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Christmas In Antarctica: White Christmas Guaranteed

British Antarctic Survey (BAS) staff working on the frozen continent are preparing to celebrate the festive season in style. Nearly 300 researchers, engineers, crew and support staff, located across five research stations and on board the RRS Sir David Attenborough, are guaranteed a white Christmas complete with snow, ice and penguins.

The festive period in Antarctica is often the busiest part of the field season, when station operations and science projects are in full swing. Some will celebrate with station and ship colleagues whilst others will be living under canvas in the 'deep field'.

Rothera Research Station, Adelaide Island, Antarctic Peninsula

At Rothera Research Station, December marks the busiest time of year. As the UK's largest research station, around 150 people will come together for Christmas movies, mince pie making and gingerbread decorating alongside the vital research and operations in the deep field. For many people, it's work as normal. A meteorological balloon will be launched as usual, the marine divers will head into the bay to collect specimens and if the weather's good the pilots will fly to deploy or collect researchers and their teams from the deep field.



Some of the team at Rothera Research Station preparing mince pies for the festive season

The Rothera team is bigger this year as additional construction staff work on the ambitious station modernisation, currently working on the new 100+ room Discovery Building, a facility to house all the operations functions. It is due for completion and handover in early 2025. Having decorated the station for the festive period, the team will also be running the annual Christmas Door Competition where wreaths are fashioned from recycled rubbish, and origami stars and penguins are made out of old paper. Most staff will try to take part of Christmas Day to relax, taking the time to enjoy a traditional

Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, as well as sports like football and rounders. With almost 24 hours of sunlight at this time of year in Antarctica, there's plenty of time to get involved with the festivities!

A number of staff will also be spending the season deployed out in the Antarctic wilderness, including the field stations Sky-Blu and Fossil Bluff, doing their science research and providing essential air operations and re-fuelling aircraft.

Read about the projects happening this year on the frozen continent in the [Science Summaries booklet](#)

UK Tap Water Now a Health Risk

The safety of tap water in the UK could be at risk because water companies are unable to use products to clean it, industry insiders have said, as all the laboratories that test and certify the chemicals have shut down.

UK rules mean products cannot be tested abroad; they have to be tested in the country in a certified lab, of which there are now none.

If companies are unable to keep contaminants out of the water supply, it can cause a danger to health. This year, thousands of people in Devon became unwell after the cryptosporidium parasite was detected in the supply. Schools and businesses had to temporarily close and it negatively affected the local economy. Some households had to boil their tap water for a month to remove the contaminant.

Laboratories have to be regulation 31 certified, meaning they carry out all the tests on chemicals, pipes or other items to a certain standard. There used to be three such laboratories in the UK, but since 2021 there have been none as they all shut down because they are expensive to run.

This means new products cannot be tested or used to clean water, and that products that have to be retested every five years also cannot be approved. Whistleblowers at water companies have said this “limits the availability of products in the market which both risks safety and reduces competition, which will drive up prices and reduce service quality”. There is a backlog of dozens of products awaiting testing.

More Trouble in the Water

Britain’s biggest water supplier reports 40% increase in pollution incidents, blaming a wet spring and summer. Thames Water has said it will run out of cash by next March if it fails to secure a £3bn financial lifeline, as it admitted its sewage spills had risen sharply. Britain’s biggest water supplier said on Tuesday that all of its funds may be “exhausted” if it failed to secure the emergency funding from its creditors, putting it at risk of temporary nationalisation. The heavily indebted company recorded a 40% increase in the number of pollution incidents in the six months to 30 September. Thames reported 359 category one to three pollution incidents in that period, blaming an especially wet spring and summer.

The industry has faced public outcry over sewage spills into seas and waterways. The Thames Water chief executive, Chris Weston, said that after “record rainfall and groundwater levels in our region, pollution and spills are unfortunately up”.

Thames faces two critical court dates, on 17 December and 20 January, in order to secure approval for the money – referred to as a “liquidity extension” – which some creditors have already agreed to lend.

Dog Trained to Sniff Out UK Tree Disease

Sniffer dogs are usually found looking for contraband at airports and train stations, but the UK government is now dispatching trained hounds to find forest-harming pests.

A dog has been used for the first time in the UK to successfully identify tree disease. Researchers from Forest Research used a trained spanador – a cocker spaniel labrador cross – to find the tree pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*.

Six-year-old Ivor the dog achieved a 89% successful first-time detection rate of the pest. This is an important finding as the disease is a menace to UK forests; spread by rain, the fungal-like organism causes the death of a wide range of trees and shrubs and has led to thousands of hectares of felling around the UK.

Dr Heather Dun, a pathologist at Forest Research, said: “The results from the trials have been incredibly encouraging, with a first-time 89% detection rate highlighting the huge potential of dogs in our fight against pests and diseases.” “Biosecurity is incredibly important and detection dogs like Ivor are an exciting new method for helping to protect our trees.”



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Optometry optimised in eye-opening new service

A complaint that has been made in the past often went along these lines, “The Directorate should conduct customer satisfaction surveys to get people's opinion on what services they're happy with and what needs improving. What about the Optician's service, as allegedly a huge proportion of the public are not happy with that service.” That is a quote from a letter to the Independent published a few years ago. It often seemed to be the departure of the optician was formally announced but the arrival and how to book an appointment was not. Things are now starting to change.



Stephanie van Dyke, leader of the eye care team

Optometrist Stephanie van Dyke arrived here on 30th November with colleagues from Spectacle Warehouse. Their purpose was an investigatory first visit for offering eye care in St Helena. They were here until Tuesday this week finding out how best to set up their ‘travelling’ service and at the same time worked through 100 consultations. It is a travelling service because all the specialist apparatus was brought in for the visit. Readers who have had their eyes tested overseas will have recognised some advanced testing equipment and smaller, hand-held tools. There was also a wide range of frames to choose from.

