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## It's a Busy Time for Selling St Helena

There is a definite big push to sell the St Helena message to others or persuade people to buy into St Helena.

Director of Economic Development, Damian Burns, was in London recently at an Investing in Africa event. Don't get misled here; St Helena is bundled up with Africa for administrative convenience, even though it takes a week to get ship's cargo here from there. So, the message was Investing in St Helena. Damian Burns was supported by Happyman Makamure of Prime Risk and Assurance Services. Mr Makamure is an experienced chartered accountant and offers accounting, audit, information security, ESG and finance services through his St Helena based company. Also with Damian was Malcolm Williams of the Greenfish Company to give advice to potential customers on blue and green bond financing and Matt Joshua.

AFSIC (Africa Financial Services Investment Conference) – Investing in Africa, is a leading Africa focused investment conference and is held annually in London. AFSIC – Investing in Africa 2024 took place 7th-9th October 2024 at Park Plaza Westminster. The focus is on nurturing investment and collaboration to drive sustainable growth, covering Informed Investing, Banking on Africa, Infrastructure Africa, Advancing Agriculture, AI & Tech Revolution, Fintech Innovation and Powering Africa.

Matt Joshua had previously attended Experience Africa in London; connecting with tour operators and media in the never-ending effort to drum up more tourism business.

Damian Burns had visited Gibraltar before the Invest in Africa event, accompanied by Dax Richards and Mark Brooks. They had an intensive four days talking with Government of Gibraltar, Gibraltar Finance, Gibraltar International Bank, and the Gibraltar Financial Intelligence Unit. The purpose of the visit is to continue to explore joint working between St Helena and Gibraltar on a number of topics - including banking, financial services regulation and enforcement, and other areas of shared interest. The Chair of the St Helena Financial Services Regulatory Authority, Chris Mead, and Chair of the Bank of St Helena, Michael Bird were also there.

When Damian headed off to London to join Happyman, Matt and Malcolm, Mark Brooks and Dax Richards moved on to Brussels for the Green Overseas (GO) conference on Climate Finance. The GO conference is an opportunity to unlock climate finance for Overseas Countries and Territories. For St Helena, particular focus will be on finding potential funding partners for the renewable energy project which is entering the final stages of the design and modelling work.

Add to the mix some effective networking by Martin Henry at a previous Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conference in Ghana which resulted in an invitation to the Blue Planet Alliance conference in Hawaii. Accompanying Martin were Janet Lawrence (CEO of Connect), David de Casseres (from the St Helena Utilities Regulatory Authority), and Helena Bennett (from the National Trust). The Blue Planet Alliance (BPA) announced they welcomed 10 new islands and countries to Hawaii and helped them transition to 100% renewable energy. The BPA said that 18 islands have already been through their Fellowship Programme where each island sends a representative from the government, the energy regulatory agency, the utility, and from the community. The overall aim is 100% of energy from renewable resources. Joining St Helena in Hawaii were representatives from Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Cook Islands, Curacao, Nauru, Rapa Nui, St. Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



***Matt Joshua and Malcolm Williams answer questions from a customer at the St Helena stand at the annual Invest in Africa event***



***Damian Burns and Happyman Makamure discuss details with two more enquirers at the St Helena stand.***



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## ***It's a Busy Time for Selling St Helena***

Feedback from Martin Henry is that he is very pleased with the new information given by BPA on developing renewable energy. He is confident that successful access to funding is available and is happy to have found new approaches to solve long-standing problems. The Blue Planet Alliance helped with travel costs for this trip. It is usual for many of these overseas trips to have funding from external sources.

Next was the Illicit Finance Dialogue in Miami. This meeting focused on fighting 'illicit financial flows' otherwise known as money laundering or finding ways to bring money made from criminal activity into the open while hiding how the money was made. Hosted by the Government of the Cayman Islands and co-chaired with the United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO), the three-day meeting aimed to build co-operation between the UK and the Overseas Territories. The meeting is linked to the Joint Ministerial Council to be held in London in November. Julie Thomas will attend as chief minister on behalf of St Helena. The Miami meeting was attended by Peter Found, the Deputy Chief of St Helena Police. Also due to attend was The St Helena FSRA chair, Chris Mead. Regrettably, he fell ill while travelling and had to cancel. Chris Mead had previously been one of the representatives who visited Gibraltar. Other attendees at the Miami meeting were Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United Kingdom

Last but by no means least, we move on to Appledore in North Devon. There we find our retired vet, Joe Hollins, on yet another roadshow, telling people in every town he stops at what a wonderful place St Helena is.

Joe is clearly making a big impression because, as the photo shows, someone even wants to paint his portrait as he speaks.



***While selling St Helena, Joe also makes a few more sales for his book - Vet at the End of the Earth.***



***Any more globe-trotting volunteers willing to sell the St Helena message?***

## ***HELENA WALTERS ACHIEVES FOUNDATION DEGREE IN DENTAL TECHNOLOGY***

The Health and Social Care Portfolio is pleased to announce that Helena Walters, Trainee Dental Technician, has successfully completed a Foundation Degree in Dental Technology from the University of Worcester.

This two-year full-time course provided Helena with a comprehensive education in both removable and fixed prosthodontics (dentures), as well as anatomy and chemistry. In addition to the coursework, Helena also completed over 400 hours of practical experience in dental technology labs.

Helena reflected on her experience:

"My time at the University of Worcester was a wonderful experience. I enjoyed exploring a new city, making friends, gaining different hobbies, and learning new things. I am grateful to my family and friends for their support, and to the St Helena Government for their sponsorship.

I am excited to return to St Helena and begin working as a newly qualified dental technician at the dental clinic. I look forward to using my skills and knowledge to help patients improve their oral health."

Chief Medical Officer, Dr Peter Moss commented:

"Congratulations to Helena on her achievement. It is great to see someone start their career learning here on St Helena, then take it to the next level with



a university degree in the UK, and finally to bring all those skills back to the island to improve the service that we provide here. I hope that what she has done inspires other young Saints to consider a career in healthcare."



# Editorial

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) announced this month the Director-General of UNESCO had decided to add new impetus to preserving the memory and education of the transatlantic slave trade by listing 22 locations to a new UNESCO Network of Places of History and Memory linked to Enslavement and the Slave Trade. The network aims to help the Network of Places share good practices in conservation, promotion and education.

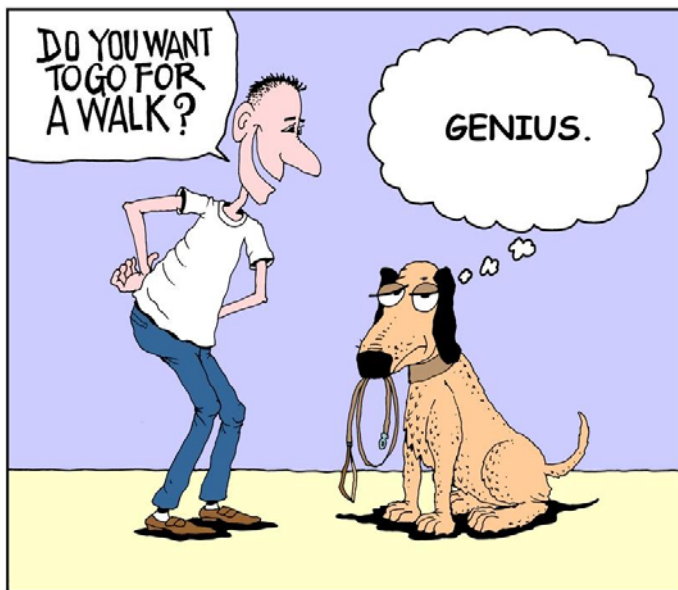
The 22 locations are in Mexico, USA, Brazil, Nigeria, Columbia, Canada, Ghana, Haiti and a Dutch Caribbean overseas territory. No reason or method was given for choosing these 22 locations before the many thousands of others and it seems to be a random mix. Of course, the first thing to notice is that Rupert's Valley, St Helena is not one of the 22. They do say the UNESCO Routes of Enslaved Peoples is a programme started in 1994. UNESCO claim the programme has contributed to the production of innovative knowledge and education programmes, the development of high-level scientific networks and to remembering the experiences of enslaved peoples. I was left disappointed because I could find no evidence of programmes or networks anywhere on the UNESCO website. It looks like UNESCO has a budget of around £1.5 billion. I'm sure they spend it wisely.

A slight revision to the verandah and balcony for the Yacht Club meant another full development application had to be submitted and it should be considered by the LDCA shortly. This extension to the Yacht Club is the first development along the Jamestown wharf which shows that part of the shoreline is moving towards what is expected when the cargo operations move to Rupert's. The move to Rupert's gets ever closer and there is a feeling pressure is building for other catering businesses to move in when cargo operations move out.

Along the seafront, the Mule Yard has become busier and let's hope it continues. Activity in front of the swimming pool has increased and is a popular weekend spot. A spillover of activity to the wharf area seems almost inevitable and only a matter of time. It should be a wonderful place to relax on a glorious summer evening – if the whole of the wharf is planned properly for the new role intended for it.

Now for a bit of trivia. Dog owners (it's claimed) walk about 23,500 miles during an average dog's lifetime of 12.8 years and reportedly get more exercise from walking their dogs than the average gym goer. That is what's claimed, but a rough calculation shows it means walking 5 miles a day, every day of the dog's life. Not sure about that!

A UK political website includes this - The suggestion, proposal, or idea or however you may wish to call it is not new.

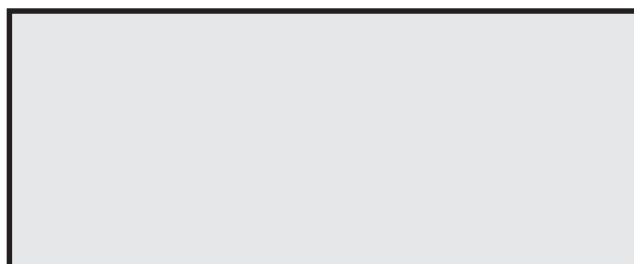


Still, the UK government's recent decision to hand sovereignty of the Chagos Islands, British Indian Ocean Territory, to the Republic of Mauritius has caused outrage from some and disbelief from others. Still, it has again brought to discussion if other Overseas Territories such as the Falkland Islands and/or Gibraltar need to have representation at Westminster. A bit further on there is - And Will Barber Taylor, a freelance writer with an interest in history and politics, who recently graduated from the University of Warwick and is host of the British political podcast the Debated Podcas writes that "Gibraltar, the Falklands and other overseas territories deserve MPs"

Deserve MPs? Are they some kind of prize? Do you or me give a toss what Will Barber Taylor thinks or says? Who is discussing a 'need' for an MP. Not me. Are you talking about it? Thought not. Whatever discussion is being had, I bet none of it is with any Overseas Territory. AND, can the writer of this pointless waffle name any Overseas Territory apart from Falkland Islands or Gibraltar?

