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China's Long March 3B rocket struck by a powerful lightning bolt around 30 seconds after launching on July 23. Despite this, it made it to space and successfully deployed its payload



LANDING SOON

Popular Minister for the Overseas Territories Moves On

The Overseas Territories Pushed Down the Pecking Order to Least Importance Status

Stephen Doughty was appointed Minister for the Overseas Territories in July 2024. He quickly proved popular with ministers in the overseas territory, being recognised as approachable, easy to work with and effective. Now he is gone.

Doughty has been appointed to another, and more demanding, minister of state role in the FCDO.

From Monday this week, Uma Kumaran, the MP for Stratford and Bow, in east London, has taken over the vacancy left by Doughty. Doughty's successor will have responsibility for the Caribbean, the Overseas Territories, global tech and AI, and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). A wide-ranging mixed bag to focus on. The announcement of her new appointment can be found on Twitter (now called X) where she wrote, "I look forward to working with global partners on our shared interests - from action on the climate crisis in the Caribbean, to tackling VAWG, to unlocking the shared opportunities of the AI revolution." The Overseas Territories do not merit a mention there.



Uma Kumaran

Kumaran shares her new junior FCDO appointment with another post she has been given as Assistant Whip. The job title may sound alarming; the work involves working as a political party official in the House of Commons helping to enforce party discipline, tracking member votes, and organising parliamentary business.

Of concern to us is the FCDO position Stephen Doughty held when he had responsibility for the Overseas Territories was referred to as 'Minister of State', that is the middle rank of three posts in the UK government hierarchy.

Uma Kumaran is described as a Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the FCDO, the lowest of the three posts. More worrying, is the other government post she jointly holds, 'Assistant Whip', has the more senior 'Minister of State' status. The highest rank of the three posts is FCDO Secretary of State, otherwise known as the Foreign Secretary.

Less Importance Now Given to the Overseas Territories

The signs are that the post of Minister of State for the Overseas Territories in the UK government is now of the least importance – just above abolishing the post completely. There are certainly several questions that need answering.

1. When announcing his appointment in the new prime minister's government, Stephen Doughty said "Huge honour to be re-appointed as Minister of State at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office by our new PM Andy Burnham

2. The UK government website describes Uma Kumaran as the new Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State with responsibility for the Overseas Territories, together with four other ill-fitting responsibilities which look like they may have been grouped together because they do not fit anywhere else.

3. Uma Kumaran has another job which will run alongside the five responsibilities previously mentioned. This other job is essentially to help ensure backbench MPs do as they are told or, 'toe the party line'. The Government website describes the Whip job as a Ministerial role. As such, it is a more senior role than the Under-Secretary job that includes the Overseas Territories.

Popular Minister for the Overseas Territories Moves On

4. It is reasonable to assume Uma Kumaran will see the Ministerial role as more important than any of the FCDO Under-Secretary responsibilities and will be more concerned about the possibility of a backbench rebellion. Since the last UK general election there have been several backbench revolts within the party in government, mainly on social welfare issues. The main concerns of the Overseas Territories could be buried without trace by internal disputes in the UK over child benefits, welfare reform legislation or winter fuel payments to older people. Disputes on those issues helped bring down the previous prime minister. It could happen again.

Something About Uma Kumaran

Uma's parents came to Britain over 40 years ago. They sought refuge in Britain after fleeing the Sri Lanka civil war (1983-2009) which was an extremely viscous ethnic conflict. Uma's ethnicity is Tamil, they were persecuted by the Sinhalese government.

Before being elected to the UK Parliament her main focus was (and is) climate change. She worked internationally to advance bolder climate action, as the Director of Diplomatic and International Relations at a global climate organisation. She worked with mayors and cities around the world, the United Nations, civil society and trade unions to push for stronger, more ambitious action to counter the threat of climate change.

She has also worked for the NHS, spending most of her working life in public service. From working with the UN and global climate advocates to tackle climate change, to helping London's Mayor deliver policies like free school meals and new council homes.

Blast From the Past



Back when fishing was fun without grown men complaining. Can you guess who this is in the picture? Bonus points for guessing what type of fish is featured (that's easy)...

-Photo provided by Tony Brooks

St Helena Heritage at Risk

The 2021 Napoleon bicentenary proved to be the starting point for change in direction for at least some of St Helena's rich and abundant built heritage. The St Helena government formed the British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust. The initial focus of the Trust was to protect and raise awareness of the island's unique history, with emphasis on the era of Napoleon's exile. After 2021 there was a change in the purpose of the Trust. It was renamed the UK-St Helena Heritage Trust (UK-SH HT) and its purpose was broadened to include the conservation of as much of this island's-built heritage as possible.

The neglect of our historical structures had, until that time, been almost complete. The notable exception being the French Properties. This meant the UK-SHHT had much work to do finding funds for a staggeringly large amount of work. The main reason for the neglect of our heritage, - the East India Company coastal and inland defences, Georgian buildings, archaeological exploration and much more - is the extreme difficulty attracting funding sources. For the natural heritage there are various well established and accessible sources for funds. In simple terms, just complete the application form provided and keep the fingers crossed. For built heritage, finding a possible donor source is a major triumph in itself.

Working with the St Helena National Trust and the St Helena Heritage Society, the UK-SHHT listed the built heritage to be assessed first for conservation. That will often include finding a new use and purpose for a historic building or structure. The UK-SHHT has this list on its website. Work has been done on all of them, but are at different stages. For one of them, the restoration work is complete.



One of the many Munden's historic structures

Munden's Battery

Munden's battery first existed as two guns in 1673, but was greatly expanded by Governor Roberts in 1708, works being completed on 19th December 1710. The battery protected James Bay. Through the centuries there have been additions and alterations. Munden's has therefore range of historic structures both large and small, some more significant than others. All require repair and maintenance, some more than others.