One part of the outpatients' clinic was devoted to eye care tests and diagnosis. There were about four testing areas with three optometrists working on what appeared to be different specialist examinations. There was around six people being attended to at the same time but in different testing areas by the specialists. No one seemed to wait too long to be called for treatment. An eye surgeon was also available if required.

The next visit is planned for March 2025. Unusually, that is three months' notice for an appointment. Having completed the investigatory/organisational work during the first visit, it is expected that up to 200 patients requiring eye care will be accommodated during future visits. The intention is to have four visits a year though a contract with Spectacle Warehouse. The contract details are not yet finalised.



Spectacle Warehouse is a well-established optometry business in South Africa. They have branches in Cape Town, Pretoria, Weltevreden and Claremont. They also have a large reputation, having won an award for two years running.

Another advantage of the new service is that prescribed spectacles should be ready for collection by the patient in about 2 to 3 weeks after the final appointment.

The appointment of Spectacle Warehouse for eye care services follows a developing trend where South African medical specialists are contracted by our Health Service because they are often quicker, cheaper, and at least as good as similar services obtained from the UK. The never-ending recruitment problem does not arise when medical care contracts can be organised in this way.



Spectacle Warehouse - Optometry Clinic of the Year, 2024-25 and 2023-24

Pace Quickens for Overseas Medical Referrals

The backlog in overseas medical referrals was a negotiating point when the St Helena, UK and possibly the Mauritian governments discussed the Chagos Islands migrant deal. An announcement last week said the first group of medical referrals are already in South Africa for much needed treatment. It is said that about 50 patients requiring critical overseas medical treatment will be cleared from the list of people awaiting treatment overseas.

An ongoing plan is being worked on to co-ordinate the various treatments required. Individual cases are being prioritised according to urgency of treatment, access to specialist treatment and other necessary resources. It is anticipated that over the next 9 to 12 months all patients identified for treatment from this special, one-off funding will have been referred overseas for specialist treatment.

At the same time, opportunities to increase the range of specialist treatment available on-Island continues. Recently there have been successful joint replacement surgeries and a urology specialist visited St Helena a few weeks ago. If the range of on-Island specialist treatment can be increased it will avoid some of the requirement for overseas medical referrals and the higher costs associated with them.

Malaria Victims – Some Good News

We all know that two unlucky members of the St Helena cricket team returned from Nigeria showing symptoms of malaria. The disease carried by malarial mosquitoes appears not to have affected any other team members who were tested for malaria the day after returning to St Helena. The two who showed symptoms were sent straight to hospital after arriving last Saturday.

Meaningful information from the Castle is non-existent. A cloak of secrecy surrounds the two malaria victims on the grounds of ‘confidentiality’ in cases of any individual’s medical history or current condition. However, the widespread public discussion on these two cases makes any attempt at secrecy in order to protect the identities of the people concerned ineffective.

Our sympathy goes out to the two victims of this disease and their families. Malaria has unpleasant symptoms which include fever (this is the most common symptom), chills, headache, sweats, fatigue, nausea and vomiting, body aches and generally feeling sick. Treatment for malaria

usually involves prescription drugs that kill the parasite causing the disease. There are different parasites causing different types of malaria and the right drug needs to be used to kill the parasite in question. Also, there are some parasites which have become resistant to some of the drugs used.

The Independent has learned that the malaria disease is now under control and the two victims have been discharged from hospital. However, while other members of the cricket team and the officials have been tested it is not impossible that further cases may come to light as the incubation period is very variable.

People are reminded only those who have recently



Malaria Victims – Some Good News

travelled to malaria-endemic areas can be affected; the infection cannot be spread on the island as there are no mosquitoes here of the type that can carry malaria.

In South Africa, the high-risk area for malaria is on the borders with Zimbabwe and Mozambique. The rest of South Africa is low to no risk.

Apart from malaria, there are five other common diseases carried by mosquitoes which affect communities in Africa. They are; chikungunya, dengue, West Nile, yellow fever and Zika viruses. For other countries in Africa, it is best to obtain information from a reliable online website on the risk of any mosquito-borne virus.



David Ballantyne reading the Commonwealth Day Messages in March this year (SHG)

held the post for eight years. Before him, David Jeremiah was in post for six years and before that, Alan Hoole for five years. Since Ken Baddon's departure, most attorney generals have held the job for two years or less. Their time in office being interspersed with acting attorney general's.

Finding a new recruit for the job of attorney general, St Helena, is never easy. A scramble can be foreseen to find a suitable person before David Ballantyne heads off to the airport for the last time. It may be that an acting attorney general is appointed. None of this disruption can be seen as helping to improve the stability and efficiency of the Attorney General's Chambers.

Mr Ballantyne's farewell speech did contain some good news. After two years without a commercial lawyer in the attorney general's chambers, there will soon be two. One commercial lawyer is already in place, a second will join the chambers in February. The February arrival is described as having an impressive career record. He has experience of working in rural environments and looks upon his appointment in St Helena as 'an opportunity of a lifetime'. The new recruit, like Mr Ballantyne, is a fellow Scot. The retiring attorney general set great store in having not one, but two, commercial lawyers on the chamber's team.

