will not be denied entry into or departure from South Africa solely because they have not completed a declaration before arriving at a port of entry.

Customs officials, supported by self-service declaration terminals, will be available to assist travellers who were unable to submit their declarations before travelling. SARS encourages all travellers to familiarise themselves with the new requirements and complete their declarations in advance to ensure seamless and efficient border control.

Who must submit an online traveller declaration?

In general, any person entering or leaving South Africa by air, land or sea and rail must submit a traveller declaration. This includes South African citizens, residents and foreign travellers. A parent, legal guardian, caretaker or another assisting person may complete the declaration on behalf of a minor or a person who cannot complete it themselves.

Are any travellers excluded from submitting a declaration?

Air or sea travellers who are only transiting through South Africa and who do not leave the designated transit area are excluded from submitting a traveller declaration. Designated Transit Areas are always within OR Tambo, Cape Town International, etc. Leaving the airport for one night in a hotel means the SATMS is required.

Why are SARS online traveller declarations being introduced?

The online declaration system makes it easier for travellers to comply with Customs formalities before arriving at a port of entry or exit. It also improves the traveller experience, supports faster processing, and strengthens Customs risk management.

An online declaration must be submitted no more than 24 hours before departure from the country from which you are travelling. If you are travelling to South Africa on a journey with stops, the declaration must be submitted no more than 24 hours before departure on the last leg of your journey directly to South Africa.

How do I submit an online traveller declaration?

You can submit your declaration through the South African Revenue Service (SARS) website on the Traveller Management System or the South African Traveller Management System (SATMS) App downloaded from your mobile device's store or by using a quick response code on a device that can connect to the internet. At ports where available, self-service kiosks may also be used. At ports where available, self-service kiosks may also be used. See our step-by-step video on how to declare.

What information do I need to complete the declaration?

You will generally need your passport or travel document details, your travel details, contact details, and details of any travelling companions, if applicable. You must also indicate whether you have goods, currency or bearer negotiable instruments that need to be declared, and if prompted by the system, provide further details about those items.



The South African Traveller Management System

Do I need to declare personal effects?

No. You do not need to declare ordinary personal effects for your own use. However, you must declare goods, currency or other items that exceed your traveller allowance or require Customs attention.

What happens after I submit the declaration?

After you submit the declaration, SARS will send a confirmation with instructions on what you must do when you arrive at the relevant port of entry or exit. You should keep that confirmation available on your phone or in printed form and follow the instructions and signage at the port.

What must I do if my details change after I have submitted the declaration?

If any of the information you submitted changes before you proceed through the Customs processing channel, you must update your declaration so that the information on the system remains correct.

What if I cannot submit the declaration online before I arrive at the port?

If you could not submit electronically because of a systems failure, a lack of internet access, or another reasonable ground, you may be assisted at the port by an officer or at a self-service terminal where available. In limited cases, a paper declaration may still be used.

When can a paper declaration still be used?

A paper declaration may be used only where there is a SARS systems failure, where internet connectivity is not available at the relevant place of entry or exit, or where a traveller is otherwise reasonably unable to submit electronically. In those cases, the traveller may complete the prescribed paper forms at the Customs processing area.

What happens if I do not submit a declaration or if I make a false declaration?

Travellers are legally required to make a proper and true declaration. Failure to declare goods, currency or other relevant items, or making a false declaration, may lead to delays, the detention or forfeiture of goods, penalties, or other enforcement actions under Customs legislation.

Must children also have a traveller declaration?

Yes. Each traveller must be covered by a declaration, including children and infants. A parent or legal guardian may complete and submit the declaration on behalf of a child and is responsible for ensuring that the information provided is correct.

What if I am travelling for business?

Business travellers must also complete the traveller declaration. When completing the form, you must indicate that you are travelling in a business capacity and provide the required travel and goods information.

What duty-free allowances apply to travellers?

Goods up to ZAR5,000 can be imported without paying duty or VAT.

Travellers are permitted to carry a maximum of ZAR100,000 in or out of South Africa in foreign or local currency, or bearer negotiable instruments.

Procedures and New Support Options Available for Passport Applications

When applying for a British passport, all requirements are strictly set by His Majesty's Passport Office (HMPO).

Please note that ensuring your passport application is completed correctly, signed, and accompanied by all necessary supporting documentation remains the sole responsibility of you the applicant.

New Assistance Locations Available

To help ensure your paperwork is accurate, the Immigration and Customs Office is pleased to advise that application assistance for both British and BOTC (St Helenian) passports is now available at the following locations:

- St Helena Community College (SHCC)
- The Public Library
- The Career Access St Helena (CASH) Office, at the Education Learning Centre (ELC in Jamestown)

Book an Appointment: Assistance will be available Mondays to Wednesdays from 9.30am to 1pm and is by appointment only. Please call the Public Library on 22580, or the SHCC and CASH Office on 22607 to make a booking.

Application Submission and Fees

The Immigration and Customs Office at Ruperts remains open to receive both types of applications.

- **Courier Service:** The office will continue to facilitate the secure postage of British passport applications directly to HMPO.
 - **Handling Charge:** £18.80 per application – payable at the Post Office.
 - **Online Guidance:** For detailed information on British passport applications from overseas, please visit gov.uk/overseas-passports.
 - Passport application forms are also available on the St Helena Government website
- Office Hours and Contact Details

To schedule an appointment at the main offices at Ruperts, please call 22287.

Office	Day	Hours & Access Type
Immigration Office	Mondays and Fridays	09:00 – 15:00 (Drop-ins welcome)
	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays	By Appointment Only
Customs Office	Mondays to Fridays	09:00 – 15:00 (Standard Hours)

The European Union Have Already Digitised Border Control with Tragic Consequences

TRAVEL NEWS

Traveling to Europe This Summer? Be Ready for a Long Wait at Border Control



On the day South Africa introduced their Traveller Management System, European airlines and airports are calling on the European Union to suspend their version of a digitised border control system because it is causing massive delays and inconvenience to passengers. Thousands of passengers have missed their flights because of border control hold ups.

In a letter to the president of the European Commission, airlines and airports asked for an option to suspend checks under the system over fears the situation will get much worse during the busy summer season.

“We have reached a critical point,” said the industry group, “Passengers have already been forced to queue for extended periods outside terminal buildings and on exposed aprons because border control facilities cannot process arrivals quickly enough. “Airlines face half-empty planes at gate closing time, while passengers are stuck in border control queues.”