The weather forecast gives a passing mention to sunshine over the weekend

**Make the most of it  
Vince**



## SHG-UKG Agreement Gets People Talking

First there was a press conference at the Castle. The media were told not to report on anything they had been told until the press release had been issued later that day. SHG had entered into an agreement with the UK Government which appears to help the UK sort out a negotiating point with Mauritius on the handover of the Chagos Islands from Britain to Mauritius.

Britain remains ultimately responsible for any person or group of people who may land on the Chago Islands but St Helena will accommodate them subject to security screening first by the UK and also by St Helena. This arrangement will hold until the handover agreement between Mauritius and the Britain is finalised by a treaty. This involves constitutional and legislative procedures by both countries. It is thought this will take about 18 months.

From past experience, occasions when people have arrived unofficially at any of the Chagos Islands are very rare. In recent years there have been two known occasions. Three years ago this month, a group of Sri Lankan Tamils had to seek shelter at Diego Garcia because their fishing boat developed engine trouble. They wanted to go to Canada, not Diego Garcia, to seek asylum. In Sri Lanka, the minority Tamil race is persecuted by the majority Sinhalese. Now they are detained on Diego Garcia against their will. In February 2022 a small group of Chagossians together with the United Nations Ambassador for Mauritius, a legal representative from the UK and a journalist landed at Peros Banhos, another Chagos island, to raise the Mauritian flag and claim the island for Mauritius. Photographs were taken and videos shot. When it was clear they had attracted a lot of publicity for their cause, they left. They obviously preferred hot running water and a proper bed to the Robinson Crusoe existence that would be in store for them on Peros Banhos.



**Claiming Peros Banhos for Mauritius – February 2022**

If anyone at all lands at any of the 60 Chagos islands during the next 18 months or so, it is likely to be less than the number of fingers on one hand. The 60 islands are really atolls, coral reefs covering very small areas just above sea level. All 60 islands are vulnerable to a rise in sea level. Increases in sea temperatures is killing the coral which forms

the islands. Coconut plantations were a big part of the economy before the Brits started kicking the Chagossians off their island homes 57 years ago. With coconut plantations there are rats. With the islands to themselves the rats have taken over, decimating bird and plant life. The secrets of the Indian Ocean can't be used for tourism slogans.



**Rats are altering the functioning of surrounding marine ecosystems of the Chagos Archipelago**

The Chagos Islands are in the middle of the Indian Ocean and surrounded by 247,000 square miles of marine protected area. Illegal fishing is a big problem so patrol vessels are used to combat it. Last but by no means least is Diego Garcia, a large US military base which is the most secret island in the world. Diego Garcia is a large U shaped coral reef which can provide safe harbour for three aircraft carriers at the same time. The airport runway is 600 metres longer than Wideawake and nearly twice as long as St Helena's. The US has enough planes and ships to make sure their Secret of the Indian Ocean remains that way.

For any one of these reasons, or all of them, the Chagos Islands do not feature in anyone's 'Go To' list of paradise islands to visit. For any one of these reasons, or all of them, it is highly unlikely anyone will step onto one of the Chagos Islands and then suddenly find themselves in the middle of the South Atlantic instead of the middle of the Indian Ocean. To make the SHG-UK deal watertight, if at any time a person accommodated in St Helena under this agreement turns out to be undesirable for any reason, St Helena can ask for that person to be returned to the UK. The entire deal can be terminated at any time, by either side, giving six months' notice.

The direct advantage to St Helena in this agreement is that border security will be upgraded. This involves additional training for various officials and access to a comprehensive database of people who have been put on an international 'Watchlist'. The names and other details of passengers on every plane appear on a list produced every week in advance of the plane arriving. The list is given to UK Home Office officials so the names can be run through the data base to find out if there is anyone with a serious criminal record or is otherwise undesirable. It is this kind of person sneaking through from the weekly flight that is of most concern to St Helena's immigration officials.

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There is also the £6.65 million one-off payment for health, education and to bring SHG's IT system into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In Health and Social Care, the additional funding is aimed at reducing the waiting list for overseas medical referrals. Education, like Health and Social Care, has many job vacancies; the aim is to reduce them. £6.65 million may not be a big figure in the UK government budget but it represents roughly a 20% increase in financial aid from the UK this year. The costs associated with accommodating anyone in St Helena under this agreement will be paid by the UK in addition to and separately from the £6.65 million.

Another improvement is the UK government have, at last, agreed to unfreeze UK state pensions paid to people resident in St Helena. This is a small victory but a surprising one. For decades, people living all over the world who previously lived and worked in the UK have campaigned for their state pension to have the annual increase which compensates for increased cost of living. Only a small number of countries have an agreement of this type with the UK and the UK have never been keen on adding more countries to the list. For decades the UK government have ignored all request, pleas and campaigns to unfreeze state pensions. But with this deal, the UK have agreed to link pension payments with cost of living increases for people resident in St Helena.

## PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN UK GOVERNMENT AND ST HELENA GOVERNMENT REGARDING FUTURE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY MIGRANTS

The UK recently announced an agreement with Mauritius concerning the BIOT/Chagos Archipelago. The UK Government (UKG) and St Helena Government (SHG) have today reached a cooperation arrangement in relation to future migrants arriving on the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT).

No new migrants have arrived on BIOT since 2022, however, under this contingency arrangement, the UK will transfer future migrants who arrive on BIOT to St Helena where the SHG will assume responsibility for the migrants' welfare.

This arrangement will apply to any migrants arriving on the BIOT/Chagos Archipelago from today. It will last for 18 months or until a UK agreement with Mauritius concerning the Chagos Archipelago comes into force. At that stage, Mauritius will take responsibility for any future arrivals. Existing migrants on BIOT are not included in this arrangement.

SHG has made clear to UKG that the safety of the island community is paramount. To this end, the Chief Minister has today signed a Memorandum of Understanding that ensures this arrangement includes explicit measures to safeguard St Helena and to minimise any negative impact on St Helena's community and internal security.

Although no new migrants have arrived since 2022, SHG will ensure the necessary safeguards are in place to facilitate the success of the arrangement if needed. In preparation for potential arrivals, the UKG has agreed to provide an upfront package of training for SHG Immigration and Customs staff.

This is a potential opportunity to raise St Helena's profile and to leverage support for St Helena's development. To this end the UKG has agreed to one-off funding of £6.65 million to accelerate the work we have started in health, education and internal IT, including funding to clear our current overseas medical referral waiting list. This is a win-win for both UKG and St Helena and is a clear demonstration of our enhanced partnership values.

The Honourable Julie Thomas, Chief Minister said: "This arrangement presents a unique opportunity for a British Overseas Territory to be in a position to assist the UK, and we are pleased to be able to work in close partnership with the UK Government towards a mutually beneficial solution. The additional support that will be provided from the UK Government as a result of this arrangement will further strengthen our border controls to manage incoming migrants, and will also present the opportunity to invest in core services and to build and maintain a coherent community underpinned by a vibrant economy, which over time reduces St Helena's reliance on external aid".

St Helena has always been forward leaning in supporting the UKG, in times of need, recognising that we are an integral part of the British family. This is another example of St Helena stepping up to the plate in the same way as we did in 1982 when our lifeline the RMS St Helena was utilised as a supply ship during the Falklands crisis.

#StHelena #BritishIndianOceanTerritory

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**SHG**

**16 October 2024**



## ***Jersey Calls for Details of Ministerial Travel to be Published Regularly***

The former chief minister of the States of Jersey has proposed all ministers should be required to publish details of their external meetings and trips regularly. Kristina Moore who was ousted from the top minister's job in January this year, has lodged a proposition requesting the Chief Minister updates the Codes of Conduct and Practice for ministers and assistant ministers before the end of December. Her proposal will be debated in about three weeks.

The additions would require details of all external ministerial meetings to be published monthly in arrears and details of all ministerial "off-Island travel", including the costs incurred, would have to be revealed within 30 days of their return to Jersey on the government website.

Announcing her proposal on social media, Deputy Moore said: "Efforts to improve transparency and accountability continue."

In the report accompanying her proposition, she explained that "openness" constituted an "important part of building trust in government" and referred to low voter turnout and civic engagement in the 2022 election.

"Efforts should be made to turn this around and transpar-



**States of Jersey States Assembly**

ency can assist in raising levels of public trust and engagement," she said.

Deputy Moore added: "There is a level of public interest in the activities and engagements of elected representatives, and the publication of ministerial diaries would provide helpful insight in this area.

Jersey has 12 ministers and 14 assistant ministers. The States of Jersey Assembly has 49 members. More than half of them can have a ministerial role.

## ***SENIOR CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS DEPARTS ST HELENA***

Representing Rt Hon Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the House of Commons, Senior Clerk Liam Laurence Smyth, concluded his week-long visit to St Helena earlier today. This visit provided a valuable opportunity for St Helena to learn from Mr Smyth's expertise of the UK's parliamentary system and to strengthen bilateral relations.

During his stay, Mr Smyth held productive discussions with Elected Members, Ministers, Legislative Council, and senior officials within the Public Service. These discussions focused on a range of topics, including parliamentary procedure, governance, and best practices in legislative drafting.

Mr Smyth also visited Prince Andrew School, where he engaged with students in a thought-provoking talk. His insights into the workings of the UK Parliament provided the young people with a unique perspective on the democratic process.

In recognition of his visit, a reception was held in Mr Smyth's honour at Plantation House. The event was attended by members of the Legislative Council, government officials, and representatives of the Youth Parliament. This provided

a valuable platform for Mr Smyth to interact with a diverse range of stakeholders and share his experiences.

Additionally, Mr Smyth participated in a World Mental Health Day "Tea and Talk" event with members of the Legislative Council Office on Thursday 10 October 2024. This event highlighted the importance of mental health awareness and provided a supportive environment for open discussion.

Speaker Cyril Gunnell commented:

"On behalf of the Legislative Council and SHG, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to Mr Smyth for his visit and his valuable contributions to the island's parliamentary development. His expertise and insights have been invaluable in strengthening St Helena's democratic institutions."