Mr Ballantyne also announced what appears to be the beginnings of a long-awaited legislative

Attorney General Resigns

The Attorney General, David Ballantyne, announced his resignation at last Friday's Legislative Council. He told ministers, councillors and officers that upholding the position of attorney general had become 'progressively untenable' and that the role was 'unsustainable'. He gave no further explanation for these comments. While not giving the date when he will retire, he did say he expected the Legco on 6th December to be his last.

Mr Ballantyne was appointed on 3rd May 2023 for a period of two years. It seems he will be resigning about four months early.

Attorney generals have retained the position for shorter periods than previously. The longest service attorney general was Ken Baddon who

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programme. A long list of proposed legislation was considered by Executive Council where a decision had to be made on which of those on the list would have priority.

1. Legislation on cyber crime was the first to be mentioned as important.
2. Next was updating sexual offences legislation to make it fit for the 21st century
3. Amendment to the Road Traffic Ordinance was considered urgent so that the permissible level of alcohol when driving a vehicle could be reduced.
4. Vetting drivers of public service vehicles was next, together with updated PSV vehicle regulations.
5. Merchant Shipping legislation is also urgent; compliance with international regulations is now pressing.
6. Also considered urgent is capping costs of litigation. Comparisons with UK costs is not considered realistic. Costs matching St Helena's Public Solicitors' Office is thought more appropriate.
7. Next and last on the priority list is formalising the duty of care in our Health Service. The ever-present limits on health budgets and recruitment of healthcare professionals need to be recognised and reflected in either policy or legislation when defining limits on the duty of care.

No doubt some of the seven priorities for Bills presented to Legislative Council will be the subject of public debate.



St Helenian, Staff Sergeant James Peters, of the Royal Army Physical Training Corps received a 2* star commendation and was listed in His Majesty the King's honours and awards for 2024.



Darren McLean Has Been There and Done That – Almost

Australian, Darren McLean flew out on Tuesday after spending a week in St Helena. He's coming to the end of his mission to visit the world's 251 countries and territories. Darren McLean's website, *taste2travel.com*, tells us he has visited 242 of the 251 destinations. Since his last website update, he has visited the Falkands and St Helena, so there is more updating to be done. That leaves seven to go. Of these, four are in Africa – Sudan, Central African Republic, Republic of the Congo and Liberia. These countries can suffer civil unrest or civil war so they are being left until quieter times prevail. Ascension and Tristan da Cunha are also to be visited. That leaves one more. Perhaps he will tell us on his website which one that is.



Darren McLean, seemed quite happy in the Standard

What will Darren do when he has crossed the last county or territory off his list? That is a decision still to be made. The beaches in Thailand are great, he says. He has been travelling around for several years. He has no home, he sold that. He has no job; he gave up working for a living. He says he decided to get his money working for him instead of him working for money. As a consultant in techno-wizardry, he says he was very much overpaid and saved a lot if it. After studying finance, he decided to invest in shares. The dividends from shares keep him on the road, the planes, the ships and rented cars – and in hotels.

Travelling all the time does not put anyone beyond the reach of tiresome regulations. The pages in his Australian passport are almost all used up. The South African immigration officials told him he needed more unused pages to make his passport valid. Section 2 (1) (d) of the South African Immigration

Regulations say that everyone needs at least two unused pages 'when presented for purposes of endorsing a port of entry visa, visa, permanent residence permit or entry or departure stamp'. Darren McLean has less than two pages but somehow managed to get out of South Africa to come here. No doubt the same discussions and negotiations will be repeated now he has flown back to South Africa.

The real bitch in all of this is The Australian passport that Darren needs costs £200. They don't issue a bumper 64-page passport anymore, just the 32-page passport. If the pages get filled up with visa, arrival and a departure stamps, Australians have to re-apply for another passport. The passport will only be valid to the same date as passport that has all the pages (except the last two) filled up but will cost a further £125. For this reason, Darren has to fly from Jo'burg to Paris to join the other Aussies in the queue who are enquiring about re-issued passports. I'm sure Darren will head off to the beaches of Thailand soon after that, stay put in one place and catch up with the friends he has there.

What did Darren think of St Helena? He was amazed at the changes in the weather, not just according to the time of day, also how the weather changes according to what side of a ridge you might be on. Also noted was the varied vegetation alongside the local weather variances. He climbed Jacob's Ladder and was fascinated by the red billed tropic bird and their chicks on the cliffs. But he thought Jamestown looked 'run-down'. "Is there a lack of civic pride", he asked. "No", was the reply, "but a lack of money, as well as political commitment to conserving historic structures and promoting strategically planned development as the foundation of economic development."

The Ministerial System and Governance – How We Doing?

The new ministerial system is now in its final year before the next general election is due. Has the new system improved the way government does its job? Is there more transparency in decision-making? Does everyone involved know what their role in government is? Are people happy with the way things are going?



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Legislative Council decided to commission a review of governance and the ministerial system; the reviewers are now coming to the end of their two weeks on the Island. They have been very busy talking to all kinds of people in face-to-face or group meetings and there was a public meeting at Half Tree Hollow Community Centre on Wednesday. A general summary of the feedback from the public meeting is that the ministerial system is developing more or less OK, but there is still more development needed. On wider governance issues, some issues raised were in the 'could do better' category.

The Review Panel consists of Dr Ronan Cormacain, Mr Steven Tweedie and Lord Robert Lisvane. They are working with the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, a highly respected institution who describe their work as helping to make countries' political systems fairer, more inclusive, and more accountable. They do this by working with parliaments, political parties, electoral bodies and civil society. They operate directly in more than 30 countries and territories across the world. Themes the Westminster Foundation are actively working on include accountability and transparency, elections, participation and openness, inclusion, environmental democracy, and women's political leadership.