Some planes have had to delay take off while waiting for passengers, with the groups saying that queues are reaching up to five hours at peak times, while others have had to leave passengers behind.

The commission is called upon to allow airports to “completely suspend” checks “whenever passenger volumes exceed the operational capacity of border control facilities” during July and August.

The industry group said that border authorities, airports and airlines are “under unsustainable pressure”, and called for an “immediate intervention before the situation deteriorates further during the peak summer travel season”.

Sailing Less - MV Karoline Decreases 2026 Scheduled Service

MACS Maritime Carrier Shipping (MACS), in partnership with the St Helena Government (SHG), has announced a temporary adjustment to the St Helena shipping service, with 10 sailings scheduled for 2026 instead of the originally planned 12.

The change follows discussions with the St Helena Chamber of Commerce and cargo receivers and comes in response to exceptional increases in global marine fuel costs. The ongoing Middle East conflict affecting the Strait of Hormuz has disrupted fuel supplies and significantly increased global bunker (marine fuel) prices, creating substantial operational cost pressures across the shipping industry. MACS and SHG emphasised that the adjustment is a proactive and responsible response to extraordinary market conditions and is intended to safeguard the long-term sustainability of the service for the benefit of St Helena. They recognise the vital role that shipping plays in supporting the island's residents, businesses and supply chains. Both organisations remain committed to maintaining reliable cargo services and ensuring the continued availability of essential goods and supplies.

A detailed sailing schedule will be distributed when complete. MACS will continue to work closely with SHG, importers, businesses and cargo receivers to minimise disruption and maintain continuity of supply during this period.

MACS and SHG thank all cargo receivers, businesses and stakeholders for their understanding, cooperation and ongoing support as this temporary cost-mitigation measure is implemented.

The Chief Secretary and Head of the Public Service, Ian Todd, Receives OBE



Ian Todd received his CBE from King Charles. His award is for outstanding parliamentary and public service. Mr Todd was chief executive of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority from October 2020 to September 2025. Before that he was Chief Executive of the Security Industry Authority and Deputy Director General at the Independent Office for Police Conduct.

Ian said, the honour is just as much reflection on the many incredible civil and public servants he has had the pleasure of working with along the way. It's always a team effort. Only one person gets to wear the medal, but many more contributed to it. Thank you all.

Register Your Interest in Flu Vaccine For Summer 2026-27

The Health and Social Care Portfolio (HSC) is exploring options to deliver a selective influenza (flu) vaccination campaign later this year. Members of the public are being asked to register their interest to ensure that enough vaccines are ordered ahead of the Northern Hemisphere (e.g. United Kingdom) flu season, which typically peaks in December or January.

Only some groups of people will be eligible to receive the flu vaccine, these include:

- All people aged 65 years or older
- People who are the main carer of an older or disabled person
- People who are living with someone with lowered immunity
- People aged 6 months or older with certain underlying medical conditions

People belonging to one or more of these groups are invited to register their interest in receiving the flu vaccine by completing an online form which can be accessed at the following link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/shflu> or by scanning the QR code below with a smartphone. If needed, someone else can complete this online form for you.

Alternatively, you can register your interest by calling the Health Promotion team on 25949 or emailing healthpromotion@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Children and young people aged up to 16 years, pregnant women, people living in a residential or nursing home, and frontline health and social care workers are also invited to receive the flu vaccine. However, these groups do not need to register their interest as enough vaccines will be ordered for everyone in these groups.

It is not yet certain that flu vaccines will be available from the global market. The public will be informed in due course as to whether the campaign will go ahead later this year.

SHG - 1 July 2026

Parent Newsletter

Our School, Our Voice: An Update on the SHSS House System



St Helena Secondary School (SHSS) will retain its existing four-house system for the upcoming academic year. This decision follows a community survey where 53.4% voted for change and 46.6% voted to keep the current structure. While a narrow majority favoured a new three-house model, the close split highlighted deeply divided community opinions. This led to a pause on the proposed overhaul to provide temporary certainty for students and staff.

Our group of parents wishes to thank everyone who have supported this journey so far. While the rollout has been paused, important structural questions remain unanswered.

The Proposed Changes at a Glance

The Education Portfolio previously proposed a transition to a three-house structure due to declining student enrolment. The proposed names and mascots included:

- **Manati Bay:** "Three Heads are Better than One" (Cerberus)
- **Prosperous Bay:** "From Ashes to Glory" (Phoenix)
- **James Bay:** "Beyond the Surface, Beyond the Limit" (Leviathan)

Why Many Parents Are Still Asking Questions

Though the school paused the rollout, the decision to halt it was made without broader community consultation. Major concerns regarding transparency and cultural identity remain unaddressed:

- **Geographical Divisions:** Naming houses after specific bays could create unintended community divides.
- **Lack of Identity:** Students may struggle to connect with areas outside their home community.
- **Mascot Symbolism:** The deep cultural meanings of the proposed mythological monsters require open discussion.
- **Consultation Integrity:** Questions remain regarding how student feedback was gathered, evaluated, and whether students were influenced

The Power of Parent Solidarity

When communication gaps widened, parents stepped up. At short notice, 39 parents signed a request requesting an official General Meeting with school leadership - comfortably exceeding the 21 required signatures.

Both the PTA Secretary and the Head Teacher have acknowledged receipt of this request. We are actively awaiting a confirmed date for this vital meeting.

Parent Newsletter

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A Call to Action: Stay Engaged!

School management has announced that the existing house structure will remain for the next academic year. However, the impact of this decision on our children's educational and learning journey remains unclear. Falling enrolment numbers were originally cited as the primary reason a reduction from four houses to three was necessary, yet no details have been shared regarding how the school plans to manage this balance under the current setup following their sudden decision to reverse course.

The SHSS PTA Executive Committee met yesterday to determine whether our formal request for a General Meeting will be upheld.

- If the General Meeting is approved: Parents of current and incoming SHSS students are urged to attend so that these unresolved educational and structural questions can be formally addressed.
- If alternative measures are required: Continued parental support and engagement will be necessary as we seek alternative avenues to obtain the required clarity and transparency.

For the [next] academic year, the active houses will be **Cavendish, Dutton, Mundens & Jenkins.**

Our island. Our school. Our children's future. Let's keep working together.

Shannon Cornelson and the parent working group.