## ***Cruyff Buckley's Treatment in Prison 'diminished his dignity, subjected him to feelings of anxiety and debased him'***

Last Thursday, Judge Rupert Jones issued his Judgement on Liability in the case of Cruyff Buckley and the Attorney General on behalf of the Home Affairs Directorate. A further judgement will be issued on compensation and costs. The Judgement on Liability finds in favour of Cruyff Buckley, with minor reservations.



In his 72-page judgement, Judge Rupert Jones brings into consideration the 2009 report on Jamestown HM Prison by the Overseas Territories Prison Advisor (OTPA); "His overarching recommendation was for the Prison to be immediately decommissioned and an alternative location found. He made forthright criticisms of the Prison fabric at that time." In October 2018 the OTPA published his sixth and final report, he stated, "Moreover, as many OT [Overseas Territories] would fail to reach acceptable standards in the UK, St Helena can accurately be described as having the poorest physical environment of any prison within the UK's responsibilities. In addition, for St Helena, there is now gathering what could be described as a 'perfect storm' requiring more immediate action."

Cruyff Buckley's case centred on his treatment in prison being in breach of his constitutional rights. These are, protection of the right to life, protection from torture, and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and protection of prisoners' right to humane treatment.

At the beginning of the trial the Defendant disputed that there was any breach of section 6 of the Constitution (protection of the right to life). The protection of the right to life was breached because the high risk of fire always present in the prison. It was submitted that during the relevant time relevant, there were procedures and equipment in place at the Prison.

The Defendant's (Attorney General's) position changed when it was undermined during the course of oral evidence, particularly from Prison Manager Ms Heidi Murray. Ms Murray conceded under cross-examination that there was a real and immediate risk to the lives of prisoners from fire in the Prison during the relevant time. Ms Murray had submitted a detailed report to SHG soon after taking up the post of Prison Manager in St Helena. She recognised that the prison in 2018 was "a building that has become a severe fire hazard, with

*areas inside it that could become death traps, as there are no means of escape from them, depending on the seat of the fire."*

Judge Rupert Jones underlined the clear and immediate risk of fire at the prison. "Both the independent and Government's own reports find as much. Every public body and individual responsible for inspecting the prison prior to the relevant time and shortly thereafter (including the OTPA and EHRC) had repeatedly raised the risk of fire and the lack of fire safety measures in place in reports."

St Helena's Equality and Human Rights Commission also produced a report on prison conditions in late 2018. The report included photographs giving visual evidence of the conditions. Judge Rupert Jones commented the photographs has been very useful when considering descriptive evidence of the prison conditions during the time Cruyff Buckley was held on remand. Judge Rupert Jones' judgement continues, "I accept the Plaintiff's evidence that the Defendant's treatment of him diminished his dignity, subjected him to feelings of anxiety and debased him: I accept the Plaintiff's witness statement and evidence he found the conditions in which he was detained to be unpleasant, demeaning and degrading. I have also found that throughout all three periods in the relevant time, a period of four months, there was a complete lack of opportunity for Mr Buckley to undertake any outdoor exercise or work. This constituted a breach of sections 7 and 11(1) of the Constitution. I have found that this lack, despite that privilege being afforded to convicted prisoners, also constitutes a breach of section 11(2) of the Constitution. I have found that this lack was sufficient in isolation to constitute a breach of the rights."

Later in his judgement it is stated, "In conclusion, the Court has decided that the negative features of the conditions at the Prison, in particular the lack of outdoor exercise and severely limited purposeful activity for the Plaintiff and treatment when he was a remand prisoner, were sufficient to amount to debasement, degradation, and a lack of respect for his human dignity, beyond that inevitable element of suffering and humiliation connected with detention, such that his sections 7, 11(1) and 11(2) constitutional rights were breached. The refusal to allow Mr Buckley outdoor exercise and work despite that opportunity being afforded to convicted prisoners also constituted a breach of s11(2) of the Constitution."





## ***Cruyff Buckley's Treatment in Prison 'diminished his dignity, subjected him to feelings of anxiety and debased him'***

### **Cruyff's Legal Representative Criticises Conduct of Attorney General's Chambers**

Judge Rupert Jones included in his Judgement on Liability "a number of further criticisms of the manner in which the Defendant has conducted the litigation. While making no criticism whatsoever of the Defendant's counsel". Judge Jones will consider the criticisms in his final judgement on costs and compensation.

Mr Joshua Hitchens counsel instructed by the Public Solicitor asked Judge Jones to consider: -

1. On the evidence of the Defendant's own witness, Ms Murray, SHG withheld documents which were plainly disclosable and may have been determinative of elements of the claim. This would be an exceptionally serious misconduct on the part of any litigant. It is all the more serious when exhibited by a law officer.

2. On Ms Murray's evidence, she informed the Defendant that aspects of her statement were inaccurate and yet the Defendant did not inform the Court or the Plaintiff that evidence filed was materially misleading. Again, if this evidence was given by any witness in respect of any litigation it would give rise to a very serious concern. Here, it was given by a senior, experienced and credible public servant about the Attorney General.

3. The Defendant has run a hopeless case to trial at very considerable public expense. Aside from the concession in respect of s.6 it was bound to make, the Defendant has continued to defend all aspects of the claim. Perhaps the most striking example of the unreasonableness of the Defendant's

approach is that it continues to maintain that the 20 – 24 May 2018 did not give rise to any breaches of the Plaintiff's Constitutional rights.

4. The Defendant maintained, until just before closing arguments, that SHG had not violated s.6 of the Constitution. It did so in reliance on the evidence of Ms Murray who had herself described areas of the prison as a "death trap" in a 2018 report. Ms Murray readily conceded under cross examination that there was a real and immediate risk of death and that there were reasonable steps that could have and should have been taken to mitigate this risk.

Mr Hitchens submits that these failings were not caused by the challenges faced by the local conditions, the Prison and SHG's lack of resources or difficulties in historic record keeping. Instead, Ms Murray's evidence was clear that the Defendant's lawyers had relevant documents in their control, recognised their importance to the case and simply failed to disclose them.

Mr Hitchens argues that the precedents the Court sets now shall inform the development of the rule of law in St Helena in years to come. The standards which the Courts require of the Executive in terms of cooperation with the Court and adherence to its duties as a litigant are of vital importance. If the Court tolerates the Executive withholding crucial documents required for the fair disposal of claims, allows misleading evidence to go uncorrected and tolerates the advancing of unmeritorious, or misleading defences, then the Court's ability to fulfil its Constitutional functions shall be compromised.

## ***INSTALLATION OF RAILING SYSTEM ALONG THE HIGH RISK AREA OF THE JAMESTOWN RUN***

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contracts:

CS-1884-SHG – Installation of Railing System along the High Risk Area of the Jamestown Run

Copies of the tender document and any further details can be obtained from the Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, Top Floor, Post Office Building, Jamestown, by telephone on 25932 or via email through [tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh).

A site visit to view the works will take place on Monday 21 October and Wednesday, 23 October 2024 at 09:00, meeting at the Duke of Edinburgh Playground, Jamestown.

Contractors should note that site visits requested after these dates will not be entertained unless there is a relevant reason why the contractor could not attend the scheduled site visit.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Thursday 31 October 2024, clearly marked with the tender number.

Interested parties should note that this opportunity is **not** being advertised overseas.

**SHG**  
**15 October 2024**



# Your Opinion Counts

## **Dear Editor.**

The recent decision by the St Helena Government (SHG) to allow the UK Government to facilitate the relocation of what they currently describe as “British Indian Ocean Territory Migrants” has left many reeling and I want to express my deep disappointment in the way this key decision was handled.

Firstly it’s extremely difficult to comment on the scheme itself because, as an island, we have been provided with very little information. There are many questions that should have been publicly answered before our Ministers signed the island up to this scheme.

Questions including: What will be the legal status of people when they arrive? Would they be coming as migrants, refugees, asylum seekers? How many are expected? What laws would they be being processed under, the UK’s laws or our laws?

These are really fundamental questions that should be able to be answered before Ministers signed our island’s name on a dotted line.

In the press release SHG states that “Any migrants who arrive under this arrangement will not present an additional cost for St Helena,” but that simply cannot be the case. Every single person who comes to this island comes at some sort of cost to the island in terms of the use of resources.

There also seems to be no clarity on exactly who it is that UKG and SHG are expecting to turn up and what their needs will be in terms of languages etc.

St Helena is a kind and caring place and we have a long history of welcoming people in need and Cultural diversity, if handled properly, can be really good for a nation but judging by how poorly things have been handled thus far, it is hard to hold out hope that the rest of this process will be handled any better.

Now it’s not to say this scheme is without its positives, £6.65 million is a significant sum of money, especially at a time where the UKG is tightening their belts. Using it to clear the health backlog is a positive but one person who commented on social media really made that point that money for the health backlog is money the UK should have been granting anyway in order to meet our reasonable need to have a healthy island.

As for the rest of it, Ministers again seem to have unilaterally decided on using it for their own agenda. I think had the decision been made with the public in mind, “internal IT” would not have been high on the list. Perhaps addressing the island’s housing needs or expanding the CCC would have been a better choice.

This is a massive step for the island and if handled properly could bring a lot of benefits, but the biggest issue of all is the way this decision was made.

There’s a principle in politics of “nothing about you, without you” and that I think is where the ministers have failed most of all in this decision.

There was no public consultation and no consultations with the non-ministerial councillors. Soon after the election, this Government promised that matters of national importance would be discussed with all councillors and they have failed to do so.

They have put aside the thoughts and feelings of the community when making this decision and this is already leading to the accusation that ministers just saw the money and signed.

This is not the way to handle a decision of national importance. Ministers act as representatives of the people, but instead have made this decision on their own, behind closed doors.

They made a decision about our Island, without our island.

**Regards**  
**Andrew Turner, MLC**

**Dear Editor,**  
**The St Helena Government’s Handling of Migrant and Refugee Decision: A Matter of Urgent Concern**

The recent decision by the St Helena Government (SHG) to allow the UK Gov-

ernment to facilitate the relocation of migrants and refugees to the island has not only raised concern about the principle behind the decision, but also about the manner in which it was made. The lack of public consultation and the way this decision was handled are deeply disappointing.