The structures include searchlight emplacements, well protected casemates from where cannons were fired, a generator hall, accommodation block and

stores.

The general conclusion is that all structures could be repaired and conserved with the main structures having possible reuses. First, much more investigative work is necessary.

Banks Battery

Built between 1700 and 1740, and modified during Napoleon's St Helena exile, Banks Battery sits in a strategic position to protect Jamestown from enemy ships which by necessity would pass Banks Battery. If ships failed to send a boat to shore to state their identity, destination, and nationality, they would be fired upon.

A recent report on the condition of some prominent St Helena heritage sites includes Banks Battery – an impressive example of the coastal defences built by

the East India Company and later, during Napoleon's exile. Access to the battery is from the sea. Extensive damage caused by storms to the access, sea-wall defences and the cliff face behind breached defences means repairs will be expensive, difficult and possibly destroyed by the sea while defences are under reconstruction. The most realistic option would be to record Banks Battery for posterity with photographic and digital surveys.

The only surviving structure from the Liberated African Establishment in Rupert's Valley is 'No. 1 Building', originally constructed in 1865 as an accommodation block to house up to 80 former slaves.



The sea-level access to Bank's Battery - showing a short section of sea defence wall still standing

St Helena Heritage at Risk



The No.1 Building is destined to become a visitor and interpretation centre for the Trans-Atlantic Slave Memorial in Rupert's Valley. The UK-St Helena Heritage Trust is working in partnership with the Commonwealth Heritage Forum, St Helena National Trust and the Liberated African Advisory Committee on plans for its repair, renovation and reuse.

High Knoll Fort

High Knoll Fort is a fortification with the earliest parts dating to 1790. The original fort was occupied during the Napoleonic period by the 20th Regiment of Foot. After Napoleon's death in 1821, British forces withdrew from the island until the site was redeveloped in the early 1860s.

The northern tower dates from this first period and was subsequently

integrated into the larger complex during this second period of construction. The central and southern portions are clearly late 19 century in origin and the entry gate keystone has a date of 1874. The Royal Engineers finally completed phase two of construction in 1894.

A recent report on the condition of High Knoll Fort recommended a range of work to protect this very visible historic structure from further deterioration. Stabilising the collapsed section of wall is said to be the most urgent work required. If not done, adjacent sections of wall are likely to collapse.

Within the fort, finding the original ground levels is also important. The soil and rubble built up against the walls is expected to be a later activity, the outward pressure on the walls contributes to their eventual collapse. The surviving original ironwork for the drawbridge which was at the main entrance requires treatment to extend its life.

The circular tower or bastion at the north end is the earliest and most valued part of High Knoll Fort. There is evidence of water finding its way into the structure causing possibly significant damage. Leaks to the roof to the bastion require attention to prevent moisture damage to the masonry and allow the building to have some use.

A rolling programme of repair and renovation is recommended to the outer wall. Including repointing with a NHL2 lime mortar with suitable sands and grits to match original lime mortars.

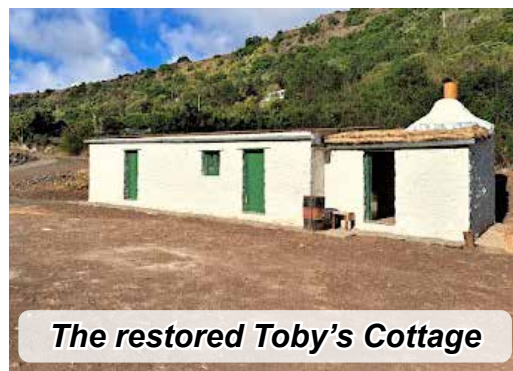
Toby's Cottage

Toby's Cottage sits to the east of the Briars in a valley near the heart-shaped waterfall. William Balcombe took over The Briars property in 1811 and established a brewery. The Cottage is a small two-room outbuilding to the rear of the main complex. The space was likely inhabited by members of Balcombe's enslaved domestic servants. The building represents one of a few surviving dwellings of enslaved people on the island.

Toby

In the words of Betsy Balcombe, Toby was, "an old Malay slave who had been captured and brought to the island as a slave many years before, and had never since left. He was an original, and an interesting character. A perfect despot in his own domain, he never allowed his authority to be disputed; and the family stood almost as much in awe of him, as they did of the master of the Briars himself. Napoleon became acquainted with Toby, he tried unsuccessfully to buy his freedom.

The renovation of Toby's Cottage is completed. The project was started by the UK-St Helena Heritage Trust and taken to completion by the Napoleonic Heritage Society. Recent archaeological work was carried out by a team led by Dr Phillippe Charlier. Small artefacts were found in the earth floor beneath a more recent floor finish. The cottage stands as a reminder of the lives of enslaved people in St Helena.



The restored Toby's Cottage

Massive Savings Through Not Having ‘Bonkers’ SHG Budget Process for Two Years

The Chief Minister and the ministerial team have said repeatedly the government budget this year is different and better. It's better, not because there is more money, it's because government spending has become easier to manage and organise and better use can be made of the money available.

The ministers talk about a three year spending programme. This replaces the annual budget which has been the way it has been done for generations past. Switching to a three year programme has several advantages. At a Radio interview on Saint FM last Friday, Karl Thrower, Minister for Environment, Natural Resources & Planning and Economic Development used the additional funding for control of invasive species as an example of one advantage.

There is £70,000 available this year to kill white weed, wild mango and the rest. But that's not all. This year, with the three year budget there is £210,000 over 36 months – not £70,000 for 12 months and hope the funding will continue after that. With invasive species, it has started with training a team to do the job, this is followed with pressing forward with a programme of invasive vegetation control through to March 2029. There is no stop/start after the Christmas/New Year break while SHG wait for the UK government to decide how much money they will give us for the next financial year. The money available should now be spent more effectively. On the operational side, the work can be more easily organised resulting in more work done quicker.