In St Helena the spotlight is on the structure of government, the ministerial system and the division of responsibilities between the different branches of government. This includes the Governor, Executive Council, Legislative Council, and the Public Service. The working relationship between SHG and the UK Government must also, inevitably, be included in the mix.

The structure of our government gets unavoidably complicated because it is not only SHG that is involved. The UK Government has a significant say in high-level decisions if only because so much of total government spending is paid for by the UK. The position of Governor can be a bit quirky too. Sometimes the Governor must feel a bit like 'piggy-in-the-middle', with St Helena ministers, councillors and senior government officers taking up positions on a hot topic and the UK Government sometimes watching closely how a hot topic develops.

The St Helena structure always has more than one decision-making institution able to influence decisions and this will not change in our lifetimes. This situation makes openness and transparency a bigger challenge for those who genuinely want to see more of it. This situation also provides a convenient excuse for secrecy and opacity for those who do not.

A report will be published early in the new year by the Westminster Foundation reviewers on their findings while here for the last two weeks.

SOLOMON & COMPANY Christmas Opening Hours



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Greenlands Tele: 22137	9am-6pm	9am-4pm 6:30-8:30pm	CLOSED	9am-6pm	9am-8:30pm	9am-6pm	9am-4pm 6:30-8:30pm	CLOSED	9am-7pm	9am-1pm 5-9pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED	9am-1pm
DIY Store Tele: 22104	8am-6pm	9am-4pm 6:30-8:30pm	CLOSED	8am-6pm	8am-5pm	8am-6pm	9am-4pm 6:30-8:30pm	CLOSED	8am-7pm	9am-1pm 5-9pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED	9am-1pm
Special Orders Tele: 22059	8am-4pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED	8am-4pm	8am-1pm	8am-4pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED	8am-4pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
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Half Tree Hollow Supermarket Tele: 23559	9am-6pm	9am-5:30pm	10am-1pm	9am-6pm	9am-5pm	9am-6pm	9am-5:30pm	10am-1pm	9am-7pm	9am-4:30pm	9am-1pm BREAD ON SALE	9am-1pm	10am-1pm	9am-1pm BREAD ON SALE
Half Tree Hollow Hardware Tele: 23225	8:30am-6pm	9am-5:30pm	10am-1pm	8:30am-6pm	8:30am-5pm	8:30am-6pm	9am-5:30pm	10am-1pm	8:30am-7pm	8:30am-4:30pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED	9am-1pm
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Cash Office Tele: 22380	9am-3pm	9am-12noon	CLOSED	9am-3pm	9am-12noon	9am-3pm	9am-12noon	CLOSED	9am-3pm	9am-12noon	9am-12noon	9am-12noon	CLOSED	9am-12noon
Shipping & Travel Tele: 22523	8am-3pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	8am-3pm	8am-3pm	8am-3pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	8am-3pm	9am-12noon	9am-12noon	Airport Office Only	CLOSED	CLOSED
Insurance Agency Tele: 22682	9am-3pm	9am-12noon	CLOSED	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-12noon	CLOSED	9am-3pm	9am-12noon	9am-12noon	9am-12noon	CLOSED	9am-12noon

All Outlets will be closed during the Public Holidays; Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 December 2024 and Wednesday 1 January 2025 and also on Monday 30 December 2024
Normal Opening Hours will resume on Thursday 2 January 2025

THE ROCK The Rock Christian Fellowship Presents:

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 Venue: The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre,
 Longwood Avenue
 Time: 3:00pm



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Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 15th December 2024 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist/Baptism	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
5.00 p.m.	Family Christmas Worship and Praise/Church Parade	Cathedral

The Parish of St James

Sunday 15th December 2024 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
7.00 p.m.	O Come Emmanuel	St James
	Thursday 19th December 2024	
7.00 p.m.	Youth Christmas Worship and Praise/Church Parade	St James

The Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 15th December 2024 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	Barnabas, Levelwood
	Tuesday 17th December 2024	
7.00 p.m.	O Come Emmanuel	St Mark



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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ENRP ASSET FOR LICENSING

ANRD wishes to advise the public that the poultry unit at Farm Buildings will be available for licensing from January 2025.

The unit has recently been renovated but is not fitted with equipment or fittings but can be used for egg and or chick production.

It is likely that a quantity of stock (layers) can be made available to the successful Tenant in February 2025.

Interested persons should contact the Livestock Services Officer or the Farmers Support Officer if they wish to have a site visit to the unit, or if further information is required.

Application forms can be collected from the Reception at ENRP Office or by contacting the Livestock Services Officer at ken.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh or the Farmers Support Assistant at martina.leo@sainthelena.gov.sh respectively.

Closing date for application is 10 January 2025 at 16:00.



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 available.

**Contact George Stevens, Silveroak Sapperway on telephone 24333 for further information.
Price £8.5K.**

DECEMBER OPENING HOURS

Main Branch

Monday - Friday	08:45 - 15:00
Saturday	09:00 - 12:00

Airport Kiosk

Flight days only	10:30 - 14:30
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Remote Banking

HTH Supermarket	<i>Closed for December</i>	
Longwood Enterprise Park	Friday, 20 December	09:30 - 14:00



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CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS 2024

	Grocery Shop	Tinkers	Wholesale Store	Emporium
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Tuesday 17 th	8 am - 6 pm	9 am - 6 pm	9 am - 4.45 pm	8 am - 6 pm
Wednesday 18 th	8 am - 9 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 12.45 pm	8 am - 5 pm
Thursday 19 th	8 am - 6 pm	9 am - 6 pm	9 am - 4.45 pm	8 am - 6 pm
Friday 20 th	8 am - 8 pm	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 4.45 pm	8 am - 8 pm
Saturday 21 st	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 3.45 pm	9 am - 8 pm
Sunday 22 nd	9 am - 1 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Monday 23 rd	8 am - 6 pm	9 am - 6 pm	9 am - 4.45 pm	8 am - 6 pm
Tuesday 24 th	9 am - 3 pm 7 pm - 9 pm	9 am - 3 pm 7 pm - 9 pm	9 am - 2.45 pm	9 am - 3 pm 7 pm - 9 pm
Wed 25, Thurs 26, Fri 27	Closed			
Saturday 28 th	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 12.45 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Sunday 29 th	Closed			
Monday 30 th	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 12.45 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Tuesday 31 st	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 12.45 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Thursday 2 nd Jan 2025	Back to normal			

We wish all our customers a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year!