First, let’s clarify the terms. Refugees are people forced to flee their home country due to war, persecution, or violence, seeking safety in another nation. Migrants, on the other hand, are individuals who choose to move to another country primarily for better economic opportunities or improved living conditions. This distinction is crucial as it shapes both the needs of the individuals and the host country’s responsibilities. Refugees require protection and often support for reintegration, while migrants may contribute to the economy but still require infrastructural and social resources.

Unfortunately, in this case, the St Helena Government’s process has been anything but transparent. Councillors were briefed just an hour before the decision was announced to the public, leaving little room for meaningful dialogue or input. A decision of this magnitude—one that directly affects the lives of all islanders—should not be made behind closed doors. The lack of transparency in this process is not just disappointing, but it also undermines the public’s trust in the government’s decision-making.

The absence of public engagement is deeply troubling. Early in its term, this Government promised that matters of national importance would be discussed with all councillors. However, recent events suggest that this promise has yet to be kept. Moreover, the lack of consultation implies that the Government doesn’t believe its people could have positively influenced the decision. Why do they feel the need to operate in secrecy if they think they are acting in the public’s interest?

Ignoring the need for public discussion now creates the impression that the Government is out of touch and dismissive of its own people. People have already expressed an opinion that the decision was somehow forced on them by the UK Government; as is always the case in these matters, assurances

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that this is not the case will only strengthen people's mistrust. Trust in an open and transparent government is vital, especially when decisions of national significance are at stake. Unfortunately, this is something our Government seems unable to understand.

There are further concerns about the allocation of funds. While £6.65 million has been earmarked as part of this process, how our government plans to spend it seems shortsighted. Admittedly, some of this funding will address the backlog in medical referrals, which is welcome

news. However, much of the rest appears to be directed towards internal projects, with nothing significant allocated to tackle the pressing housing crisis or to incentivise our people to stay or return to St Helena or to address many of the other issues affecting our people.

The notion that bringing in migrants and refugees will lead to an economic boom is misguided. If such an influx alone stimulated the economy, every country worldwide would seek to take in as many migrants and refugees as possible. The reality is far more complex, requiring a balanced approach that considers both the needs of those coming in and the impact on local infrastructure and resources.

We must ask ourselves why the UK government is offering so much financial support for this initiative. Would this proposal be met with the same enthusiasm

from UK voters if they were informed about plans to relocate more migrants and refugees to the UK? Political unrest in the UK is likely being avoided at our expense.

My concern is that we will become the new Rwanda once we start down this path.

In conclusion, while the concept of helping migrants and refugees is not inherently wrong, the way this decision has been executed is very troubling. It is time for the St Helena Government to reaffirm its commitment to transparency and public engagement, especially when the decisions made will have long-lasting consequences for the island's future.

**Regards**

**Councillor Karl Thrower**

## **CONTRACT SIGNED FOR WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DESIGN CONSULTANCY**

St Helena Government (SHG) is pleased to announce that they have entered into a contract with MPAMOT Africa (PTY) Ltd from Cape Town, South Africa to develop wastewater solutions for Half Tree Hollow and Jamestown.

MPAMOT Africa is a multidisciplinary engineering and development consultancy with more than 27 years' experience within the Infrastructure, Transportation, Energy and Advisory sectors. MPAMOT brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the project having been involved in a range of flagship projects (projects that contribute to the economy) within Africa.

The first stage of this Wastewater Management Upgrade Project is to undertake a detailed investigation of the current systems, evaluate what solutions are best suited to the unique conditions and landscape of St Helena and recommend the most viable and sustainable design options. As we progress with the design SHG remains committed to inclusive development and stakeholder engagement, and further information will be made available as the project progresses.

This project is part of the £30m Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP) funded by the UK Government.

SHG is dedicated to improving infrastructure and promoting sustainable practices in St Helena.

SHG and MPAMOT Africa provides the opportunity for Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to register their interest and provide comments.

Please register on the project database to confirm your interest to be informed of future opportunities to comment. Registrations (and, if desired, comments) can be submitted by completing the brief online form accessible at <https://forms.office.com/r/Xg0nuK0Qbx>. Alternatively, hard copy registration forms are available at the Public Library, Jamestown. Completed forms to be submitted to the box labelled 'Wastewater', located at the library, or emailed to [engagement@mpamot.com](mailto:engagement@mpamot.com).

**#StHelena #EDIP #WastewaterManagement  
SHG, 11 October 2024**





**DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA**

**The Parish of St Paul's**

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist/Parade/Harvest Festival and Outstanding Long Service Award to Mr Mervyn Yon CLB	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist/Harvest Festival	St Peter

**The Parish of St James**

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing/Cancer Awareness	St John

**The Parish of St Matthew**

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
3.30 p.m.	Reserved Sacrament	Barnabas, Levelwood
	<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	
7.00 p.m.	Reserved Sacrament	St Mark

**CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS  
– OCTOBER 2024**

Constituents are invited to attend the district meetings to be hosted by Councillors later this month. These will have a largely open agenda to enable constituents to make their priorities known, put forward suggestions and ask questions. Feedback will be provided on matters raised in previous meetings, if this has not already been given.

The constituency meetings will start at 7:30pm, and be held at the following dates and locations:

**Chair**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October**  
St Michael's Church, Rupert's Councillor Brooks

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
Harford Community Centre Councillor Knipe

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
Levelwood Community Centre Councillor Thrower

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
Half Tree Hollow Community C Councillor Coleman

**Legislative Council  
15 October 2024**



**Vacancy**

**Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper**

Salary for the post will commence at £10,184 per annum (£196 per week)



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As the Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper, you will be responsible for the loading and delivery of fuels to clients, provide support to the Watchkeepers as and when required, assist with general maintenance duties and also assist with Ship-to-Shore Tanker operations.

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- Ideally have the ability to perform general maintenance duties

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

Mr Paul Ellick, BFI Manager via ☎ 22332 ✉ [bfi@helanta.co.sh](mailto:bfi@helanta.co.sh)

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via [hradmin@solomons.co.sh](mailto:hradmin@solomons.co.sh) and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **31 October 2024**.

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

- ◆ Pension Contributions
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- ◆ Staff Discounts

# MAVIS DOREEN WILLIAMS



14 November 1956 to 26 September 2024

The family of the late Mavis Doreen Williams of Pounceys, who passed away peacefully on Thursday 26th September 2024, would like to thank all the healthcare professionals and support staff involved in her care during her time in hospital. We would also like to thank Roy Williams and his team, Sandra Leo and Tina Peters for the wreaths and floral arrangements, Solomons for printing the funeral sheets, Father Clarence and Bishop Dale for a heartfelt

funeral service, organist Joy George and the rest of the church team, Neil Fantom for a beautiful Eulogy, and James Fantom for his musical contribution at the graveside. We would also like to give a big and heartfelt thank you to all those who showered us with love during this difficult time, including friends and family, those who sent kind thoughts, cards and flowers, and to all who continue to show their support. God bless you all.

## Too Well Loved to Ever Be Forgotten

We are sending a dove to heaven  
With a parcel on its wings  
Be careful when you open it  
It's full of beautiful things  
Inside are a million kisses  
Wrapped up in a million hugs  
To say how much we miss you  
And send you all our love  
We hold you close within our hearts  
And there you will remain  
To walk with us throughout our lives  
Until we meet again

# CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

## 2024

- 1 CHECK THE PROFILE PICTURE**  
Fake accounts often use avatars and symbols as profile pictures or alternatively use 'beauty' to lure victims by using a pic of a gorgeously attractive girl or handsome guy on their pages.
- 2 CHECK THE NUMBER OF CONNECTIONS**  
If the account has a low number of friends, followers or connections, it's a sign that this profile was likely only recently created and is probably fake. 'Real' Facebook users for example, will usually have between 200-350 friends, so if an account has just a handful of friends, proceed with caution.
- 3 CHECK PROFILE CONTENT & ACTIVITY**  
Scammers tend not to post lots of photos etc. Their aim is to use minimum effort to create the illusion that a real person is behind the account. A lack of profile content and activity is a clear indicator the profile is fake.
- 4 CHECK LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION STYLE**  
Misspellings and generic comments are red flags. If they can't keep their story straight, you might be dealing with a fake account run by a scammer.



## HOW TO SPOT FAKE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS: FRIEND OR FOE?



## 'Restoring a globally significant Cloud Forest' News from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project



Welcome to another 'news bite' from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project!

**Our education and outreach goals recently received a welcome boost with the arrival of a brand-new 3D Model of St Helena Island, produced by Bristol-based design company Mangostone, which makes for a perfect learning tool for the project.**

With access restrictions still in place for areas of the Peaks National Park, the arrival of a 3D printed replica of St Helena, measuring 1 meter by 1 meter, allows the St Helena National Trust's Education and Outreach Manager to plan and conduct learning activities throughout the school year without needing to physically travel to areas of the Peaks – instead using the 3D Model.

The opportunities for interactive and innovative learning using this robust model are endless. Some of these include being able to plot areas of cloud forest using scale and grid references; assessing the progress of habitat restoration efforts and identifying different ecosystems within the Peaks. Key sites can be mapped, and discussions held on what takes place within these sites. In terms of our work toward St Helena's water security, the model will allow for experiments on mist capture and the movement of water captured by endemic trees through the soil and into underground aquifers. Additionally, the model can also be used to plot the different areas where endemic invertebrates can be found and why they are found there, as well as identifying key areas for invasive invertebrate work to reduce their threat to our endemics.

**Shoutout to Sheena Benjamin and her team at the Trust for their work on the 3D Model, we look forward to seeing this in use as a key learning resource for the St Helena Cloud Forest Project!**

Be sure to follow the St Helena Peaks National Park on Facebook, and @StHelenaPNP on X, to stay up to date with all the latest news and information on the FCDO-funded St Helena Cloud Forest Project

Scan the QR Codes below for quick access to:

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# VACANCY



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

## Risk and Compliance Officer

**Commencing at £10,188 per annum**

Bank of St Helena is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the new and exciting position of Risk and Compliance Officer.

Reporting to the Assistant Risk and Compliance Manager, the Risk and Compliance Officer will be required to assist with risk and compliance reviews. The Risk and Compliance Officer will also assess and evaluate internal policies and procedures, and identify risk areas across the Bank's portfolio.

In addition, the Risk and Compliance Officer will be required to assist with the organisation and delivery of workshops and training sessions that will educate and update employees on banking regulations, policies, and processes when required.

The successful candidate must have understanding of Anti-Money Laundering policies and practices, knowledge of fraud prevention and detection processes, and be able to provide assistance with the alignment of the Bank's operations to regulatory and statutory requirements.