'Total Eclipse Of the Heart' Legend Passes Away

Bonnie Tyler, the Welsh singer whose husky yet commanding voice made songs such as Total Eclipse of the Heart into 1980s classics, has died aged 75.

A message on her Facebook page reads: "Bonnie's family and team are heartbroken to announce that Bonnie

unexpectedly passed away last night in hospital in Portugal as a result of the illness that she was being treated for."

In May, Tyler had undergone emergency intestinal surgery at a hospital near Faro, Portugal, where she lived. She was later put into an induced coma in an attempt to assist her recovery. She was then taken out of the coma, but a representative said she remained "very unwell and in intensive care".

Born Gaynor Hopkins in the village of Skewen near Swansea, Tyler grew up in a council house with five older siblings. "I class myself as a working-class girl and I've never stopped working," she told the Guardian in 2013. "I do an awful lot [of performances] because I feel other people would love to be offered what I'm offered."



Court Report

26th March 2026

Anelka Jerome Leo of Trapp Cott was charged one count of intending to destroy or damage property and one count of maliciously wounded with intent to do grievously bodily harm and one count of assault. He was remanded in custody and committed to stand trial at the next Supreme Court hearing. He reappeared in court on 13th April where bail was denied.

Robert Nicholas Lawrence of RE Yard was charged one count of driving a motor vehicle exceeding the prescribed limit. He was found Guilty and disqualified from holding or obtaining a drivers licence for a period of 35 months and ordered to pay court cost of £15.00.

9th April 2026

Shane Leemark Stroud of New Ground was charged with reasonable excuse, broke a restraining order formally imposed on him.

Court was adjourned until 30th April where is reappeared and was released on conditional bail with trial date set for 31st July 2026.

30th April 2026

Lars Rio Williams of Ladder Hill was charged with one count of intentionally touching an underage girl and one count of in possession of indecent photograph.

He pleaded Not Guilty.

Court was adjourned until 28th July where he is due to reappear for trial, so he was released on conditional bail.

Tristan Kyle Thomas of Nr Golf Club, Longwood was charged with one count of intentionally touching an underage girl.

He pleaded Guilty.

He was released on conditional bail with the case adjourned until 28th May to allow a PSR, where he was imposed a Probation Order for 2 ½ years and 90 hours unpaid work as opposed to 6 ½ months imprisonment.

7th May 2026

Nico Ellick of Half Tree Hollow was charged one count of driving a motor vehicle whilst unfit

He pleaded and was found Guilty and disqualified from holding or obtaining a drivers licence for a period of 12 months.

He was fined £300.00 and ordered to pay court cost of £15.00.

Jordan Dave Clingham was charged one count of driving a motor vehicle whilst over the prescribed limit.

He pleaded and was found Guilty and disqualified from holding or obtaining a drivers licence for a period of 12 months.

He was fined £300.00 and ordered to pay court cost of £15.00.

4th June 2026

Derril Crowie of Deadwood was charged one count of assault and one charge of attempted arson.

He pleaded Not Guilty.

He was released on conditional bail with trial date set for 6th and 7th October 2026.

Nico Keaton Benjamin of Ladder Hill Complex was charged one count of assault and one count of Criminal Damage.

He pleaded Guilty.

Court was adjourned until 25th June to allow PSR for sentencing.

Christian Mark Theodore Phillips of Cardinal Drive, Half Tree Hollow was charged one count of driving a motor vehicle whilst over the prescribed limit.

He pleaded and was found Guilty and disqualified from holding or obtaining a drivers licence for a period of 12 months.

He was fined £300.00 and ordered to pay court cost of £15.00.

SHG CENTRAL SUPPORT AWAYDAY – Offices Closed



SHG Central Support Service, will be closed TODAY to allow staff to attend their Away Day. These office closures will include the Legislative Council staff office and the Archives and Communications Hub. For any emergency press matters please call the Castle switchboard 22470

IT office will be closed, however for emergencies ONLY, please contact Nicole Richards on 51713.

Transport Section at Donkey Plain will also be closed, however urgent calls only can be made to on call service number 62016.

The Castle Switchboard will continue to be staffed until 16:00.

Normal business will resume on Monday, 13 July 2026 at 08:30.

We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Weekly Police Report

Royal St Helena Police

Busy weekend night shifts for Team 1 again!

At 04.45hrs on Saturday 4th July - a 29 year old male was arrested in Clay Gut St Paul's on suspicion of Criminal Damage to the Front door of a house. He was released on unconditional Police Bail whilst the Investigation continues.



In the early hours of this morning - Sunday 5th July at 0145hrs, officers from Team 1 on patrol along the seafront in Jamestown witnessed a vehicle speeding. Once stopped, the 34 year old male driver from Longwood, failed a Roadside breath test and was Arrested.

He was taken to the Police station where he also failed the Evidential Breath Test machine. When he sobered up, he was charged to court to appear on 30 July 2026.



Dear Editor,

My sincere opinion after 7yrs of involvement with the island and its beautiful people is that the local St. Helena challenge is systemic and deeply engrained in the social and moral fibre of the island. It's a systemic and undue local influence against anything foreign.

My firm belief remains that there is a future and a hope for every individual positively contributing, no matter how insignificant it may seem. I believe that we have a government making wise and integrous decisions for the benefit of the local population and that there is enough for every need.

In response to the articles posted by Peter Darker, Malcolm Williams, the SHCFA, a seriously concerned former STC factory worker and Cllr. Julie Thomas;

What the fishing industry lack is unity and a supported vision. This may be due to a lack of understanding and in some cases definite lack of experience but without unity progress is almost impossible especially in such a small community.

In a letter I wrote to the Chief Secretary on 12 Aug 2019 I stated that: "With these results from the actual performance and thus status of the SH Tuna fishery, it's clear that there currently is no fishery. In real terms you as SHG is simply subsidising the lifestyle of a particular group of Saints. They just so happen to be fisherman. This statement holds no sarcasm nor any intended ridicule. You are literally paying too much for a product delivered."

This was made on the back of our own informal audit of the SHFC's performance since 2015. In the 2018-2019 financial year with a total catch volume of 248t of tuna it yielded a negative gross profit contribution of £243,746 and a nett loss of £477,267. (Yes, we excluded the "income" items labelled as "Subsidy" (£180,000) and "Grant" (£261,144)). The conclusion is that the data reflected a negative gross loss of £243,746 translating into a minus £0.98/kg. This means that the fishermen should actually have paid SHG £0.98/kg to accept their fish.