SHG SERVICES OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES: FESTIVE PERIOD 2024/25

All SHG Portfolios/services will be closed on 25 and 26 December 2024 and 1 January 2025. Details of opening hours between 24 and 31 December 2024 are shown below. Normal business will resume on 2 January 2025 unless otherwise stated.

SHG Directorate	Service	Details
Central Support Service	Castle Reception	Open from 08:30-12:00 on 24, 27, 30 and 31 December.
	The Archives Judicial Services	Both services will close from 12:30 on 23 December.
Treasury	Post and Customer Services Centre	Open from 08:45 – 12:00 on 24, 27, 30 and 31 December.
	Social Security Office	Normal working hours up to 23 December. Open from 08:30 – 12:00 24 December. Closed on 27, 30 and 31 December.
	Income Tax Office	Closed from 16:00 on 23 December.
Economic Development	Land Registry Office	Closed from 16:00 on 23 December.
	Housing Section	Will be closed from 12:00 on 24 December. On call services will be provided for emergency repairs only that are the Landlord's responsibility (as specified in Government Landlord Responsibilities). Contact Details: Plumber 62235 Electrician 62236
	Civil Aviation	Closed from 16:00 on 20 December. Officer on call can be contacted on mobile number 51461/ 51936 in the event of an emergency.
	Tourist Office	Open from 08:30 – 12:00 on 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 30 and 31 December.
Education, Skills and Employment	St Helena Research Institute, Careers Access St Helena	Closed from 16:00 on Friday 20 December.
	Administration	Closed from 16:00 on 20 December. Enquiries can be made to Angela Benjamin on 24544 or 62331.
	Public Library	Closed from Saturday, 21 December at 13:00.
	All Schools	All schools will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Monday 16 December and will re-open on Tuesday 14 January 2025 which is the first teaching day.
Environment, Natural Resources and Planning	Planning Office, Essex House & Scotland Offices	Closed from 16:00 on Monday, 23 December.
	Veterinary Service	Veterinary Emergency calls – 26162.
	Forestry Service	Forestry calls Emergency Calls 65394 or 24202.
	Waste Management	Domestic & Commercial Waste Collection and Disposal: All domestic and commercial waste collection and disposal services throughout December to 2 January 2025 will remain unchanged. Issues: please contact

		Shane Williams – Waste Management Services Supervisor – Mobile 66380 (AM only).
	Marine Centre	Closed from 16:00 on Friday 20 December and re-opens on Monday, 6 January 2025.
	Marine Enforcement	Closed from 13:00 on 24 December but will open on 28 December. Enquiries outside of opening hours call 64642.
Health and Social Care	Administration and Environmental Health Services	Closed from 16:00 on Monday 23 December. Staff on call contactable via the Hospital Switchboard 22500.
	Mental Health, Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy Services	Open on 24 December from 08:30- 12:00. Closed on 27 and 30 December. Open on 31 December from 08:30 – 12:00.
	Dental Clinic	Open from 08:30-16:00 24 December. Note: Persons experiencing dental pain during the period 25 December 2024 to 1 January 2025, should attend the Emergency Department at the General Hospital, where they will be triaged using the traffic light system.
	Pharmacy & Lab Services	Normal working hours
	Doctor's clinics	Jamestown Outpatient Clinic – 24, 27, 30 and 31 December - Normal working hours for pre-booked appointments. Half Tree Hollow Clinic – 27 and 30 December – Normal working hours.
	Community Nursing Service	Jamestown Outpatient Clinic – 24, 27, 30 and 31 December – Normal working hours. Half Tree Hollow Clinic – 27 and 30 December – Normal working hours. Essential Community Nursing services, including Home Visits & Palliative Care will be conducted as required.
	Probation, Children and Adults Social Care Services	24, 27, 30 and 31 December 2024 – Normal working hours.
Safety, Security and Home Affairs	Port Control	Will be open from 08:30 to 12:00 on 24, 27 and 31 December and from 08:30-16:00 on 30 December. Emergencies Only: Contact outside normal working hours. On-call phone 61827, Emergencies: 999 or VHF 16.
	Sea Rescue	Open on 27, 30 and 31 December from 08:00-12:00. For an Emergency response please contact the JESCC on 999 or St Helena Radio on VHF channel 16.
	Emergency Planning	For an Emergency response please contact the JESCC on 22626.
	Immigration Office	Please contact the on call Immigration Officer on mobile No 51442 should you have an immigration query outside of the opening hours.
	Customs	Closed from 24 December. An officer will be on call during this time.
	HM Prison	HM Prison remains operational during the festive period. However, there will be no social visits on 25 & 26 December and 1 January 2025.
	Royal St Helena Police and Fire and Rescue Services	For any emergencies call telephone number 999, for non-emergencies call 22626. Fire & Rescue Service offices closed on 27, 30 & 31 December.