This advantage applies right across SHG, and not only on the operational side. It was Karl Thrower (again) who called the government budget process ‘bonkers’. Why? Well, the first thing is the budget setting process takes up at least half of the year. When it's an annual budget, it is half of every year. Many government employees are involved big time, across all portfolios, departments, etc. Worse than that, three budgets have to be put together. One is based on the amount of financial support the UK government is most likely to provide for the year ahead. The second budget is based on the UK government not providing the amount of money thought most likely. The third budget is based on the UK government providing a bit more than was thought most likely. Bonkers is one way to put it. Calling it an expensive guessing game is another. This farrago is avoided for the next two years of the three year spending programme – hopefully. Instead of getting involved in bonkers guessing games, the staff will be able to get on with the job they really should be doing – in health, education, social welfare, getting internet connections working properly, stabilising energy costs and all the rest.

The most infuriating part of it all is that SHG have been pushing for a three year spending programme for many years. The UK government has ignored these repeated requests until now. Now they have agreed to it because it suits their own purposes. The UK's own government finances are balanced on a tightrope; they too are now looking for more stability in their own forward planning. Part of that stability for the UK is for them to see their role as an investor in St Helena, not as the provider. That is not a bad thing in itself, but what happens in emergency situations or when an investment decision fails?

Another conflicting situation is that SHG portfolios work on five year plans, central SHG government on three year plans, while an annual budget only gives twelve months of certainty. Why?

The Budget for this year is a 4.8% increase in core financial aid for 2026–27, followed by 2% annual increases in 2027–28 and 2028–29. The 2% is an additional £1.72 million in 2026–27, bringing St Helena's core aid to £37.51 million. There may also be the opportunity

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to unlock additional funding, subject to performance. To confuse matters more than they already are, the total budget for this year is £55 million when other pots of money in addition to core funding are taken into account.

The performance opportunities for additional core funding is now called ‘conditionality’. For this year, to March 2027, SHG has to meet five targets in order to pocket the additional £1million on offer. Each target met means an additional £200,000.

The targets are:

Passing the new Immigration Bill into Law

This has been done, so £200,000 additional funding is assured for next year on top of the £37.51 million agreed as part of the core three year spending programme.

Jamestown Wharf Development

The wharf is to be developed with a mixture of uses. Part will be a working area for boat maintenance. Some parts will be allocated to meet local leisure and tourist expectations. Other parts will be for community/recreational use.

Redevelopment does not just mean smartening up the wharf so it is more attractive to possible investors, the utilities need major repair and upgrade. The utility service connections running beneath the wharf include outlets to the sea which have been crushed by heavy traffic on the wharf. They need full replacement. The wiring on electric circuits is not the best there is.

New Land Development Control Plan Required

The LDCP is an important document upon which many other plans and policies are based. Despite this, the LDCP in use was published in 2012 and became out of date 4 years ago. One of the performance conditions is that a new LDCP is to be completed before the end of this financial year.

To achieve this, the Draft LDCP will need to be available for public consultation by the end of November. There is a 60 day public consultation period which will end in January next year. February is allocated for consultation responses and late amendments to the LDCP. In March 2027 the new, improved LDCP will be presented to Legco. This is a big ask. Are additional trained personnel being drafted in to make this target achievable?

Balance the Government Budget

Straightforward but not simple.

Health and Social Care to Stay Within Budget

The estimated Budget for Health and Social Care for last year was £9.3 million. The revised budget for last year grew to £11.2 million. The estimate for this year is £11.8 million, growing to £12.1 million by the end of the three year spending programme. That’s an increase of nearly £3 million in four years. Despite this, Health needs £4 million to replace life-expired and outdated equipment over the next few years. Less than half of this amount is allocated in the three year spending programme.

The performance condition for Health and Social Care is to stay within budget. This will have consequences for the overall service delivery, for waiting lists and the number of overseas referrals in particular. Watch with interest to see if this performance target is achievable and if so, how it is achieved.

Commemorative Stamps – A Nice Little Earner or Missed Opportunity

This week St Helena's Stamp Advisory Group announced a new set of 12 commemorative stamps featuring endemic invertebrates at values ranging from 5p to £5 to be released tomorrow. There is a souvenir sheet containing all 12 stamps



And one of the three First Day Covers



Commemorative stamp sales are aimed mainly at the overseas philately and tourism markets. All commemoratives are available at the post office in Main Street but there is a UK agent for overseas sales. Our overseas readers interested in philately can contact GShaw@cascophilatelic.com at Casco Philatelic Services to place an order.

CASCO
PHILATELIC SERVICES

Casco describe themselves as the leading supplier of stamps and philatelic commemoratives for British Overseas Territories. They design and produce stamps for many countries across the globe representing some of the world's largest postal administrations. They were formerly the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau.

St Helena stamps are also available to buy on many other specialist websites as well as eBay, Facebook and the like.

Maximise the Revenue

St Helena Government's own website has a page called Coins and Stamps, where past commemorative issues are shown. You will find no sign of any coins when scrolling down a very long single page - <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/public-services/coins-and-stamps/>

The introduction on the stamps page tells us, 'St Helenian stamps are a prolific source of revenue for St Helena Government.' The recently published SHG Budget Book shows revenue from philatelic stamp sales as a constant £25,000 for every year of the new three year budget cycle. Expenditure on stamp issues is also constant over the same period at £22,000. If revenue from stamp sales is 'prolific' it is not SHG that is making the money from sales. Another giveaway in the introduction is, 'All stamps have to be granted approval by Her Majesty before going to print' and, 'Her Majesty has strict reservations regarding British Overseas Territories stamp issues'. The late Queen died in September 2022 – evidence that the focus given by the Stamp Advisory Committee to the commercial opportunities available through stamp sales could be more, well, focussed.