Skills and experience the candidate should have:

- Relevant experience in Banking/Finance, Auditing and/or Risk Management
- GCSE's in Mathematics and English at Grade C or above
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Have good analytical and problem solving skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills

Interested persons can contact Miss Christy Joshua, Risk and Compliance Manager on + 290 22390 or email [risk.compliancemanager@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:risk.compliancemanager@sainthelenabank.com) for more information.

An Application form and job profile is available upon request from the Bank and can be viewed on our official website. Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to [hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com).

**Closing date for applications is Friday, 01 November 2024.**

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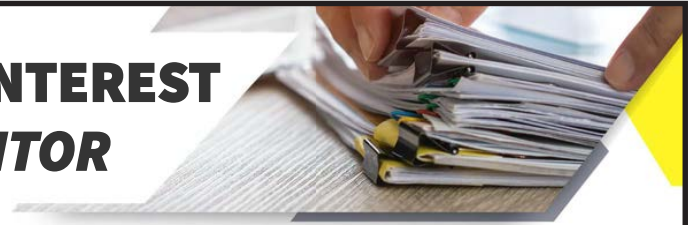
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# EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INTERNAL AUDITOR



Bank of St Helena Ltd is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced Internal Auditor, or an Internal Audit Service Provider. The successful person / contractor must:

- Be self-motivated;
- Have excellent communication skills;
- Have relevant auditing experience (preferably in a banking environment); and
- Ideally have a recognised qualification in internal auditing and/or finance and accountancy.

The main purpose of contract is to manage and execute the Internal Audit function, coordinating specific processes to support the implementation and execution of the Internal Audit Plan, conducting reviews on risk management and systems of internal control, monitoring compliance with statutory requirements and the Bank's policies and procedures, along with the preparation and presentation of audit findings and recommendations.

The service provision is expected to be for a minimum of 14 hours per week, where a flexible working time system is permissible.

For further information about this position and payment offered, please contact Leeanne Henry, Assistant Managing Director, on telephone number (+290) 22044 or email: [asst.managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:asst.managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com).

Expressions of interests should be submitted to Leeanne Henry, Assistant Managing Director, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to [asst.managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:asst.managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com).

**Closing date for Expressions of Interest is Monday, 28th October 2024**



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## Dental Receptionist (Fixed term until 09 December 2025) (£7,960 per annum)

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Email: [charmaine.buckley@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:charmaine.buckley@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Closing date: 30 October 2024

## Biosecurity Assistant (£9,197 per annum)

The Biosecurity Assistant is responsible for the effective implementation of the division's biosecurity programme and assisting with border operations in collaboration with the Pest Control Services team. If you have a keen interest in border security and would like to be a part of the Biosecurity team then this could be a rewarding opportunity for you. Candidates who do not have the required experience/qualifications will be eligible to start on a training grade.

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Enquiries: Julie Balchin on Tel No. 22470 or  
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Closing date: 30 October 2024

## Benefits

**Leave** – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

**Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

## Training and Development

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## How to apply

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

*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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In St. Helena, there is a growing need for innovative discipline and social-emotional learning methods, with **Conscious Discipline** gaining attention. Developed by **Dr. Becky Bailey**, it is a comprehensive program focusing on teaching adults to model and teach self-regulation, conflict resolution, and pro-social behaviors to children. Despite misconceptions, Conscious Discipline does have consequences aimed at teaching problem-solving and personal responsibility, rather than punitive measures. Punishments, such as time-outs, spankings, and reward systems, have been widely used but are inherently flawed. They do not encourage children to reflect on their actions, manage their emotions, or take personal responsibility. Instead, punishments often intimidate children into compliance, teaching them to rely on external judgment rather than internal motivation. This approach can lead to repeated misbehaviour and does not foster lasting positive change.

Effective consequences, on the other hand, are a cornerstone of Conscious Discipline. These consequences are designed to motivate children to make positive changes in their behavior by focusing on reflection, personal responsibility, and intrinsic motivation. Here are the key ingredients of effective consequences:

- **Connection:** Children must feel connected and safe to understand the impact of their behavior.
- **Reflection:** Children need to stop and reflect on their choices and outcomes, which can only be done in the higher brain state (executive state).
- **Personal Responsibility:** Children must take ownership of their feelings and actions, recognizing that they are in charge of their emotions.

The foundation of Conscious Discipline is built on seven essential skills: **Composure, Encouragement, Assertiveness, Choices, Empathy, Positive Intent, and Consequences**. These skills are not just taught to children but also to adults, as the program emphasizes that adults must first learn to manage their own emotions and behaviors before they can effectively teach children. Before disciplining a child, it is crucial to consider the intention behind the action. Conscious Discipline identifies three types of intentions:

- **Punitive Intent:** Aims to make children feel bad or guilty.
- **Permissive Intent:** Rescues children from discomfort, teaching entitlement rather than responsibility.
- **Motivational Intent:** Helps children reflect on their choices and take responsibility for their actions.

A motivational intent is key, as it requires adults to gain their composure before addressing the child. Techniques such as S.T.A.R. breathing, reframing the child's action as an "Oops," and using Q.T.I.P. (Quit Taking It Personally) help in achieving this composure. Healthy connections are vital in Conscious Discipline. The program emphasizes building a "School Family" environment, where routines, rituals, and structures foster a sense of safety and connection. This includes practices like empathy, encouragement, and the use of rituals such as the Brain Smart Start and I Love You Rituals. When children feel connected, they are more willing to reflect on their actions and take personal responsibility. For consequences to be effective, children must be in a state where they can reflect on their actions. This requires being in the **executive brain state**, where they can pay attention, feel empathy, and solve problems. Conscious Discipline teaches children to reflect without judgment using the skill of "noticing." Empathy plays a crucial role here, as it allows children to take responsibility for their actions instead of deflecting blame.

### Implementing Conscious Discipline in St. Helena

Implementing Conscious Discipline in St. Helena schools and homes can have a profound impact on the social-emotional learning and discipline of children. Here are some practical steps:

- **Training and Professional Development:** Schools and parents can benefit from training and professional development programs offered by Conscious Discipline. These include online courses, in-person events, and coaching sessions that provide the necessary skills and knowledge to implement the program effectively.
- **Creating a School Family Environment:** Schools can adopt the "School Family" concept, building a community that is based on intrinsic motivation, problem-solving, and connection. This involves establishing routines and rituals that foster a sense of safety and belonging.
- **Parental Involvement:** Parents can play a crucial role by learning and practicing the skills of Conscious Discipline at home. This includes managing their own emotions, using effective consequences, and building healthy connections with their children.

Conscious Discipline offers a transformative approach to discipline and social-emotional learning that can profoundly benefit the children of St. Helena. By focusing on connection, reflection, and personal responsibility, this program helps children develop essential skills that will last a lifetime. It is not just about discipline; it is about creating a positive, supportive environment where children can thrive. As St. Helena continues to prioritize education and community well-being, embracing Conscious Discipline can be a significant step towards fostering a more compassionate, responsible, and resilient generation.


***Till Next Time, keep Well!***

# Join the fight!

# CARNIVAL 2024



Be a **WARRIOR**

Wear a costume or colour  
of your choice and join  
the carnival parade 

Prizes for best costume 0-5yr old, 6-11yr old, 12-15yr old, 16 upwards

## Saturday 26 October 2024

Meet at the Maldivia Car park near the Hospital by 2:30pm

The Carnival Parade starts at 3pm

**Watch as brave warriors have their legs waxed or head shaved  
in a hair raising challenge after the Parade.**

### Transport

Colins Garage bus service will run at 1pm from  
Sandy Bay Chapel via White Gate 13:20 New Ground/HTH 13:25

Johnny Isaac bus service will depart 13:00

from the following areas and pick up enroute to Jamestown

-Bottom Woods, Longwood

-The Flag, Levelwood

All buses return: Depart Jamestown Malabar at 7:30pm

Venue: Grand Parade

Open from 12noon

Bouncy castle

Tea & Cakes

Hot food

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DJ Colin Peters

**All donations collected on behalf of the St Helena Cancer Support & Awareness Charity.**

## INVITATION TO TENDER

### **RUPERT'S CARGO HANDLING FACILITY - ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION IN PORT CONTROL, CUSTOMS AND BIO-SECURITY YARD AND BREAK BULK YARD**

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contracts:

#### **CS-1832-SHG – Rupert's Cargo Handling Facility - Electrical Installation in Port Control, Customs and Bio-Security Yard and Break Bulk Yard**

Copies of the tender document and any further details can be obtained from the Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, Top Floor, Post Office Building, Jamestown by telephone on 25932 or via email through

A site visit to view the works will take place on Thursday 24 October 2024 at 09:00, meeting at the car park of the Sea Rescue Building, at Rupert's.

Contractors should note that site visits requested after this date, will not be entertained unless there is a relevant reason why the contractor could not attend the scheduled site visit.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Friday 01 November 2024, clearly marked with the tender number.

Interested parties should note that this opportunity is **not** being advertised overseas.

**SHG**  
**16 October 2024**



#### **VACANCY FOR ASSISTANT AUDITOR** **Salary range £9,185 to £11,327 per annum**

Audit St Helena is seeking to recruit an Assistant Auditor to join their audit team.

The person will assist with financial and performance audits across the public sector and will support other business processes.

Prospective candidates are required to have good GCSE grades **or** Functional Skills Level 2 in English and Mathematics and be prepared to study for the ACCA Foundations in Accountancy programme.

Key skills for this position include efficiency in business processes, good communication skills, and an aptitude for figures. IT proficiency including Excel, Word and Outlook is also essential.

For further information, Job Profiles and Application Forms please contact Helene Williams by telephoning 22111 or emailing [helene.v.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:helene.v.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh). Completed application forms should be submitted by email or by hand to Audit St Helena, First Floor, New Porteous House, Jamestown, by no later than **Friday 18 October 2024**.

*SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. St Helena Government reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.*

INVITATION TO TENDER

**RUPERT'S DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC CAR PARK**

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contracts:

**CS-1881-SHG – Rupert's Development Public Car Park**

Copies of the tender document, and any further details, can be obtained from the Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, Top Floor, Post Office Building, Jamestown by telephone on 25932 or via email through

A site visit to view the works will take place on Thursday, 17 October 2024 at 09:00, meeting next to the Container Freight Station Building at Rupert's.