The official subsidy amount according to the PAC's performance audit report reflects a subsidy amount of £1.387 million, paid over to the SHFC. Also, the refrigeration plant broke down in 2019 and was in a state of disrepair meaning that exports were no longer possible. That was the status of the SH fishing industry 2 years prior to STC opening on the 26th of Aug 2022.

How anyone can argue that the fishing industry was in any way profitable or established is beyond me. I agree that the fishermen lost their access to subsidised "income" but stop pretending that the fishing industry was performing well when in fact it clearly was not.

STC is not struggling under any model as suggested. Prior to officially opening on 26 Aug 2022, STC processed fish at an agreed rate under our SHG agreement, yet when STC officially opened for business on 26 Aug 2022 all but one fisherman stopped supplying fish. By 5 Dec 2022 STC sent out the following request to all commercial fishermen: "We therefore inform all commercial fishermen that they are welcome to deliver their YFT & BET catches (details below) to the factory from Mon the 12th of Dec 2022. Tuna: 10kg+ at GBP 1.00/kg and we will accept all YFT & BET landings on that particular day." No one supplied fish except for the John Mellis.

Together with the help from the John Mellis, STC supplied the local orders it had and managed



to export 3 containers to our international client before the previous SHG closed the use of the culvert which effectively stopped STC's ability to build containers for export. I maintain that STC is still struggling due to the commercial fishermen's refusal to support STC by supplying them with their fish.

Surely none of us can raise concern about an outcome while ignoring our own possible contribution to that outcome. Although I agree that the fundamental questions should be asked and the "why's" to identify exactly who influenced

the current result, I do not think that now is the time for further delay. Some may even say that time is of the essence to which I would agree. I for one am extremely glad for the level of engagement by the current administration in comparison to that received from the previous. This is the chosen direction from the islands newly elected government and collectively the 12 councillors should be working in unity to attain its desired outcomes for all its constituents.

Despite our differences in views, opinions and seemingly irreconcilable differences I do urge all parties to welcome SHG's invitation to participate and help shape the next stage of planning for a strong and sustainable fishing industry on the island. 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.

Now is not the time for delay but for constructive participation even if it only comes as constructive criticism. If the suggestion is to include individuals or organisations demonstrably independent of previous decision-making processes, possessing a sound understanding of fisheries governance and commercial fisheries operations, and capable of applying the local context necessary to properly interpret the evidence before them, then let that be the first contribution tabled.

Public Health is the local authority and the entity that handled the investigation into the reported histamine poisoning. I'm very grateful to Georgina and her team for how thorough they were despite the lack of access to information and proof from the 4 parties involved in maintaining the cold chain.

If one understands histamine formation in tuna, then one would know that the biggest area of risk is on board the vessel once the fish is caught but that all 4 parties need to ensure their due care while the fish is in their custody. PH did not clarify this in their report but from both, the results from the samples sent for testing and PH's processing inspection at STC, I can confirm that STC was not the source of contamination. It's very important that the fishermen and regulated units adhere to the protocols in order to avoid its reoccurrence.

I'm thankful and optimistic that through the Ministers review process a way forward will be identified to establish a sustainable fishing industry to serve the needs of the local population who depend on it.

Kind regards,
Johann Bezuidenhout

The Kids Can Now Come Out To Play



Damien Burns and Minister Turner gave speeches thanking all that supported this project, with Governor Phillips declaring the playground open while the children eagerly await to experience the new equipment.



Ocean Monitoring is in Trouble

The world relies on a modest number of countries to keep watch over the ocean. That arrangement is starting to fail. Europe and Asia must now decide whether to let the system unravel, or to take it up together. The marine monitoring system the world relies on is under strain almost everywhere. The United States have drastically cut funding for the Global Ocean Observing System, meaning European and Asian participating countries need to fill the funding hole or the system becomes too unreliable. Right now, in every ocean basin on Earth, a global network of instruments measures the state of the sea. Anchored buoys watch the tropical oceans for the first signs of El Niño or tropical cyclones and take the pulse of the ocean currents. About four thousand self-operated floats sink every ten days to two thousand metres before rising to transmit temperature and salinity to ground stations via satellite. Underwater gliders patrol continental margins, and drifting buoys ride the surface in the most remote waters. Hundreds of elephant seals carry miniaturised sensors beneath the polar sea ice.

This network produces invaluable information that allows societies to anticipate and respond to a changing ocean and weather conditions, and protect the ocean in return. The data produced by this system helps forecasting, to help anticipate harvest seasons, energy demand and water availability

weeks to months ahead. Sea level projections, marine heatwave warnings, every weather forecast and much more, depends on the Global Ocean Observing System. As the Trump administration pulls the plug on this massive operation, we could all be left high and dry.



Tropical buoys offer high quality moored time series data for improved description, understanding and prediction of climate variability and climate change



JOIN US! WE ARE RECRUITING...

BENEFITS

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

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

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

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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Volunteer Opportunities – Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section

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The Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section is looking for volunteers to help with various conservation and research initiatives scheduled for later this year and extending into 2027.

Endemic Species Research Project:

The Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section is set to start a project collecting samples of four endemic fish species around the island. The section is looking for skilled SCUBA divers to collect samples using hand lances and hand nets. The Section is also looking for individuals to help with sampling in the Marine Centre laboratory. Training will be provided with researchers in August. Please reach out for further details and to engage in a discussion.

Five-Year Dive Survey Programme:

The Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section is set to conduct its five-year marine survey program on both the windward and leeward sides of the island in October 2026 and April 2027. The Section is looking for confident SCUBA divers, who can dive in various conditions, have demonstrable experience diving on the windward side of the island, and feel comfortable working from boats while spending extended time at sea, ideally without suffering from seasickness, we encourage you to contact us for additional information and a discussion.