Also mystifying is, 'The St Helena Post Office aims to release six stamp issues per year, entirely at the discretion of the Stamp Advisory Group'. If the stamp issues are entirely at their discretion, it is not an advisory group but rather fully responsible. The membership of the

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SAG is also given; as is often the case with SHG specialist groups, there is not professional specialist representation on it.

Since Christmas 2019 it appears from information available that fourteen commemorative issues have been released. This falls far short of the self-proclaimed aim to release six commemorative issues per year. There are already fourteen British commemoratives released this year alone, and one definitive issue.

In addition to commemorating Napoleon, British monarchs, sea birds, extinct seabirds and Jonathan there also Saints themselves. Commemorative stamps could be used to celebrate the St Helena way of life. St Helena's Day, the Light Festival and other carnival events or notable and distinctive individuals can be used to show what the island is like. Commemorative stamps can be used to showcase the colourful island character aimed at encouraging people to visit us and give tourism revenue a shot in the arm.

Given the financial budgetary constraints that lie ahead, commemorative stamps and all other commercial opportunities should be reviewed to ensure opportunities to increase overseas revenue is maximised. The government is trying to attract financial services here to increase government revenue. There are other smaller but easier opportunities right under our noses that should not be ignored.

Getting a Penalty is No Problem but Finding Tax Forms Definitely Is Vince Thompson

Between you and me, I was not born to be an accountant. Furthermore, completing tax forms could be the death of me. But the real killer is trying to find tax forms on the government website. You can search that website and search again but they are nowhere to be found. I know they exist because I did find a few by accident. When they suddenly appeared, it was such a shock and surprise I cannot remember for the life of me how I did it.

Half a dozen forms between numbers one and ten revealed themselves. I do know the numbers go up to at least fifty; I have sleepless nights wondering if I should have completed any of those from numbers eleven onwards.

How do I know there are at least fifty tax forms? Because if a tax form I have not got and don't know about, and could not find if I did, suddenly pops up in my emails it is attached to a penalty notice demanding £10 or £100 because I have not completed it. What this all means is, it costs £10 or £100 to find the right form.

When I get emails from the girls in the tax office they are always friendly and full of human kindness, but the system they have to work with is nothing less than sadistic. Notices tell us that if you do not send in tax forms on time there is a penalty to pay. But the tax forms are hidden away in deepest cyberspace. I don't know what tax forms exist, nor which apply to me. The first time I know a tax form exists is when I get a penalty for not completing it. With the penalty notice is the tax form attached.

Seriously, the whole set up is not just appallingly bad its is unjust and unfair. Anyone can be forgiven for thinking it is designed that way to maximise the revenue raised from fee and charges. The SHG Budget Book shows estimated revenue from fees and charges to be £612,000 for the last financial year, rising to £791,000 this year. Tax Office penalties are not shown separately, maybe they are hidden away in the £205,000 called 'Other Fees Received'. Whoever wrote 'St Helenian stamps are a prolific source of revenue for St Helena Government' got their wires crossed. What SHG know all about is maximising revenue from fees and charges.

The "Uniquely Saint" Market



On Sunday lunchtime, the Jamestown Community Centre was fully packed with many local crafts ready for their first Uniquely Saint Market.

A vibrant and supportive space where local people can showcase and sell their products while celebrating the creativity, skills, and heritage that make our island unique.

The day featured local artisans, crafters, and products, and the aim of the Uniquely Saint Market was to promote healthy, wholesome living by encouraging the sale of fresh produce and locally produced foods.

Those who visited throughout the afternoon

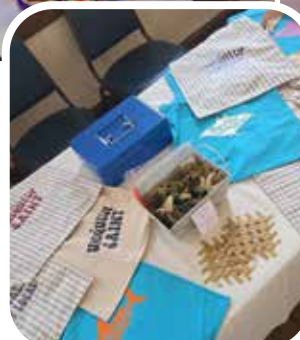
could purchase a variety of seasonal fruits and vegetables, honey, preserves, baked goods, and other foods that reflect the island's food heritage and support local producers and listen to some local music bands.

On Monday the group of the Uniquely Saint Market posted "we would like to extend our sincere thanks to St Helena Tourism for their sponsorship, the Art & Craft Action Group, the organisations who generously lent us equipment, all of our amazing stall-holders and vendors, the Youth Parliament, JJ for the flower arrangements and the Media for their support in the lead-up to the event and on the day itself.

Most importantly, thank you to everyone who came along. Your enthusiasm, encouragement, and support for our local artisans and community made the day truly special.

We're delighted by the positive response and hope to make the Uniquely Saint Market a regular event. Our next market will be held on Sunday, 27th September at Kingshurst, so watch this space for more details!

Thank you for supporting local, celebrating creativity, and helping make Uniquely Saint such a success."



Photos Credit: St Helena Art & Craft

The Adults Social Care team will be attending their Away Day TODAY.

The Adult Social Care switchboard (22920) will remain staffed until 16:00, and you may leave a message for the team if required. Out-of-hours duty services will continue to operate as normal.

Normal business will resume on Monday, 3 August 2026 at 08:30.



The family of the late Nicholas Leo of Levelwood, would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone who offered and gave support during this difficult time and everyone who assisted with the funeral & burial arrangements.

We are also grateful to everyone who attended the funeral, gave flowers, sent cards, messages, phone calls and the home visits, all has meant so much to our family.

Your love and presence brought great comfort.