Contractors should note that site visits requested after this date will not be entertained unless there is a relevant reason why the contractor could not attend the scheduled site visit.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Friday, 25 October 2024, clearly marked with the tender number.

Interested parties should note that this opportunity is **not** being advertised overseas.

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**08 October 2024**



INVITATION TO TENDER

**REPLACE ROOFING AT THE COMMUNITY CARE COMPLEX AND ELECTRICAL RE-WIRE OF LEVELWOOD CLINIC**

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contracts:

**SSHA-1835-SHG – Replace Roofing at the Community Care Complex – Ladder Hill**

**SSHA-1892-SHG – Electrical Re-wire of Levelwood Clinic**

Copies of the tender documents can be obtained from the Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, Top Floor, Post Office Building, Jamestown, contactable by telephone on 25932 or via email through

A site visit to view the works will take place on Wednesday 16 October 2024 at 10:00, meeting at the Clinic, Levelwood and at 13:00, meeting at the Community Care Complex, Ladder Hill.

Contractors should note that site visits requested after the given dates will not be entertained unless there is a relevant reason why the contractor could not attend the scheduled site visit.

Completed tenders for both contracts should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Friday 25 October 2024, clearly marked with the tender number.

Interested parties should note that this opportunity is **not** being advertised overseas.

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**09 October 2024**



# What's Happening Around the South Atlantic Islands



## Prospecting for Rare Elements on Ascension

Innovate UK has awarded £3.5 million in funding to nine innovative projects, all of them related to rare earth elements. The rare elements can be found in the minerals held in rocks and Ascension is one of the nine places where project funding has been awarded.

Called Ascension Earth Resources, the project is a partnership between Marriott Well Engineering and Management Services and the University of Oxford to assess the potential for Rare Earth Elements from volcanic tuffs on Ascension Island.



## Ascension's red volcanic cones will be investigated for rare elements

Innovate UK is part of UK Research and Innovation, a UK government over-arching organisation that funds nine research councils from a £25 billion three-year budget, 2022-2025.

Oxford University describe the project as, a new collaborative research project investigating the recovery of rare earth elements (REEs) from volcanic sedimentary rocks on Ascension Island which has received £313k of funding from Innovate UK. Oxford Earth Sciences will explore the potential for critical materials recovery from the island. The 12-month project, entitled "Feasibility study of Ascension Island as a UK source of rare earth elements" is a collaboration between

the Department of Earth Sciences, Ascension Earth Resources and Marriott Well Engineering and Management Services Ltd. This project will use geophysical methods to image the subsurface to explore for layers of permeable sedimentary rocks, formed from volcanic ash during explosive eruptions. These geophysical surroundings will then be correlated with drill cores from geothermal exploration wells collected in the 1980s. In combination, these data will provide high resolution images of the subsurface down to about 500 metres depth. Further analysis will involve performing geochemical analyses of the rocks and making measurements of their geophysical properties.

The first field campaign to Ascension Island is taking place this month and will focus on deployment of geophysical equipment. The equipment has already been shipped to the island; a six-person field party flew in from RAF Brize Norton on 16th October for a ten-day campaign.

## Darwin Funding Secured for New Ascension Conservation Initiatives

The Ascension Island Government Conservation and Fisheries Directorate (AIGCFD) has successfully secured funding for several new conservation projects. The Darwin Initiative is a UK Government grants scheme, designed to conserve biodiversity and support the communities that live alongside it through locally led projects.

A brief summary of the projects is outlined below:

### Weathering the storm: creating new habitat for Ascension's seabirds

The Band-rumped Storm Petrel (*Oceanodroma castro*) nests on the offshore islet of Boatswain Bird, Ascension Island. The islet is inaccessible and therefore the health of the local population is unknown. The expansion of the population to nest on mainland Ascension is currently restricted by the presence of rodents which are known to predate eggs and chicks. This project will create a bespoke nesting site, protected by specialised rodent-proof fencing, to allow the nesting expansion of this species to mainland Ascension.

### The Road to Recovery: removing historical pollution from Nature Reserves

A number of vehicles were placed around remote areas of Ascension Island prior to the Falklands War and used as target practice by the Ministry of Defence (MoD). These vehicles remain in-situ in an area which was later designated as a Nature Reserve to protect Sooty terns (*Onychoprion fuscatus*) which nest here in internationally important numbers. This project aims to remove this legacy litter which is polluting the Nature Reserve and endangering protected seabirds and plants.

### Enhancing Fisheries Management through Otolith Analysis on Ascension Island

This project aims to develop local skills in the processing of fish ear bones (otoliths) used for the aging of fishes. By utilising a large existing stockpile of fish otoliths, collected over the past 10 years on Ascension Island, the project aims to

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# Vacancy - Finance Manager - Mantis St Helena

- Jamestown, St. Helena
- Full-time
- Job-Category: Finance
- Job Type: Permanent
- Job Schedule: Full-Time

## Company Description

Mantis is a leading, conservation-focused hotel group with eco-lodges, waterways and eco-escapes located all over the world. Sustainable travellers have been enjoying eco-tourism, safaris and adventure travel with Mantis since 2000. Rooted in conservation, Mantis pursues sustainable business practices and develops tourism products that are respectful of the environment and communities in which they operate.

Whether small and intimate or vast and complex, on a sweeping African plain, beach-side escape or bustling city, each is an exceptional place for guests to find themselves. While uniquely different in the experiences they offer, all are linked through a collective obsession to be extraordinary, to be rare in a world that mass-produces sameness.

## Job Description

### Finance Manager

Reporting to the Hotel Manager, the Finance Manager is responsible for summarizing the current financial status by collecting information, preparing balance sheets, profit and loss statements, budgeting, forecasting, and any other reports required by the operator/owner.

### What is in it for you:

- Engage in conservation efforts and help preserve wildlife.
- Enjoy sustainable adventures with exclusive rewards.
- Celebrate locality and heritage in a vibrant community.
- Advance your career with global development opportunities.
- Drive change through impactful social initiatives.
- Collaborate with a passionate, innovative team.
- Achieve success with a forward-thinking, excellence-driven company.

### Key Responsibilities:

- **Service Excellence and Compliance:** Consistently provide thoughtful, caring, and sincere service while leading and managing the day-to-day activity of the Finance Department. Ensure all standards are followed, including optimal compliance with corporate Focus audit, and that financial records are maintained in compliance with accepted policies and procedures. Follow departmental policies and procedures diligently.

- **Financial Reporting and Analysis:** Compile and analyze financial information to prepare financial statements, including monthly, quarterly, and annual reports. Prepare the monthly payroll pack, ensuring completeness, and review the income audit pack, resolving any discrepancies. Additionally, review accounts receivable aging and bad debt provision in line with Accor policy. Ensure accurate and appropriate recording and analysis of revenues and expenses, including reviewing daily

CASH UP's and F&B sales summaries for accuracy. Prepare monthly balance sheets and bank reconciliations, while also checking all POS reports, Opera reports, PABX reports, and rebates for discrepancies, reporting any issues to the General Manager/Hotel Manager. Monitor F&B cost ratios to ensure alignment with the budget and verify any major variances in the same month. Lastly, handle the preparation of monthly journal vouchers and upload them to the general ledger.

- **Financial Operations and Control:** Assist the General Manager/Hotel Manager in ensuring all financial reporting deadlines are met and support the preparation of financial audits, coordinating with the audit process. Arrange supplier payments in a timely manner and ensure that daily receipts are deposited on the next succeeding banking day. Additionally, upload month-end figures on OneStream and MGM reports and ensure all historical information is filed in a way that provides easy access, including microfilming or other storage where necessary.

- **Human Resources Management:** Oversee HR functions, including onboarding, payroll processing, attendance tracking, leave management, and employment contract management, while ensuring compliance with labor regulations and alignment with organisational goals.

- **Procurement and Inventory Management:** Involvement in monthly inventories together with F&B, ensuring F&B controls, procurement, stores, and receiving are in adherence with policies and procedures. Additionally, suggest and recommend improvements to the internal control system.

- **Legal and Administrative Responsibilities:** Preparation of monthly and yearly owner reports, ensuring all contracts, agreements, certificates, licenses, legal documents, and insurances (Property/Workmen) are renewed and safeguarded. Additionally, handle any other duties as assigned by the General Manager/Hotel Manager.

### Qualifications

- **Work Experience:** Previous experience as a finance manager or in an equivalent role, preferably with an island experience or remote locations.

- **Education:** Diploma or degree preferably in finance or a related field, with a commitment to ongoing learning.

- **Communication Skills:** Fully proficient in English, with excellent communication and presentation abilities.

- **Systems:** Excellent knowledge of Symphony, Opera, and Sun.

- **Financial Acumen:** Excellent experience with budgeting, forecasting, profit and loss analysis, and a creative and innovative approach.

- **Profile:** Engaging, friendly, and charismatic, with a natural ability to connect with guests/colleagues. Performs well under pressure, analyzes and resolves issues, and exercises sound judgment.

### Additional Information

Our commitment to Diversity & Inclusion: We are an inclu-



## Vacancy - Finance Manager - Mantis St Helena

sive company and our ambition is to attract, recruit and promote diverse talent.

Why work for Accor? We are far more than a worldwide leader. We welcome you as you are and you can find a job and brand that matches your personality. We support you to grow and learn every day, making sure that work brings purpose to your life, so that during your journey with us, you can continue to explore Accor's limitless possibilities.

By joining Accor, every chapter of your story is yours to write and together we can imagine tomorrow's hospitality. Discover the life that awaits you at Accor, visit <https://careers.accor.com/>

About Mantis Collection: Mantis is a boutique hospitality group that was founded by conservationist Adrian Gardiner in 2000, with its main focus predominantly in Africa and the Middle East. Mantis grew from Adrian's vision to restore and rewild degraded farmland which he developed into a widely-acclaimed Private Game Reserve. This was the first private game reserve in the Eastern Cape and the beginning of eco-tourism in a poverty-stricken province that had few opportunities outside of commercial farming. Adrian and the Mantis team successfully created a place where man and nature could co-exist sustainably. From this initial success, the Mantis model was then developed worldwide, understanding that consumers could use the Mantis portfolio as a mark of quality, consistency and character. Today the diverse portfolio of

handpicked properties links up to create travel journeys, which offer guests the opportunity to experience the essence of the location in a setting of tailored luxury. Rooted in conservation, Mantis pursues sustainable business practices and develops tourism products that are respectful of the environment and communities in which they operate.