For further information about the Volunteer Opportunities and to obtain the 'Expression of Interest' form, interested persons may contact Adam Riggs on Tel No: 25966 or via e-mail adam.riggs@sainthelena.gov.sh. Completed expression of interest forms should be returned to Adam Riggs by 21 July 2026

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Human Resources Assistant – 6 months fixed term (£10,088 per annum)

We are looking for a highly motivated individual to undertake a range of HR transactional processes and deliver a high-quality HR service. You will be required to provide administration duties in connection with recruitment and selection, processing of leavers and contractual changes in accordance with employment related policies and procedures. This is a great opportunity to start your career in HR if you are a motivated, self-starter who has a passion for delivering great customer service and administration. Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Sharnell Benjamin on Tel No.22470 or Email: sharnell.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 21 July 2026

Shortlisting date: 23 July 2026

Interview date: 29 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

Senior Care Assistant (£11,935 per annum)

Are you an experienced care professional ready to take the next step in your career? If so, Social Care is seeking to appoint a Senior Care Assistant to join the team at Ebony View. The successful candidate will play a key role in delivering high-quality, person-centred care and promoting the health, well-being, and independence of service users in accordance with individual Care Plans, as well as established policies, procedures, and best practice guidelines. The post holder will demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with proven experience in supporting individuals within a care environment who present with challenging behaviours. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Kelly Hopkins on Tel No. 23343 or Email: kelly.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing Date: 24 July 2026

Shortlisting date: 29 July 2026

Interview date: 06 August 2026

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Senior Support Worker (£11,935 per annum)

Are you an experienced and compassionate care professional looking to take the next step in your career? If so, Social Care is seeking to appoint a dedicated Senior Support Worker to join the team at Piccolo Hill. This is an excellent opportunity to support the delivery of high-quality Supported Living and Respite Services, ensuring service users receive safe, person-centred support that promotes independence, choice and well-being. Working with the management team, you will oversee the day-to-day operations of the team and promote high standards of care for people with learning disabilities and non-learning disabilities. You will also share responsibility for maintaining health and safety standards, managing risks, and ensuring safeguarding concerns are addressed promptly and in accordance with organisational policies and best practice. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Kelly Hopkins on Tel No. 23343 or Email: kelly.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing Date: 23 July 2026
Shortlisting date: 30 July 2026
Interview date: 12 August 2026

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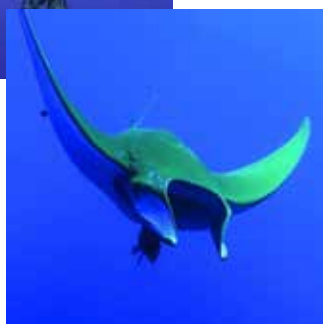
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We're Hiring: Marine Project Manager

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,
email: neil.thorp@trust.org.sh Tel:22307

To request an application form and job description,
email: amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh Tel:22190

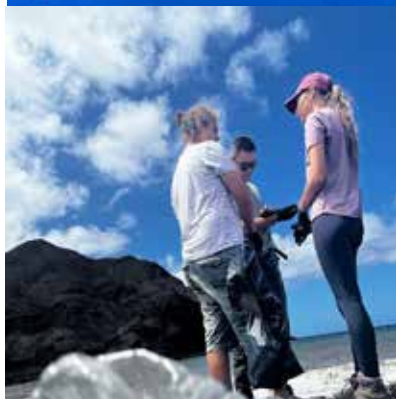
Closing date:
Midnight, Thursday 16th July 2026



We're Hiring: Marine Project Officer

Full-time

£9945 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 Officer to support conservation work on whale sharks, seahorses, devil rays and Storm Petrels, while helping deliver long-term marine monitoring across St Helena's waters.

You'll be involved in underwater and coastal field surveys, species monitoring, data collection, equipment care and day-to-day project delivery. Strong organisational and communication skills, attention to detail and a practical, positive attitude are essential. Experience in ecological fieldwork is desirable, and all required snorkel and scuba training will be provided.

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Closing date:
Midnight, Thursday 23rd July 2026



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.**



PRESS RELEASE

CONNECT SAINT HELENA LTD – UPDATE ON THE TRANSITION TO MONTHLY BILLING

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is committed to providing accurate, fair and transparent billing for all customers. During the transition from quarterly to monthly billing, we have identified several issues that may have affected you. We would like to explain what has happened, the steps we've taken to resolve these issues, and what you should do next.

Payment Due Date and Interest Charges

We recognise that the May 2026 bills were issued later than usual as part of the transition to monthly billing. To support customers, **no interest will be charged on these bills**. This gives everyone additional time to make payment without concern that interest will be applied.

Estimated Bills

Some customers received estimated bills that were higher than expected. This occurred because the billing system calculated estimated consumption from the date of the last quarterly meter reading, which temporarily inflated estimates.

Customers who have received estimated bills for **May or June 2026** are advised to please **defer payment until they receive their July or August bill**. These upcoming bills will include actual meter readings and will automatically adjust any previous estimated charges, ensuring you are billed correctly.

Standing Charges

Charges for unoccupied properties and unmetered untreated water continue to be billed on a quarterly basis. These charges have not been omitted and will appear on the relevant quarterly bills.

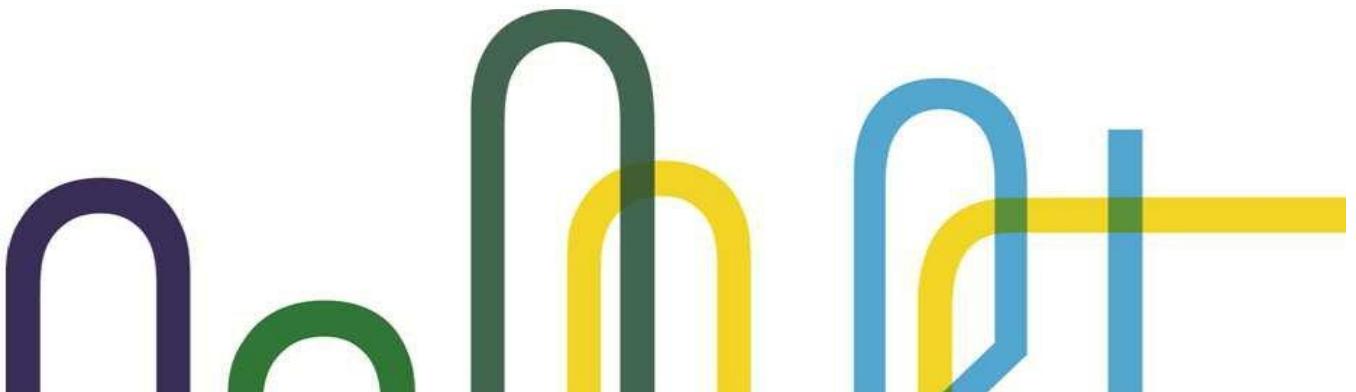
Our Commitment

We apologise for any inconvenience or concern these issues may have caused and thank customers for their patience and understanding during this transition.