Nicholas will be sadly missed but never forgotten.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2026

SAT 3rd	Coffee Morning – Jamestown Community Centre, 10.00am	
THUR 8 th	Miscellaneous stall in front of Canister	10am – Cakes/Cup Cakes/Plants/Fruit & Vegetable/ Gifts etc., most welcome
FRI 16 th	Moffi Day	You can wear a colour of your choice
SAT 17 th	Tea Dance	At the Guinea Grass Community Centre
SUN 18 th	Patients lunch	By invitation only
SAT 24 th	CARNIVAL DAY	THEME – BEAUTIFUL & UNITED
THUR 29 th	Healing service at St John's church	All are welcome to attend at 7pm
	PLEASE NOTE – IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO ORGANISE A FUNDRAISING EVENT DURING OCTOBER 26	PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE CANCER CHARITY MEMBERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Brenda Stevens will have hand-knitted items for sale at her home in Half Tree Hollow on Friday and Saturday from 1pm. Alternately you can telephone 23857 to check if the particular item you require is available

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TIP OF THE WEEK

LET HOT FOOD COOL BEFORE PLACING IT IN THE FRIDGE OR FREEZER.

PREVENTS YOUR APPLIANCES FROM WORKING HARDER. USE LESS ENERGY.

SAVE ENERGY, SAVE MONEY, AND CARE FOR THE PLANET!

Small changes. BIG IMPACT.




The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 2 nd August 2026 - 18 th Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist/Junior Church	Cathedral
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
Thursday 6 th August		
7.00 p.m.	Mission Praise and Worship	St Andrew
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 2 nd August 2026 - 18 th Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Michael
Monday 3 rd August		
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mary
Thursday 6 th August		
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 7 th June 2026 - 18 th Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
Tuesday 4 th August		
7.00 p.m.	Bible School on Wheels	St Mark



Vacancy

Fuel Attendant



Salary for the post will commence at £11,028 per annum (£919 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Longwood Fuel Station for a Fuel Attendant.

As the Fuel Attendant you will assist the Supervisor with the day-to-day operations of the Longwood Fuel Station ensuring maximum performance and quality service is delivered on a safe, consistent and timely basis.

Interested Persons Should:

- Be customer focused and target driven with excellent Customer Service skills
- Have basic Maths and English competency
- Ideally be familiar with EPOS Cash Tills and have Cash Handling experience
- Have Health & Safety awareness when handling substances hazardous to health, including LPG Cylinders
- Have the ability to undertake physically demanding and manual handling duties
- Be self-motivated, flexible with a positive attitude, and able to work well in a team environment
- Be available to work outside of usual hours and on weekends.
- Be comfortable to work in a potentially hazardous environment

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

Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies) via ☎ 22523 📧 GM-Agencies@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hadmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **Thursday, 13 August 2026**.

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

- ★ Pension Contributions
- ★ Staff Discounts

Vacancy

Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper



Salary for the post will commence at £11,752 per annum (£226 per week)

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

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

Interested Persons Should:

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

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

Mr Rico Yon, BFI Manager via ☎ 22332 📧 bfi@helanta.co.sh

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Vacancy

Senior Sales Assistant



Salary for the post will commence at £11,676 per annum (£973 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Silver Hill Shop for a Senior Sales Assistant.

The Senior Sales Assistant will provide support to Management, assisting with the day to day running of the store, whilst ensuring an excellent standard of customer service is always provided.

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
- Be reliable and able to take on responsibility in overseeing the day to day operations when the Supervisor is away from the business
- Be available to work weekends.

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

Julie Lawrence, General Manager (Mercantile, Marketing & IT) 📞 22380 📧 julie.h.lawrence@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hadmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **06 August 2026**.

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- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

Vacancy

Fuel Station Supervisor



Salary for the post will commence at £12,576 per annum (£1,048 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Longwood Fuel Station for a Supervisor.

As the Fuel Stations Supervisor you will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Longwood Fuel Station ensuring maximum performance and quality service is delivered on a consistent and timely basis.

Interested Persons Should:

- Be customer focused and target driven with excellent customer service skills
- Have proven supervisory experience with the ability to lead and motivate a team
- Be competent in Maths, English & IT
- Be familiar with EPOS Cash Tills and have experience in cash management and security
- Have knowledge of stock management
- Possess Health & Safety awareness including handling substances hazardous to health
- Have the ability to undertake physically demanding and manual handling duties
- Be self-motivated, flexible with a positive attitude, and able to work well in a team environment
- Be available to work outside of usual hours and on weekends.
- Have the ability to use own initiative, take on responsibility and make routine decisions

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

Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies) via 📞 22523 📧 GM-Agencies@solomons.co.sh

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FOR SALE BY TENDER

St Helena Airport Limited (SHAL) has for Sale by Tender the following Vehicles

**SOLD AS IS
NO WARRANTY OR GUARANTEE**

TENDER NO	VEHICLE TYPE	YEAR OF MANUFACTURE	REGISTRATION NO
1	Toyota Hilux Single Cab	2012	3536
2	Toyota Hilux Single Cab	2012	3538
3	Toyota Hilux Single Cab	2015	4307
4	Toyota Hilux Double Cab	2015	3937
5	Toyota Hilux Double Cab	2015	4305
6	Toyota Hilux Double Cab	2012	4308
7	Toyota Hilux Double Cab	2015	4309
8	Toyota Hilux Single Cab (No Tray)	2012	4306

Site visits to view the vehicles will be held at St Helena Airport on the following dates and times:

- o Wednesday 5th August 2026 9.30 am to 11 am
- o Friday, 7th August 2026 9.30 am to 10.30 am

The Closing Date by which Tenders are to be submitted is 12 noon on Tuesday 11th August 2026.

Tenders should be placed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked TENDER and the Tender No and addressed to Procurement, St Helena Airport Ltd and dropped into the Tender Box at the Vehicle Control Access Point (VCAP) at St Helena Airport, Prosperous Bay Plain, or submitted via email to procurement@sthenelairport.aero.