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### The St Helena Diabetes Association

will be hosting a

Tea Party

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 @ 2.30pm

At the Jamestown Community Centre

For their International Day

Transport will be provided

If you are attending and also require a seat

Please contact: Ronald Coleman tel. 24250

Phyllis Coleman tel. 24656, Cheryl Anthony tel. 23971

Gillian Brooks tel. 23505, Maureen Thompson tel. 22088

Dorita Fuller tel. 22953 & Wendy Fuller tel. 23474

By Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024.

## For Sale



Boat Baronet No 67 with Yamaha 90hp engine and self braking trailer for sale fitted with radio, fish finder and other accessories, also water ski equipment, fishing rods and Mariner outboard engine.

Contact George Stevens, Silveroak Sapperway on telephone 24333 for further information.

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advance local fisheries management and scientific research. Through the processing of otolith samples, the project will enable age determination of at least two coastal species. Subsequently, age and growth models will be developed, providing valuable insights into the dynamics of fished populations providing the basis for stock assessments.

## Driving Community Conservation on Ascension Island

AIGCFD urgently needs a dedicated outreach vehicle to support community engagement and conservation projects. All current vehicles are used for essential fieldwork, leaving none for outreach. This vehicle will enable AIGCFD to conduct public talks, school visits, and community events, vital for effective conservation education on an island with limited transport options.

## Robots and Photogrammetry: Monitoring the Deep in Ascension Island MPA

This project aims at using images acquired by a Remotely Operated Vehicle for generating photogrammetry 3D models of mesophotic habitats around Ascension Island Marine Protected Area. Habitat complexity indices capable of being used to compare and monitor these habitats in time will then be calculated. This will allow the assessment of habitat health, changes in sessile species cover and migration of species from shallow areas. A long-term monitoring programme of these habitats will be the main outcome of the project.

## Mountain Merch

This project aims to replenish conservation merchandise in the HQ shop, produce informative literature and add signage to improve engagement with local community members and island visitors. End profits from the shop will both replenish stock and contribute to essential ongoing conservation work on Green Mountain NP, protecting endemic flora and endangered species.

## Protecting Cloud Forest Expansion on Ascension

Following the successful 3ha habitat expansion of our existing cloud forest (a previous DarwinPlus grant), this project looks to ensure survival of the new facilitator trees and up-keep of established areas of cloud forest by clearing persistent, encroaching invasive and non-native flora species.

## Falklands Development Corporation Disputes Fire Fighting Bill

In a surprise move the Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC) was sent a bill totalling £35,690.47 from the Falkland Islands Government for firefighting support on Sea Lion Island.

The bill, which came from the Department of Emergency Services and Island Security (DESIS) was stated to be for half of the costs associated with the fire on Sea Lion Island which occurred after a lightning strike in March.

Discussed at the FIDC Board (FIDB) meeting on September 18, it was agreed that the invoice would be disputed and not paid. Chair of the FIDB Michael Poole explained that, "the

intention is to not pay until FIG explain the policy,"

Members of the board expressed their surprise that this invoice had come through, with Janet Robertson commenting, "a user-pays principle for fire support seems peculiar."

There is no breakdown of the costs in the invoice, which was reproduced in the FIDB agenda, or explanation as to how the figure of just over £35,500 has been reached.

Mr Franklin went on to explain that when FIG downgraded the fire, FIDC paid for a volunteer force to continue working on Sea Lion, including food and travel amongst other expenses. This continued for around a month following the fire being downgraded. Mr Franklin added, "it is not like FIDC is trying to get off scot-free. We paid money beyond to ensure there weren't any hotspots or flare ups."



**The heavily wooded Sea Lion Island flared up into a forest fire after a lightning strike in March**

## Moon-bounce from Tristan da Cunha

Report and photos from Lance Collister – published on the Tristan News website.

Licensed Amateur Radio Operators ("hams") around the world try to collect contacts with as many countries and remote islands as possible.

This becomes more difficult on the higher frequencies, such as VHF bands, where the coverage is mostly local, or line of sight. However, with specialized equipment and large enough antennas, VHF signals can be sent to the moon and back. In that way, people around the Earth can be contacted using the very faint "moon-bounce" signals which are reflected back to Earth. Nobody had ever operated EME (Earth-Moon-Earth) from Tristan before, so most parts of the world never had a chance to contact this rare and remote spot. Of course, with EME contacts, the distances from Tristan are all really about a half million miles, and it takes between two and three seconds for the weak signals to return to Earth!

After trying to get to Tristan for several years, I finally was advised of a last-minute cancellation and availability of a berth on the SA *Agulhas II* from Cape Town. I jumped at the chance to travel and set up a 50 Mhz EME station on Tristan. After a

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Lance Collister in the Tristan 'Radio Shack' on 19th September 2024

Lance's aerial set up to aim VHF signals at the moon

couple weeks of operation, I had contacted 136 stations around the world by EME. They included the first ever stations from North America to ever contact Tristan on VHF, as well as more distant stations in Japan and Alaska. And since now is the peak of solar activity during the current 11-year solar cycle, there was an opportunity to contact another 348 stations in Europe and 2 in South America by bouncing my signals off the ionosphere.

complishments. But it also was a fantastic visit with very friendly residents in a spectacularly beautiful place! I will miss this very unique place and its people.  
Cheers! Lance Collister ZD9GJ/W7GJ

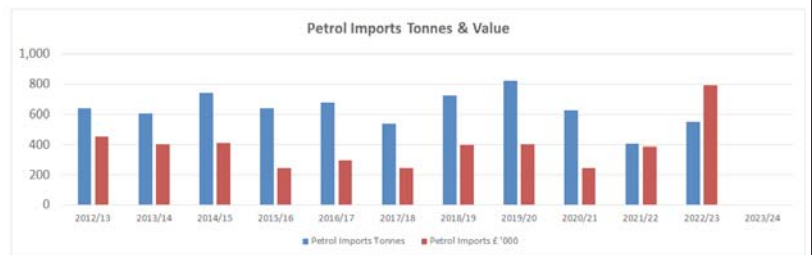
I was fortunate that the large antenna successfully withstood what can be very challenging weather conditions this time of year. It was a very successful trip in terms of the radio ac-

## Statistics on Imports

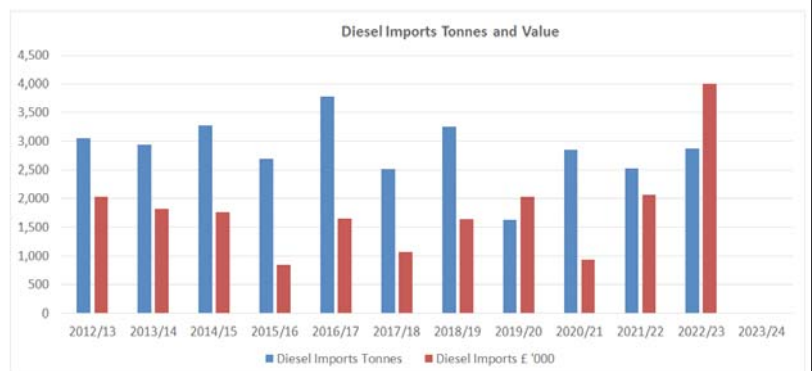
Statistics released this week gave figures on imports. Emails circulated by members of the Chamber of Commerce recently have focused on the volume or weight of cargo on the MV Karoline on recent calls. It is known the cargo tonnage is not as high as members of Chamber would like. MACS Shipping is not breaking even on revenue and costs. Will this mean the freight charges will go up some time soon? It is the tonnage, not the value of the cargo that interests the business community most. The tonnage shipped is also a better indicator of economic activity, comparisons over the months and years can also be made.

All the figures on imports issued this week are by the value of goods imported; taken from HM Customs declarations. The values are not adjusted for inflation so comparisons are not easy to make, year on year. With freight tonnage, a kilogram this year is a kilogram every year.

Petrol and diesel are the only imports where tonnage is shown as well as value. Aviation fuel is not included. When the value and tonnage of petrol and diesel are put together on the same



	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Petrol Imports Tonnes	639	604	743	638	681	539	724	820	630	405	553	..
Petrol Imports £ '000	453	401	411	245	297	247	397	401	243	387	791	..



	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Diesel Imports Tonnes	3,049	2,945	3,277	2,701	3,789	2,520	3,256	1,628	2,849	2,531	2,876	..
Diesel Imports £ '000	2,026	1,827	1,759	851	1,655	1,073	1,643	2,030	937	2,067	4,001	..

chart, it is clear the value of goods is not an indicator of the tonnage carried on any ship. If a way can be found to collect data on cargo tonnage it is likely the resulting information would be welcomed in certain quarters.

# Former DFID Chief Raises £4 Billion Alarm on Scams and Scandals

Sir Mark Lowcock was the chief administrator at DFID when our airport was built. At that time Britain was known as a development aid 'super power' and the reputation of DFID as open, transparent and rigorously controlling aid expenditure was envied by other developed nations.

Lowcock left DFID to become Head of Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief at the United Nations between 2017 and 2021. He is currently Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of London and Vice President of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy. He is also a visiting professor in practice at the Department of International Development at the London School of Economics and Distinguished Non-Resident Fellow at the Centre for Global Development in Washington, DC.

He is highly respected, so when he says UK government spending on housing asylum seekers requires urgent investigation, people take notice. Lowcock points out, the budget for housing asylum seekers "has gone from £500m a year to about £4bn a year in a very short period, when I see things like that, my scam and scandal antennae start flashing red. Who is the Home Office giving all that money to?" Sir Mark said these figures reminded him of "the kinds of things we saw during the disastrous, pretty obviously corrupt scams during Covid."

He added, "Throwing money at [asylum costs] willy-nilly, with no proper process or control or understanding whether you're getting value for money – that's a really serious thing that the Treasury, the Cabinet Office and National Audit Office ought to be all over. Some people are making a killing from that massive increase to £4bn a year. That should all be subject to an urgent independent forensic audit. I think the results would not be pretty."

Earlier this month, a study by Transparency International UK uncovered corruption "red flags" in government Covid contracts worth more than £15billion. Senior Whitehall staff still in post revealed that attempts to recruit people with the necessary technical skills were still failing in early 2024. They found management staff who lacked the skills needed to carry out their roles properly. They also learned that only 60% of officials accountable for large-scale investments had received the necessary training.