Our priority is to ensure that every customer receives an accurate bill and that any issues are resolved quickly and transparently. We continue to work with our system provider to ensure the transition to monthly billing is completed successfully.

Customers who have any questions or require assistance are encouraged to contact the Billing Team on 22341 or by email at Accounts.support@connectonline.co.sh.

06 July 2026



VACANCY



Customer Service Officer

Commencing at £11,472 per annum

Bank of St Helena is seeking to recruit a suitable person with the right mix of skills and experience to fill the exciting position of a Customer Services Officer.

Reporting to the Operations Manager, the Customer Service Officer will be responsible for providing an efficient and effective delivery of customer services and Banking products to all customers in a professional and timely manner.

You must provide excellent customer service at all times; be able to deal with customers and visitors in a professional manner and have the ability to deal with irate customers. Be highly organised and have a keen eye for detail, maintain confidentiality, exhibit high accuracy levels and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank team.

Skills and experience the candidate should have:

- GCSE's in Mathematics and English at Grade C or above;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Proficiency in IT skills, including Microsoft Applications and Database;
- Excellent interpersonal skills;
- At least 2 years' experience of working in an office environment and/or in a customer service environment.

Interested persons can contact the Operations Manager on email operationsmanager@sainthelenabank.com or you can contact them on telephone number + 290 22390 ext. 205 for more information.

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

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

Closing date for applications is Friday, 24 July 2026.

Choose a career with Bank of St Helena and enjoy competitive benefits.



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Market Street, Jamestown



Bank of St Helena Ltd



St Helena Yacht club

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The St Helena Yacht Club will be holding its AGM on Thursday 30th July 2024 at 6pm at the club house.

Agenda:

- Annual report of the Commodore
- Approve annual accounts
- Election of officers
- Appointment of honorary auditor
- Any Other Business (AOB) *

* Please submit items in writing to sthelenayachtclub@gmail.com no later than 22nd July 2026.

If you're interested in joining the team as part of the committee or as a volunteer/helper then please come along.

FOR SALE BY TENDER

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

Vehicle Details	Former Registration Number: 4434 Condition: Road Traffic Accident Viewing Available: Yes – by Appointment
 MITSUBISHI L200	
Viewing Date	TENDER CLOSING DATE
 Wednesday 15 July 2026 10:00am	 Monday 20 July 2026 4:00pm
HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR TENDER	IMPORTANT NOTICE
Place your offer in a sealed envelope clearly marked: "VEHICLE TENDER – REGISTRATION 4434" and place in the Company's Tender Box at: Main Office Building, Jamestown	Sold As Is No Warranty Given No Guarantee Implied
NEED MORE INFORMATION?	
The Malabar, Jamestown 22860 insuranceenquiries@solomons.co.sh	

THORPE'S EMPORIUM

Calling all farmers



Thorpe's Emporium will shortly be placing their order for hazardous products.

If you require any agrochemicals please contact Henry Thorpe on henry@thorpes.sh, 22781

We can supply Insecticides, herbicides and fungicides

ST HELENA GOLF REPORT

Contributed by St Helena Golf Club

SHGC Honours Honorary Member Cecil Thomas with Medalford Competition

The St Helena Golf Club hosted the 18-Hole Medal ford Competition on Sunday in honour of honorary member **Mr Cecil Thomas**, with **13 players** taking to the course in very good weather conditions. This event was held to celebrate the birthday of Honorary Member Mr Cecil Thomas who turned **90** in June 2026.

After an enjoyable afternoon of competitive golf, **Jason Hopkins** produced an outstanding performance to claim **first place** with an impressive score of **18**.

The battle for the remaining podium places was much closer, with **K. J., Peter Bagley, and Rodney Braaf** all finishing on **21**. A play-off was required to separate the trio, with **K. J** securing **second place** and **Peter Bagley** taking **third**, while **Rodney Braaf** narrowly missed out on the prizes.

Special competition winners were:

Two-Ball Pool: Jeffrey Stevens and Ashton Benjamin, who both birdied the 16th.

Longest Drive (4th Fairway): Rodney Braaf.

Nearest the Pin (5th Green): Raymond Henry.

Nearest the Pin (7th Green): Keith Joshua.

The St Helena Golf Club congratulates all the prize winners and thanks everyone who participated in celebrating Mr Cecil Thomas through another successful day of golf. A big thanks also goes out to the members who contributed towards the prizes for this event.

Your generosity and unity for such a noble event is highly appreciated.



*Happy Swinging
SHGC*



UPCOMING EVENTS

The clubs next competition is the Par 3 Competition stroke play, tee off 12:00. Members are encouraged to register and continue supporting the clubs programme of events.

Registration closes on Saturday 11 th July at 3pm.



INTERNATIONAL
ISLAND GAMES
ASSOCIATION

Gotland to host 2031 Island Games - Faroes Next Year, Isle of Man in 2029



The Faroes will host the 2027 Island Games from July 3 to July 9, 2027

Gotland will be the third island to host the Games for a third time - Guernsey became the first to host three events in 2023, while the Isle of Man will stage their third in 2029.

The 2031 Island Games will be held on the Swedish island of Gotland. Representatives of the 24 member islands confirmed Gotland as 2031 hosts of the 2031 Island Games when they met in the Faroes last weekend.

It is the third time that Gotland will have hosted the biennial event - they first did so in 1999 and again in 2017. The event in Gotland is due to be held from 28 June to 4 July 2031.