Atlantic Outpost

Job Vacancy

Atlantic Outpost is seeking to recruit a suitable person to work within an exciting multi role job. Duties will cover digital imaging & design work, Printing on various materials, working with heat presses, shop assistant, destuffing containers and issuing UK cargo to the public, and working within the hire drive environment.

Interested person should have the following:

- Good customer service skills
- Good communication skills
- Average level of computer skills
- Driver's licence would be an advantage
- Good level of Maths and English
- Keen eye to detail
- Work well under pressure in a multi role environment.
- Ability to work alone or within a team.

For Further information, please contact Simon Henry on 25444 / 61304 or via email simon.henry@helanta.co.sh



METER READING SUBMISSIONS

Customers who wish to submit their own electricity and water meter readings may do so between **1 and 7 August 2026** for August invoicing. Customers who call in their readings will have an actual reading applied to their next bill, not an estimate.

Customers in the following areas may submit their readings if they choose to:

- Levelwood, Sandy Bay, Blue Hill, Deadwood, and Longwood, Alarm Forest, Rupert's, Jamestown, Ladder Hill to Three Tanks and Lower Half Tree Hollow (Veranda Quarters to Evergreen Tree)

Please note: All other areas not listed above are scheduled for a Meter Reader visit in August and therefore do not need to submit a meter reading.

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



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

HOW TO APPLY

To access job profiles and application forms online, visit www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies. Alternatively, these are available in paper format from Central Human Resources and Organisational Development at The Castle, Jamestown.

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

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

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

Research Coordinator (£16,248 per annum)

Are you passionate about education, research, and creating opportunities that make a lasting impact? If so, St Helena Community College is looking for a dedicated Research Co-ordinator to join its team. In this varied and rewarding role, you will oversee the management of research applications, including organising and facilitating meetings where required. You will be responsible for maintaining and developing the Research Database, ensuring that all research activity is accurately recorded, securely managed, and readily accessible. You will also provide regular reports to the Research Council and Steering Group, highlighting the effectiveness of the St Helena Research Institute, including achievements, areas for development, research secured, and income generated. Working closely with both internal and external partners, you will play a key role in strengthening relationships and supporting the continued development and successful delivery of the St Helena Research Institute. This is an exciting opportunity for an organised, proactive individual who is committed to supporting research, education, and innovation on St Helena. For more information or to arrange 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: Angela Benjamin on Tel No. 22607 or Email: angela.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 07 August 2026

Shortlisting date: 12 August 2026

Interview date: 28 August 2026

Grounds person (£9,849 per annum)

Do you enjoy working outdoors and take pride in maintaining attractive, well-kept grounds? If so, St Helena Secondary School is looking to recruit a Groundsman to help maintain a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for everyone who uses Francis Plain and the school grounds. In this role, you will be responsible for carrying out a range of ground maintenance tasks, including mowing grass, trimming hedges, and maintaining the Francis Plain Sports Field, its surrounding areas, and the grounds of St Helena Secondary School. If you're hardworking, enjoy outdoor work, and want to make a positive contribution, we'd love to hear from you!

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Enquiries: Phil Toal on Tel No. 24290 or Email: phil.toal@sainthelena.edu.sh

Closing date: 07 August 2026

Shortlisting date: 12 August 2026

Interview date: 26 August 2026

The St Helena Public Service welcomes all applications from across our whole community, including our St Helenian diaspora wishing to return to St Helena. If you are a St Helenian currently living and working overseas, please contact us at recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh to discuss how we can support you.

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief and will consider all applications on the basis of merit assessed against the role profile and person specification. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, which include a medical check, vetting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role.



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Human Resources Assistant 6 months fixed term in the first instance

(£10,088 per annum) (Local interests only)

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: 05 August 2026

Shortlisting date: 07 August 2026

Interview date: 14 August 2026

Private Secretary to Chief Minister (£19,814 per annum)

The Private Secretary will contribute to the island's prosperity by offering direct, high-quality assistance to the Chief Minister, allowing them to fulfil their demanding responsibilities both efficiently and effectively.

The Private Secretary will serve as a reliable source of advice for the Chief Minister, delivering a high-level administrative and advisory support service. This position necessitates the ability to manage multiple tasks and adhere to strict deadlines while coordinating and prioritizing Ministerial duties. The individual in this role will be adept at navigating the political landscape and will leverage connections throughout St Helena Government (SHG).

They will serve as the initial point of contact for the Chief Minister, addressing inquiries and requests from various sources, while remaining available and accessible to staff who assist Ministers in handling urgent issues that necessitate prompt decisions.

This position is crucial in facilitating the realisation of the Ministers' vision for the island. Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Gillian Francis on Tel No.22470 or Email: Gillian.francis@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 12 August 2026

Shortlisting date: 18 August 2026

Interview date: 27 August 2026

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St Helena Legislative Council MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME

Tuesday 04 August 2026

The Tenth meeting of Ministers Question Time will take place on Tuesday 04 August 2026 at 10:00am in the Council Chamber. This meeting is open to the public and will be broadcast live via SAMS Radio 1

The topic for this meeting is: '**Economic Growth and Local Production**'.

A copy of the Order Paper will be published on the SHG Website on Tuesday morning, and can be accessed via www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislative-council/order-papers/.

Legislative Council
27 July 2026

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – BLUE HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Blue Hill Community Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 26 August 2026 at 7.30 pm at the Blue Hill Community Centre.

The Agenda will include:

- Chairperson's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of new Committee

**Residents of the Blue Hill district
are encouraged to attend.**

For Sale - A new build 3 Bed Property



Introducing this exceptional, light-filled detached home, built in 2023, offering breathtaking, uninterrupted ocean and sunset views.