We hope you enjoy the holidays and we wish you all the best for the Festive Season

Susan O'Bey
Chief Secretary

Route 3 – Half Tree Hollow & St Pauls – Jamestown

	Every Day			Monday to Friday		Monday to Saturday	Friday and Saturday
White Gate	07:20	13:50	19:50		15:45	09:05**	21:45
Scotland	07:23	13:53	19:53				
Rosemary Plain	07:28	13:58	19:58				
Cleugh's Plain	07:31	14:01	20:01				
New Ground	07:33	14:04	20:04				
Cape Villa via Sapper Way	07:36	14:07	20:07				
Ebony View	07:40	14:10	20:10				
White Wall	07:41	14:11	20:11	08:04	15:48	09:08	21:47
Salvation Army Hall	07:42	14:12	20:12	08:05	15:49	09:09	21:48
Cow Path	07:43	14:13	20:13	08:07		09:10	21:50
Community Centre HTH	07:44	14:14	20:14	08:10	15:51	09:11	21:52
Community Care Complex	07:46	14:16	20:16	08:13	15:53	09:14	21:53
Hospital	07:51	14:21	20:21		15:57		
Grand Parade	07:53	14:23	20:23	08:22*	16:00	09:22	21:58

* Service starts at Grand Parade at 07:54 then to White Gate

** Service calls at Thompson's Hill on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Route 4 – Sandy Bay – Jamestown

	Mondays	Fridays & Saturdays
Sandy Bay Chapel	09:45	09:00
Green Hill	By Request	By Request
White Gate *	09:57	09:12
HTH Clinic	10:00	09:15
Ladder Hill		09:18
Jamestown Grand Parade		09:24

* When bus travels to Green Hill, subsequent times will be 5 minutes later

Route 4 – Jamestown – Sandy Bay

	Mondays	Fridays & Saturdays
Jamestown Grand Parade		13:30
Ladder Hill		13:36
HTH Clinic	12:00	13:39
White Gate	12:03	13:42
Green Hill	By Request	
Sandy Bay Chapel	12:15	13:57

Route 3 – Jamestown - Half Tree Hollow & St Pauls

	Every Day			Monday to Friday	Monday to Saturday	Saturday to Sunday
Grand Parade	08:25	15:01	20:58	16:10	13:00	02:40
Hospital	08:26	15:03	21:00		13:05	
Community Care Complex	08:30	15:07	21:04	16:15	13:09	01:46
Community Centre HTH	08:33	15:09	21:06	16:18	13:11	01:48
Cow Path	08:34	15:10	21:07	16:19	13:13	01:40
Salvation Army Hall	08:35	15:12	21:08	16:21	13:15	01:51
White Wall	08:37	15:13	21:09	16:23	13:17	01:52
Ebony View	08:38	15:14	21:10		13:18	01:53
Cape Villa via Sapper Way	08:42	15:16	21:13			
New Ground	08:45	15:20	21:16		13:20	01:55
Cleugh's Plain	08:48	15:22	21:19		13:23	01:58
Rosemary Plain	08:53	15:26	21:23		13:28	02:02
Thompson's Hill	08:56*				13:35*	
Scotland	08:58	15:31	21:27		13:37	02:08
White Gate	09:02	15:35	21:31	16:27	13:40	02:11

* Bus calls at Thompson's Hill on Tuesdays and Thursdays only

Route 4 - Blue Hill - Jamestown

Route 4 – Jamestown – Blue Hill

Last Thursday of Every Month

Last Thursday of Every Month

HTH Clinic	08:25	Jamestown Grand Parade	13:00
White Gate	08:28	Ladder Hill	13:06
Head O' Wain	08:48	HTH Clinic	13:08
Thompson's Wood	09:02	White Gate	13:11
Barren Ground	09:10	Head O' Wain	13:31
Blue Hill Community Centre	09:15	Thompson's Wood	13:55
White Gate	09:35	Blue Hill Community Centre	14:00
HTH Clinic	09:38	Barren Ground	14:05
Ladder Hill	09:40	White Gate	14:27
Jamestown Grand Parade	09:46	HTH Clinic	14:30

VACANCY ADVERT



The St Helena Airport is looking to recruit person for the following post: Business Manager effective 1 April 2025.

We are seeking a detail-oriented, thorough, and organized individual to plan, organise, and supervise the financial, and administrative activities of St Helena Airport Limited (SHAL).

Applicants must be in possession of the following:

- Part qualified membership of a relevant professional body such as CIPD, CMI, ACCA, CIPS, (NVQ-4) or demonstrated relevant experience Accounting Technician Qualification or equivalent
- At least five years relevant workplace experience, with at least three years' experience at management level.
- Significant and demonstrable business planning, HR and financial management experience.
- Experience of managing staff and working in diverse teams.
- Strong interpersonal skills to form effective working relationships with people at all levels
- Experience in the use of accounting software.
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Applicants must be of a professional manner and also be able to provide the following:

- A full medical assessment
- A 5-year verifiable employment history check and be able to show proof for periods of unemployment in accordance with the Overseas Territories Aviation Requirement (OTAR)
- 178.
- Pass a Narcotic and Alcohol test
- A Criminal Background Check.

For more information and if you would like to receive an application form, please contact Tavonga Chikwenhere, Business Manager, on email recruitment@sthelenaairport.aero or on Telephone number 25180 Ext 128.

The closing date for this position is 10 January 2025.

Godfathers Rock Club Entertainment for December 2024

Saturday 21st December

Xmas Ball. Open to the public from 9.30 with music by DJ KJ. There will also be a bar extension.