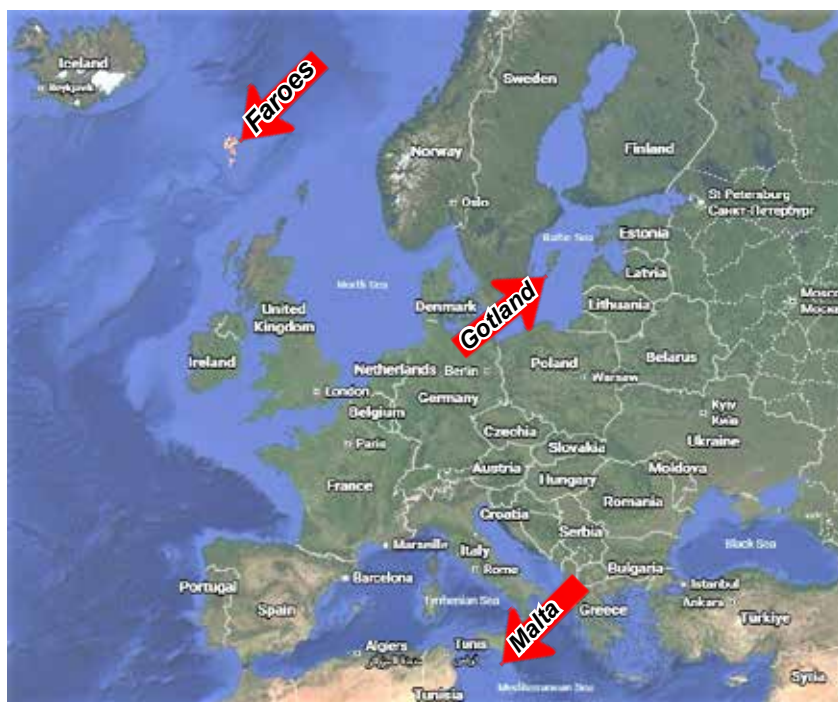
(Left to right) Jenny Wallin Sander (chair of Gotland Sports Federation), Andrew Inkster (chair of International Island Games Association), Meit Fohlin (Mayor of Gotland), Fredrik Persson (chair of the 2031 organising committee)

Officials in the Isle of Man have confirmed funding is in place and work is already underway on key infrastructure. £2.5 million is secured to deliver the Games, with an additional £2.6 million allocated for capital works. Refurbishment of the athletics track grandstand at the National Sports Centre has already begun. The improvements for the Manx Island Games forms part of the Isle of Man government 10 Year Sport Strategy. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture stated their Vision for sport includes health & wellbeing and environmental sustainability as well as infrastructure improvement and competition.

St Helena is a founder member of the International Island Games Association, formed in 1985. The National Sports Association of St. Helena (NSASH) is the association member, website - <https://www.nsash.org.sh/>.

Recently NSASH invited expressions for interest to compete in next year's Faroes International Island Games and the Commonwealth Youth Games in Malta, 29th October – 4th November 2027.

Compete With NSASH and See the World





Last 32	Last 16	Quarter Finals	Semi- Finals
Germany 1	Paraguay 0		
Paraguay 1	v		
	France 1		
France 3		France	
Sweden 0		v	
		Morocco	
South Africa 0	Canada 0		
Canada 1	v		
	Morocco 3		
Netherlands 1			
Morocco 1			
Portugal 2	Portugal 0		
Croatia 1	v		
	Spain 1		
Spain 3		Spain	
Austria 0		v	
		Belgium	
United States 2	United States 1		
Bosnia-Herze 0	v		
	Belgium 4		
Belgium 3			
Senegal 2			
Brazil 2	Brazil 1		
Japan 1	v		
	Norway 2		
Cote d'Ivoire 1		Norway	
Norway 2		v	
		England	
Mexico 2	Mexico 2		
Ecuador 0	v		
	England 3		
England 2			
Congo DR 1			
Argentina 1	Argentina 3		
Cabo Verde 1	v		
	Egypt 2		
Australia 1		Argentina	
Egypt 1		v	
		Switzerland	
Switzerland 2	Switzerland 0		
Algeria 0	v		
	Columbia 0		
Columbia 1			
Ghana 0			

More
Details
Next
Week



Favourite to Win the World Cup?

France come top of the pile which ever way you slice it

The FIFA rankings measure the past performance of the national teams and use a points system to rank them all from number one to number 211. France leapfrogged to number one this week, knocking both Argentina and Spain down one spot. Who's at number 211, San Marino, with Anguilla and British Virgin Islands just above them.

Despite FIFA's careful analysis of all the scores, 4 of their top 16 did not make it into the last 16 of the World Cup. Netherlands (No.8 in FIFA's rankings), Germany (11), Croatia (13), Italy (14) all fell by the wayside. Italy didn't even qualify.

FIFA RANKING	BBC PUNDITS	BBC POLL	Vote	GOALS SCORED	
1 France	1 France	1 France	11%	1 France	13
2 Argentina	2 Spain	2= Argentina	9%	2 United States	10
3 Spain	3 Argentina	2= Spain	9%	2= Norway	10
4 England	4 Brazil	2= Brazil	9%	4= Switzerland	9
5 Brazil	5 Morocco	5= England	8%	4= Belgium	9
6 Morocco	6 Columbia	5= Morocco	8%	4= Brazil	9
7 Portugal	7 Mexico	5= Mexico	8%	4= Canada	9
9 Belgium	8 England	8 Norway	6%	4= Argentina	9
10 Mexico	9 Norway	9= Portugal	5%	9= Mexico	8
11 Columbia	10 United States	9= Belgium	5%	9= Portugal	8
15 Switzerland	11 Portugal	9= Columbia	5%	9= Spain	8
16 United States	12 Switzerland	9= United States	5%	9= England	8
21 Norway	13 Egypt	13 Canada	4%	13 Morocco	7
24 Egypt	14 Belgium	14= Switzerland	3%	14 Egypt	6
30 Canada	15 Canada	14= Paraguay	3%	15 Columbia	5
34 Paraguay	16 Paraguay	16 Egypt	2%	16 Paraguay	3

The next list is what the BBC pundits think might happen. France remains top, Paraguay stays bottom, Spain and Argentina share second and third while England tumble to eighth after making number four their home in the FIFA rankings for many weeks.

Next it is the result of a BBC Poll. The voice of the people kept France at the top spot with Argentina and Spain just behind. Brazil, England and Morocco are only fancied for a 3rd position play-off.

Finally, if we go by goals scored – it's still France leading but the runners up are there, more because of weak opposition than a happy knack of getting the decider in the net in the tense final minutes.