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<https://www.propertyfinder.sh/properties/for-sale-is-a-stunning-high-spec-new-build-with-great-views>

Contact: tamsinbath@gmail.com

ST HELENA GOLF REPORT

Contributed by St Helena Golf Club

Club Apologises Following Cancellation

The St Helena Golf Club regrets the cancellation of the postponed Monthly Medal competition that had been scheduled for Sunday, 26 July 2026.

With weather forecasts indicating poor golfing conditions for the weekend, the event organiser made the difficult decision on Saturday, 25 July, to cancel the competition before the draw was completed. The decision was taken in good faith, with the intention of avoiding unnecessary inconvenience to members should the forecast prove accurate.

However, Sunday brought far more favourable conditions than had been anticipated, making the cancellation an unfortunate one in hindsight.

The Club sincerely apologises to all members for the inconvenience and disappointment caused. While every effort is made to make the best decision based on the information available at the time, the weather can be unpredictable, and on this occasion the forecast did not reflect the conditions that eventually prevailed. The Committee thanks members for their understanding and continued support.



The Club now looks ahead to the **Modified Stableford Competition**, which will be played on **Sunday, 2 August 2026**, with tee-off at **12:00 noon**. Registration closes at **3:00 p.m.** on **Saturday, 1 August 2026**, and members are encouraged to enter before the closing deadline.



Members are also reminded of the **Annual Peter Francis Memorial Challenge**, scheduled for **Sunday, 9 August 2026**.

This prestigious event honours the memory of the late Peter Francis, who served the St Helena Golf Club Committee with distinction in a number of capacities over many years.

The Committee encourages members to sign up and participate as a fitting tribute to his dedication and lasting contribution to the Club.

FOLLOW THE WSA ROUNDERS SEASON 2026

ROUNDERS LEAGUE RESULTS

Sunday, 26 July 2026



Thunderbats		VS	Battitude	
Selena Leo	2		Justine Green	3
Gabrielle Fowler	½		Alfreda Yon	4½
			Jaymie Lawrence	1½
			Bethany Bennett	7½
			Tiffany Leo	½
			Georgia Bennett	2½
			Qhi Green	3½
			Whitney Young	4½
			Penalty Score	1½
2½			29	

Catchdashians		VS	Ballzy Ladies	
Taylor Thomas	½		Charlotte Williams	9
Rebecca Young	½		Kati-Rose Thomas	7½
Jordana Crowie	1		Hailyn Osborne	1½
Ellie Yon	½		Katelyn Benjamin	3
			Danielle Benjamin	2
			Ice Fowler	2
			Danni Thomas	½
			Alayah Pidgley	2
			Renae Coleman	1½
			Penalty Score	2
2½			31	

Thunderbats	2½	VS	29	Battitude
		LOM: Alfreda Yon YLOM: Georgia Bennett		

Catchdashians	2½	VS	31	Ballzy Ladies
		LOM: Jordana Crowie YLOM: Kati-Rose Thomas		



BATTITUDE

Follow the SHFA Season 2026

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

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Last weeks matches saw week 2 postponed matches being played between the two teams in yellow fighting for the top spot and our two teams at the bottom.

These matches has concluded the first of three rounds in this years league, so lets see below how things are progressing thus far

Sunday 26th July Rovers 28 – St Helena Young Boys 0

Goalscorers Rovers— Rico Benjamin 11, Ronan Legg 7, Shaquille Benjamin 4, Brett Isaac 2, Toure Osborne 2, Jake Letori, Tyler Benjamin

Man of Match—Rico Benjamin (Rovers)

Sunday 26th July Bellboys 3 – Fugees 1

Goalscorers Bellboys — Joey Thomas 2, Jacob Duncan

Goalscorers Fugees — Lars Williams

Man of Match—Joey Thomas (Bellboys)

Young Player of the Match—Zach Francis (Bellboys)

TOP GOALSCORERS

Joey Thomas	Bellboys	19
Lebron George	Harts	17
Rico Benjamin	Rovers	17
Ronan Legg	Rovers	13
Shaquille Benjamin	Rovers	8

MOST MAN OF THE MATCHES

Ronan Legg	Rovers	2
Jacob Duncan	Bellboys	2
Joey Thomas	Bellboys	2

MOST YOUNG PLAYER OF THE MATCH

Zach Francis	Bellboys	4
Harry Winfield	Le Verde	2

FOOTBALL TABLE

TEAM	PLAYED	WIN	DRAW	LOST	G/FOR	G/AGAINST	G/DIFFERENCE	POINTS
Bellboys	5	4	1	0	36	8	28	13
Rovers	5	3	2	0	53	4	49	11
Harts	5	3	1	1	34	11	23	10
Le Verde	5	2	0	3	11	21	-10	6
Fugees	5	1	0	4	13	26	-13	3
STH Young Boys	5	0	0	5	3	80	-77	0

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Saturday 1st August @ 2:00pm	STH Young Boys vs Le Verde	Linesman Harts & Bellboys
Sunday 2nd August @ 1:30pm	Rovers vs Fugees	Linesman STH Young Boys & Le verde
Sunday 2nd August @3:30pm	Harts vs Bellboys	Linesman Fugees & Rovers



Team St Helena at Commonwealth Games in Glasgow



The **Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games** officially got underway after an Opening Ceremony that brought together athletes from **74 nations and territories** at the OVO Hydro, a multi-purpose indoor arena. It is the first Commonwealth Games opening ceremony to be staged within an indoor arena.

The ceremony also marked the conclusion of the King's Baton Relay. For the first time, all 74 Commonwealth nations and territories received and decorated their own Baton to represent their culture.