Lowcock added, "Basic processes, like the requirement to get an independent annual review done of every major programme to assess whether it is on track, are simply not being carried out." In a book written with a former DFID colleague, Ranil Dissanayake, they state that expertise on spending and monitoring aid has been dismantled periodically since 2020, when the Dfid was placed inside the Foreign Office by Boris Johnson. "The result was, as intended, a comprehensive destruction of the structure, skills, accountability system and processes which had been fundamental to Dfid's ability to spend a large budget well to achieve the development outcomes ministers had decided to prioritise,"

Their damning assessment comes with aid groups warning



**Sir Mark Lowcock has seen his improvements at DFID squandered since Boris Johnson took it over as part of the Foreign Office**

last week that UK aid spending will fall to its lowest level since 2007 unless the government takes urgent action in the budget. While the previous government provided an extra £2.5bn over two years for the UK aid budget, the additional funding ends in April.

Lowcock and Dissanayake calculate that for the 18 countries in which Dfid had focused much of its anti-poverty effort, the volume of direct aid fell in real terms from £3.4bn in 2013-14 to £642m a decade later – a cut of more than 80%. A review of the government's approach to international development is already under way, ordered by the current foreign secretary, David Lammy.

## *The Rise and Fall of the Department for International Development*

**THE RISE AND FALL OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**  
MARK LOWCOCK · RANIL DISSANAYAKE

**Book launch**  
Thursday 21 November 2024 | 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
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**Mark Lowcock** Former Permanent Secretary DFID, 2011 to 2017  
**Ranil Dissanayake** Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development  
**James Putzel** Professor of Development Studies, LSE  
**Chair: Stuart Gordon** Professor of International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies, LSE

# **PUBLIC STATEMENT – INTERNAL SECURITY MEASURES TO SUPPORT SHG MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON BIOT MIGRANT COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

The Chief Minister has announced that SHG and the UK government (UKG) have reached a cooperation arrangement in relation to future migrants arriving on the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT)/Chagos Archipelago from 16 October 2024.

It was for the St Helena ministerial team alone to decide if they wished to offer the United Kingdom this arrangement. The Chief Minister has set out to the public the rationale for the decision.

The agreement will last for 18 months or until a UK agreement with Mauritius concerning the Chagos Archipelago comes into force. At that stage, Mauritius will take responsibility for any future arrivals.

Existing migrants on BIOT are not included in this arrangement. There have been no new arrivals since 2022.

A key element of the ministerial decision was confidence in the ability to safeguard the internal security of St Helena.

The Constitution sets out that the Governor has special responsibilities for internal security. The Governor does not however deliver this function alone. Under a ministerial form of government, the Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs has executive responsibility for several key aspects, not least border control and migration. Accordingly, in considering how internal security might be safeguarded, the Governor has closely consulted Minister Ellick and the wider ministerial team on the measures required.

The following has been agreed regarding the maintenance of internal security:

- The UKG has committed to not knowingly sending to St Helena any migrant who would be incompatible with St Helena's internal security provision.

- UKG, BIOT Administration and SHG will together pre-screen migrants. All migrants will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. SHG reserves to itself the right to refuse entry of any migrant.

- The UK accepts complete responsibility for the safety and lawfulness of relocating migrants from BIOT to St Helena. It has been a key principle that the Constitution of St Helena is upheld.

- UKG has undertaken to provide all necessary assistance for St Helena to receive any future migrants who arrive on BIOT.

- On their arrival, SHG will assume responsibility for the welfare of migrants. A key principle is that if migrants do arrive, it would not present a financial

burden to SHG. UKG will ensure St Helena has appropriate

capacity and capability to implement the agreement.

- If after arrival any migrant presents a danger to the security of St Helena, SHG reserves to itself a right to refuse continued residence. Should this event occur, the UKG will support the urgent removal of any identified individual.

SHG will not pre-emptively begin any infrastructure works for reception of migrants as it is not possible at this stage to judge what may be required. However, it does need to prepare for the eventuality that it may need to process migrant applications if migrants to arrive on BIOT during the period the agreement is in force. To this end, the UK Home Office will in the immediate future train SHG Border Control officers on processing claims should it be necessary.

As a further demonstration of UKG's intent to help St Helena protect its borders, the UK has also agreed to provide watchlist checks on behalf of St Helena of individuals intending to travel to the island. This check will allow SHG Border Control to make informed decisions on who to allow to enter St Helena.

And finally, both parties have agreed the arrangement may be terminated for any reason on six months' notice in writing.

**SHG**

**17 October 2024**

## ***Hotel General Manager***

Three-star hotel in centre of Jamestown requires a dedicated hospitality professional.

### **Duties include inter alia :**

- Oversee daily operations.
- Manage and Train staff.
- Oversee purchases and stock control.
- Oversee and control all the departments of the hotel.
- Event Management
- Develop budgets and control income and expenses.

### **Salary**

- Salary negotiable, depending on previous experience

### **Requirements:**

- Matric plus any relevant qualifications and or experience pertaining to the Hospitality Industry.
- Good administrative and numeric skills.
- Good interpersonal and communication skills.
- High computer literacy.
- Training, teaching and coaching skills .
- Excellent English.

Send CV to Hazel Wilmot -  
consulatesthelena@gmail.com

## SIDE PATH AND FIELD ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

Isaac's Contractors Ltd has successfully achieved a significant milestone in the ongoing infrastructure improvement project by completing the installation of all concrete panels at the junction of Field Road and Side Path Road.

This achievement marks a major step forward in enhancing the durability and safety of these vital thoroughfares.

The Field Road project is part of the £30m Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), funded by the UK Government.

Additional work remains before the roads can be reopened.



### POLICE APPEAL FOR INFORMATION FATAL ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISION

Royal St Helena Police (RSHP) are currently investigating a serious road traffic collision that occurred at the New Ground end of Sapper Way, St Pauls, on the morning of Saturday 12 October 2024. As a result of this accident, sadly an adult female lost her life.

RSHP would like to express their condolences to the family of the deceased and any persons affected by this incident. The lower section of Sapper Way remains closed to through traffic until further notice. Access to Sapper Way is only possible via the Model Cottage junction.

Police are appealing for any persons who may have witnessed the incident.

If anyone has any information which may assist with this investigation, regardless of how minor it may seem, please contact the police on 22626 or via email at [cid@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:cid@sainthelena.gov.sh).

**#StHelena #RSHP #AppealForInformation**

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**13 October 2024**



### Women's Corona Society

The Women's Corona Society, St Helena Branch announces that DVD and USB Flash Drives of their 70th Anniversary Celebrations 2023, are now available for sale from Mr Ivan Gough Tele No. 24315 email: [ivancgough@gmail.com](mailto:ivancgough@gmail.com)

DVD (single disc) £25 each and USB Flash Drive 16GB £17 each. These make lovely gifts/keep-sakes. We trust all who have had links with Corona over the years, will happily purchase.

**Thank You.**

# Footie Goss.....

**Real Madrid prioritise signing Liverpool's Trent Alexander-Arnold, Liverpool and Man City chase Nicolò Barella, Arsenal monitor Benjamin Sesko.**

**Real Madrid** have made **Liverpool** and England defender Trent Alexander-Arnold, 26, a priority target **Liverpool** and **Manchester City** are interested in **Inter Milan's** Nicolò Barella, 27, but the Italy midfielder is also on the radar of **Real Madrid** and **Atletico Madrid**.

**Arsenal** are following the progress of **Red Bull Salzburg** and Slovenia forward Benjamin Sesko, 21, as they begin to plan for next summer's transfer window.

**Crystal Palace** are not willing to entertain any offers for 26-year-old Senegal forward Ismaila Sarr in January.

**Manchester United** have added Turkey boss and former Italy striker Vincenzo Montella, 50, to their shortlist of potential candidates to replace Dutch boss Erik ten Hag, 54, at Old Trafford.

Ten Hag will have to oversee an immediate improvement in results and performances at **Manchester United** if he is to keep his job beyond the next international break.

**Manchester United** are lining up midfield replacements for Denmark international Christian Eriksen, 32, as well as Brazil international Casemiro, 32.

**United** are also clear favourites to sign Netherlands midfielder Frenkie de Jong, 27, if he leaves **Barcelona** next summer.

**Real Madrid** are considering a January move for 18-year-old England youth international Josh Acheampong, with **Liverpool**, **Newcastle** and **Tottenham** also interested in the **Chelsea** right-back.



**Joshua Kofi Acheampong is an English professional footballer who plays as a defender for Premier League club Chelsea. He has represented England as a youth international at multiple levels**

**Crystal Palace** are eyeing David Moyes, 61, to replace manager Oliver Glasner, 50, after a poor start to the Premier League season.

Thomas Tuchel's appointment as England manager has boosted **Newcastle's** hopes of signing England and **Crystal Palace** defender Marc Guehi, 24, with Eddie Howe now more likely to remain at St James' Park.

**Liverpool** are in advanced talks with **Sevilla** over a deal for French 24-year-old defender Loic Bade.

**Newcastle United** midfielder Isaac Hayden, 29, has agreed to represent Jamaica at international level, having previously played for England at every age group up from under-16s to under-21s.

Saturday 19th October			
Tottenham Hotspur	12:30	West Ham United	
Fulham	15:00	Aston Villa	
Ipswich Town	15:00	Everton	
Manchester United	15:00	Brentford	
Newcastle United	15:00	Brighton & Hove Albion	
Southampton	15:00	Leicester City	
AFC Bournemouth	17:30	Arsenal	
Sunday 20th October			
Wolverhampton Wanderers	14:00	Manchester City	
Liverpool	16:30	Chelsea	
Monday 21st October			
Nottingham Forest	20:00	Crystal Palace	

# Cricket . . . The Intensity Increases



So what has St Helena Cricket been doing with all of their training sessions?

The sessions are split and now up to 3 times per week.

On a Tuesday it's normally a high intensity session with fitness and fielding drills.

On Thursdays the afternoon starts with a middle session with seamers and batsmen having turns in the open and everyone else fielding.

Training then transfers indoors where spin bowlers bowl to rotating batsmen and the remainder undertakes a number of fitness circuits which vary from session to session.

All of these are team training sessions and on top of this smaller groups of up to four take place separately on different days of the week, some starting at 7am on a Saturday and are aimed at honing in on the players individual needs and

gives one on one training with the coach as they all prepare for the challenge.

Over the coming weeks, apart from keeping you up to date with our news we will focus on our training and interviews with players and others connected with cricket.

**From St Helena Cricket**