Friday 27th December

Bar open to the public with music by Melvin and John Coleman

Tuesday 31st December

Old Years Nite with music by KJ and a bar extension.

Melvin and staff would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year and wish you all a merry xmas and a prosperous New Year.



PROPERTY FOR SALE

2 BEDROOM REFURBISHED
Semi detached BUNGALOW
Barrack sq, Jamestown
WITH VACANT PROCESSION
£130,000 open to sensible offers.

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or phone 22893



PRESS RELEASE
Electricity Standing Charge on Empty Properties

Connect Saint Helena Ltd would like to make customers aware that the Utilities Regulatory Authority has approved that an electricity standing charge will apply to empty properties with effect from 1 December 2024.

This standing charge will not affect the majority of our existing customers, where the costs of electricity services are recovered through a unit rate. This new charge is intended to target those properties that stand empty for the majority of the quarter, often due to the occupants residing overseas. Whilst the property might be empty, Connect does incur fixed costs through the property remaining connected to the electricity grid. The electricity standing charge on empty properties is a means to recover these costs.

An empty property is defined as one that consumes less than 10 units of electricity in the quarter under review. The following standing charges will apply:

Consumer Type	Quarterly Standing Charge on Empty Properties
Domestic	£45
Commercial	£60
Government	£60

Connect appreciates that some empty properties may wish to disconnect from the electricity grid rather than incur the standing charge. The relevant charges that apply are as follows:

Service	Once-off Charge
Disconnection	£45
Reconnection <u>within</u> 6 months after a voluntary disconnection	£90
Reconnection <u>from</u> 6 months after a voluntary disconnection	£200

Connect appreciates that there may be practical reasons why a property might use less than 10 units per quarter. Connect is therefore willing to consider specific circumstances under which an exemption to the empty property standing charge might apply. For example, the empty property standing charge need not apply to properties under construction but will take effect from the point that occupancy has been approved. Similarly, if the property has low electricity usage due to unforeseen exceptional circumstances (for example, if the occupants are absent on medical grounds) an exemption may also apply. Customers who believe these circumstances apply should contact Connect.

The first bills to include the electricity standing charge on empty properties will be issued in January 2025.

Any customer with queries is asked to contact Connect via telephone +290 22255 or email enquiries@connect.co.sh.

09 December 2024

The Committee of the Blue Hill Community Association would like to thank everyone who supported their Christmas Multi Raffle and attended the Christmas Sing-a-long on Sunday, 1 December 2024.

Special thanks are extended to those who donated prizes for the raffle including Rose and Crown, Dan's Bakery, Carol Henry, A&D's, Queen Mary Stores, Thorpes and the Dubbs family for donating prizes for the in-house raffle.

The Sing-a-long was a great way to start the festive season; Gavin Jack was amazing as always – thank you Gavin, as were the musicians Gay, Jackie and Geoff, not forgetting Santa and his elves. Thank you all for making the afternoon such an enjoyable one!

The winners of the multi raffle were as follows:-

Compact Cake Mixer: Kalbe Yon, Blue Hill
Christmas Food Hamper: Di Roberts, Sapper Way
Christmas Cake: Charlgy, Half Tree Hollow
Pair of Corner Shelves: Ricky Andrews, Longwood
Wall Clock: Skyla Thomas, Golf Club
Hair Dryer: Anthony Essex, Half Tree Hollow
Vegetable Hamper: Diane Bagley, Blue Hill
LED Lantern: Barbara Clingham, Gumwoods
Bathroom Set: June Lawrence, New Bridage
Glass Storage Containers: Megan Francis, Blue Hill
Ferrero Rocher chocolates: Dinah Fowler, Half Tree Hollow
Solar LED Path Lights: Emily Moyce, Levelwood
3-Piece Carving Set: Laura Oliver, Sandy Bay
Rose & Crown Gift Voucher: Nylah Knipe, Half Tree Hollow
Wine: Rebecca Henry, St John's Flats
Set of Desert Cups: Errol Herne, Burnt Rock
Wine: Tasha Harris, Sydenham
Knitted Whale Shark: Deborah Francis, Jamestown

Wine: Brian Stroud, Blue Hill
Quality Street Chocolates: Cora Richards, White Gate
Wine: Rayvon Peters, Deadwood
Set Shower Gel: Audrey Yon, Blue Hill
6 Pack Beer: Jean Young, Half Tree Hollow
Dan's Tea/Cake Voucher: Cruz Williams, Jamestown
Dan's Tea/Cake Voucher: Matt Joshua, Jamestown
Wine: Olive Williams, Jamestown

The Committee would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and looks forward to welcoming you at the Social Evening on Saturday, 28 December at the Centre at 8.30 pm.

Business Information



The Tourist Office can help promote your business this season.

But, does the Tourist Office have your latest info?

In preparation for an increase in visitors to the island over the next months, the Tourist Office requests that all tourism and hospitality businesses (transport, accommodation, eating places, tours and activities, etc.) share their updated business info (opening times, products on offer, prices, contact details) by phoning 22158, popping into the Tourist Office in person, or emailing visit@sainthelena.gov.sh

www.sthelenatourism.com

The Royal Opera

La Bohème

The Museum
Jamestown

Monday 16th
December
18:30

Admission free



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Are you struggling to get that perfect Christmas gift on island or your car is down in urgent need for spare parts or tyres?

Skyline has you covered with our fast and affordable airfreight service.