Officials and team members entered the Hydro handing over their baton to be placed in a central garden display at the opening ceremony. For St Helena, baton bearer and swimmer **William Caswell** with the St Helena team - athletes **Blaise Baldwin** and **Sean Crowie**, with swimmers **Nolan George** and **Lukas Robbertse**, entered the arena, uniting with all 74 teams from across the Commonwealth. Each baton was engraved with a word from the King's Message, while the full message had remained inside Scotland's Baton since the relay began at Buckingham Palace on Commonwealth Day in March 2025.

King Charles III officially declared the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games open, describing the Commonwealth as a "unique and extraordinary family of nations". He told the athletes: "As we gather, we celebrate the dedication and talent of every athlete and team. Your perseverance inspires us, and we eagerly anticipate your achievements in the coming days."

Glasgow 2026 brings together around 3,000 athletes competing for 645 gold, silver and bronze medals across 10 sports and six para sports. The Games close on Sunday 2 August. The St Helena team have nine participants in two sports, swimming and athletics.



On **Friday 24th July** Nolan and Lucas took to the pool, and proudly made their international debuts as both swimmers recorded their first official international times in the **50m Back stroke**.

- **Lukas Robbertse - 36.42 (PB)**
- **Nolan George - 38.10. (PB)**

NSASH reported on Friday that the remaining athletes, **Tyler Anthony** and **Tye Stroud-Leo**, had arrived and spirits were high, and everyone was training well as they prepare for the days ahead.

On **Saturday** the three swimmers brought more exciting action in the pool as they competed in the 50m and 400m Freestyle events, where their dedication, determination, and hard work had really shone through, as they represented themselves and the island.

50m Freestyle Results:

William Caswell - 26.22

Lukas Robbertse - 27.56

Nolan George - 29.03

400m Freestyle Results:

William Caswell - 4:38.43



On Sunday, the focus shifted to the 50m Breaststroke, where Nolan and Lukas were back in action and see them achieve new Personal Bests (PBs) in the **50m Breaststroke** event.

Nolan George - 37.10 (PB)

Lukas Robbertse - 34.20 (PB)

Meanwhile, the St Helena athletics team spent the day training and familiarising themselves with the competition venue ahead of their first events which were due on Monday.



Team St Helena at Commonwealth Games in Glasgow



Alongside the sporting competition, St Helena was represented by Anne Dillon, president of the St Helena Commonwealth Games Association (CGA) and Michielle Yon, Secretary-General of the St Helena CGA, at a reception held at St Mungo's Museum. This was followed by a commemorative service at Glasgow Cathedral. Anne was also selected to present the medals at the 100m Backstroke medal ceremony.

On Monday three of the athletes within the St Helena team competed in their various events with the following results:

100m Sprint Results

Round 1, Heat 2 – Tye Leo-Stroud	11.85
Round 1, Heat 4 – Tyler Anthony	11.46
Round 1, Heat 11 – Sean Crowie	10.61

The results for the Swimmers were:

100m Freestyle Results

Heat 1 - William Caswell	58.46
Heat 1 - Lukas Robbertse	1:03.83
Heat 2 - Nolan George	1:02.85

On Tuesday William and Nolan's swimming results for Team St Helena in the **Men's 50m Butterfly** where they swam alongside one of their swimming heroes, South African Olympic and World Champion Chad Le Clos were:

William Caswell – 28.50 (PB)

Nolan George – 31.45 (PB)

Away from the competition arena, Team St Helena's officials continue to play a vital role behind the scenes. Their daily responsibilities include attending technical meetings, supporting athletes through media interviews, managing logistics, and ensuring the team is well prepared for competition.

The officials are also proud ambassadors for St Helena, representing the island by presenting medals, attending workshops, and participating in a range of social and cultural events.

On Wednesday it was a 200m day for both sprinters and swimmers, with Blaise making his debut on the athletics track in Glasgow. The swimmers were first up in the **200m Freestyle** and gain the following results:

Nolan George – 2:21.77

William Caswell – 2:09.21

Athletes Blaise, Sean and Tyler took to the track in the **200m** with the following results:

Blaise Baldwin – 23:98 (PB)

Tyler Anthony – DQ

Sean Crowie – 21:80 (SB)

Following this, the only event left for Team St Helena in the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026 is the 4 athletes taking part in the 100m x 4 relay scheduled for Saturday.

Well Done St Helena, you all did extremely well and are true ambassadors and winners in our eyes, this was also shown throughout the games, as there were so many St Helenian supporters who had travelled to Glasgow to cheer them on.

Everybody's presence and support mean a great deal to everyone representing St Helena.



Tye Sprints One Hundred Metres to International Fame

It took Tye Leo-Stroud less than twelve seconds to get himself noticed across the international world of athletics. By the time he crossed the finish line in the 100 metres at Scotstoun Stadium in Glasgow on Monday, the photo of his head of hair was destined for international media.



Tye's creative hair design topped anything the world's international footballers could come up with during the World Cup. Gianni Infantino, eat your heart out. The photo was taken by Phil Noble, a photojournalist with Reuters News Agency. If you want a copy of Tye's photo, Reuters are happy to sell one to you. Phil Noble has won multiple awards, nationally and internationally, for both his sport and news photography. In February this year, his photograph of Mountbatten-Windsor leaving police custody became famous across the world.

MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



	GREY FOX 261212	GOLDEN KAROO 261215	BRIGHT SKY 261217
Immingham	06-Jun	18-Jul	22-Aug
	KAROLINE 261706	KAROLINE 261706	KAROLINE 261706
Cape Town	17-Jul	23-Aug	26-Sep
Rupert's Bay	25-Jul	31-Aug	04-Oct
Ascension Island		05-Sep	
	KAROLINE 261806	KAROLINE 261806	KAROLINE 261806
Cape Town	7-Aug	21-Sep	17-Oct

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