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

The season is shaping up to be incredibly competitive, with current champions Bellboys sitting at the top of the tree with 2 wins in 2 games

Saturday 4th July Rovers 2 — Harts 2

Goalscorers Rovers — Blaise Baldwin 2

Goalscorers Harts— Shane Stroud (P), Lebron George (P)

Red Card—Cristen Yon (Fugees)

Man of Match—Ricardo Williams (Rovers)

Young Player of the Match—Lebron George (Harts)

Sunday 5th July Bellboys 5— Le Verde 0

Goalscorers Bellboys — Tyler Brady 2, Joey Thomas 2, Aiden Duncan

Man of the Match— Jacob Duncan (Bellboys)

Young Player of the Match—Zach Francis (Bellboys)

Sunday 5th July Fugees 6— STH Young Boys 1

Goalscorers Fugees — Kenin Yon 3, Lars Williams 2, Jason Williams

Goalscorers STH Young Boys— Jude Jacobs

Man of the Match— Kenin Yon (Fugees)

Young Player of the Match—Jude Jacobs (STH Young Boys)



FOOTBALL TABLE

TEAM	PLAYED	WIN	DRAW	LOST	G/FOR	G/AGAINST	G/DIFFERENCE	POINTS
Bellboys	2	2	0	0	10	4	6	6
Rovers	2	1	1	0	14	2	12	4
Harts	3	1	1	1	9	8	1	4
Le Verde	3	1	0	2	6	10	-4	3
Fugees	2	1	0	1	6	13	-7	3
STH Young Boys	2	0	0	2	3	11	-8	0

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Saturday 11th July @ 2:00pm

Fugees vs Harts

Linesman La Verde & Rovers

Sunday 12th July @ 1:30pm

Bellboys vs STH Young Boys

Linesman Fugees & Harts

Sunday 12th July @ 3:30pm

La Verde vs Fugees

Linesman Bellboys & STH
Young Boys



Shanice Sim organised a Falkland Island walk raising £620.00

Fundraising for **Shantelle**



Shantelle posted on her social media page "Right I never imagined writing this or being in this situation To every single person who has supported me, prayed for me, donated, shared my story, sent messages, or simply thought of me during this journey... thank you.



A group of Saints on the Falklands organised a Charity Night fundraiser which raised £1500.00



Kim Henry organised a Just Dance fundraiser which raised £350.00



Wirebirds St Helena hosted a Country Night fundraiser which raised £750.00

There are no words that can truly express how grateful I am for the love, kindness, and generosity you have shown me and my family. Every message, every donation, and every act of support has given me strength on the days when I needed it most.

One thing this journey has reminded me of is just how incredibly special our island community is. St Helena Island may be small in size, but the kindness, generosity, and com-



Shakira Yon-Thomas organised a walk on St Helena which raised £305.00



Sinitta Joshua organised a walk on Ascension Island has raised £450.00 thus far

munity spirit from saints around the world is beyond measure. Time and time again, people come together to support one another, and I feel truly blessed to have experienced that love first hand. It is something that makes our home so unique, and I couldn't be more thankful to be part of such a caring community.

Living with my health challenges has never been easy, but knowing that so many people care has reminded me that I'm not facing this alone. Your compassion has lifted not only me but also my family, who have stood beside me through everything.

Thank you for believing in me, for giving me hope, and for helping make things a little easier during such a difficult time. I will never take your kindness for granted, and I will carry your support with me every step of the way.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you all, With love and endless gratitude, Big shout to Sandra George for standing by myside the whole as well. I'll keep everyone updated for the

money we have raised all together."

Shantelle along with her devoting partner Jean-Paul will depart on Sunday 12th for the UK to allow Shantelle the chance to access expert opinions that could help her build a better future, whilst their adorable 6 month old son Andre will be left behind in the capable hands of his Nannies Linda & Claris and Papa Stedson until the parents return which is unknown at this time.

We at the St Helena Independent would like to wish Shantelle and Jean-Paul, safe travels and trust all goes well and Shantelle get the answers we hoping for.

Sunflower Creche also organised a fundraiser and raised £150 for Shantelle.



Lache Peters organised a walk in Germany which has raised £350.00



Delmarie Hopkins-Ceasar in Gibraltar challenged to donated £10 to each km she walked in 2 hours.

She walked 10.38km raising £110.



Fundraising for **Shantelle**



On the 17th June Shaz Stevens from the Wirebirds Association posted the story of young Shantelle Youde-Peters of Deadwood, she posted "At just 18 years old, Shantelle's life was changed forever.

What should have been a time filled with hope and excitement as a new mother became a devastating battle for her health. Following a stroke, Shantelle has been left facing challenges that most people could never imagine at such a young age.

Today, she is unable to care for her young son in the way she desperately wishes she could. Simple daily tasks that many of us take for granted now require assistance. Her partner lovingly helps her with the most basic personal needs, including showering and getting dressed. The independence she once had has been taken away from her.

The impact has extended far beyond Shantelle alone. She has been forced to give up her job, and her mother has also had to stop working in order to care for Shantelle's son and help support the family through this incredibly difficult journey.

The physical challenges are immense, but the emotional toll is equally heart breaking. Watching life continue around her while struggling with her condition has left Shantelle feeling exhausted, frustrated, and at times hopeless. There are days when she feels like giving up.

Despite everything, our family still believes there is hope.

We are seeking funding to help Shantelle access specialist medical assessments and a second opinion in the United Kingdom. While the current medical view is that there may be no different outcome, we feel that every young person deserves the opportunity to explore all available options before accepting that conclusion.

A specialist assessment could provide new treatment recommendations, rehabilitation opportunities, or interventions that may improve her quality of life. Even small improvements could have a profound impact on her physical health, mental wellbeing, independence, and ability to participate more fully in her son's life.

This fundraising effort is being organised privately by family and supporters who want to ensure that every possible avenue is explored. We are not asking for miracles. We are asking for a chance. A chance for answers. A chance for hope. A chance for Shantelle to access expert opinions that could help her build a better future.

Every donation, no matter how small, brings us one step closer to giving Shantelle that opportunity. Thank you for taking the time to read her story, for sharing it with others, and for supporting a young mother who deserves every possible chance to improve her life."

Within hours, Shantelle's story was shared by many of the Facebook community who express an interest in coming on-board to help raise funds, Shantelle's sister Lache residing in Germany set up a Go Fund Me account sharing Shantelle's story and setting a target of £4000 which is still ongoing and yet to make its target on that account, so if you are interested in donating then visit this site <https://www.gofundme.com/f/uk-medical-support>.

Many others fundraising events off and on island have happened and is still on going as it is unknown at this time what treatment will be needed and the extend of the cost involved until all options to expert advice has been completed.



Donnyz & Blue Magic organised a Live Band fundraiser which raised £780.00



Daryl Phillips organised a bike and other vehicle ride around fundraiser which raised £340.00



Cherilee Thomas-Yon organised a Bake Sale fundraiser which raised £210.00

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