Contact us for a free quote:
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Merry Christmas



BANKING CUT-OFF DATES



In preparation for our office closure for the festive season, we would like to make customers aware of the following cut-off dates:

Account Opening, Local Debit Card and Online Banking Applications

Account Opening (Current and Savings) and Account Features Applications (Local Debit Cards and Online Banking requests) received by Wednesday, 18th December will be processed before the Bank's closure at 12pm on Tuesday, 24th December, providing all relevant supporting documentation is received. Applications submitted after this date cannot be guaranteed until the new year.

Loan Facility Agreements

Appointments for the signing of Loan Facility Agreements are available up until 2:30pm on Monday, 23rd December. No appointments for the signing of facility agreements will be available following this date until the new year.

Applications can be completed and submitted online through the Bank's official website. Customers requesting printed copies can visit our Customer Service Terminal at the Main Branch.



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Guide Price

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Contact:

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gina.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh |

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[https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/
portfolios/treasury-infrastructure-and-
sustainable-development/property/](https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/portfolios/treasury-infrastructure-and-sustainable-development/property/)

Closing date for
applications:

Friday 17th
January 2025

12 noon.



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Government

PROPERTY FOR LEASE

RESIDENTIAL LAND

Registered as TH010143, measures 0.276
acres.

Located at Burnt Rock, Blue Hill.

This plot is within the tranquil area of Blue Hill;
reasonable gradient, close proximity to
existing services and has lease rate of
£400.00 per year.

Closing date: **Friday 17 January 2025**

CONTACT:

Crown Estates Officer, Essex House
Jamestown

+290 22270 |

gina.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh |

Web

[https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/portfolios/treasury-
infrastructure-and-sustainable-development/
property/](https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/portfolios/treasury-infrastructure-and-sustainable-development/property/)



VACANCY



Bank Teller

Commencing at £8,796 per annum

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person on a full-time basis to fill the vacant position of Bank Teller.

This position will incur significant contact with the public and other Bank staff. The successful candidate must be flexible, demonstrate courtesy and provide excellent customer service at all times. They must have a keen eye for detail, exhibit high accuracy levels and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank team.

The main duties of the post include:

- Undertaking counter transactions for customers and posting these to the Bank's computer system;
- Cash handling and assisting customers in meeting their banking needs and queries;
- Providing assistance in the delivery of Remote Banking services;
- Any other duties.

Interested persons can contact Miss Danielle Anthony, Teller Services Manager on email tellerservicesmanager@sainthelenabank.com or Mrs Karen Buckley, Customer Service Manager on email csmanager@sainthelenabank.com, or contact them on (+290) 22390 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.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 20 December 2024.

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



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Market Street, Jamestown



Bank of St Helena Ltd

Join us! We are recruiting...



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Forestry Services Officer (£12,049 per annum)

The Forestry Services Officer will help to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive through leadership of the Forestry and Facilities Section’s forestry services for the SHG National Forest Estate and building maintenance programme for the Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio’s properties. The Forestry Services Officer will Manage the Forestry and Facilities Management Section’s (F&FM Section) tree harvesting and extraction programme to meet public demand for raw material, including firewood, saw logs, fencing material and miscellaneous forest products.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Myra Young on Tel No 24724 or Email myra.young@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 31 December 2024

Receptionist (Casual) (£4.00 per hour)

The Receptionist will be based at the Jamestown General Hospital and will be the first point of contact for all visitors to the Hospital providing receptionist duties ensuring a positive and professional environment for the reception point. In addition to answering the telephone, directing and screening calls as necessary, you will be required to welcome visitors, direct them to their correct destination, maintain an awareness of staff movements in and out of the site, monitor visitor access and maintain security awareness.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Helen Lawrence on Tel No 22500 or Email Helen.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 31 December 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

Paid sickness absence

How to apply

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

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

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

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

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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Bus Driver

(£7,960 per annum)

The Transport section is seeking to recruit a bus driver to assist with providing the Public Transport services for the community. The Public Transport Service is well utilized by shift workers for home to work purposes as well as many other members of the community for social purposes; it is highly valued by all users. The Bus driver will also be responsible for carrying out daily water, oil and other checks as required by the Senior Transport Manager.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Nicholas George on Tel No 23208 or Email
Vehicle.Fleet@helanta.co.sh

Closing date: 18 December 2024

Teacher (St Paul’s Primary)

(£11,520 - £18,902 per annum)

Are you passionate about our young children’s education and holistic life? If so, we are seeking to recruit a Teacher to share their expertise and passion in order to teach our pupils to achieve the best possible standard of education. This will mean the ability to cater for all abilities and needs in the classroom. This position requires you to be responsible for the planning, preparation and effective delivering of programmes of study to designated class(es). The individual needs to be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and have good, communication skills to be able to communicate effectively with students, parents and colleagues.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Patricia Williams Tel No. 24737 or Email
patricia.williams@primary.edu.sh

Closing date: 17 January 2024

Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

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

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Activities Worker (£7,280 per annum)

The Health & Social Care Portfolio seeks to recruit a dedicated, trustworthy and enthusiastic individual to join the team at the Community Care Centre. The post holder will be responsible for delivering suitable and enjoyable recreational and therapeutic activities to keep residents active, healthy and mobile, as well as to restore and maintain their mental and physical abilities.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Martin Greenhalgh on Tel: 23090 or
Email martin.greenhalgh@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 2 January 2025

Human Resources Assistant (£7,960 per annum)

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

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Sharina Williams on 22470 or Email
sharina.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 31 December 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

Paid sickness absence

How to apply

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THE ANCHOR Clothing SHOPS
SITUATED OPPOSITE SEALES CORNER
And also at Kunjie Field
1st Building on your right.
(Car park available)

Has a selection of Ladies, Men's and Children's clothing, shoes and educational Toys, Xmas goods, and much more

New opening hours for December are as follows:

Jamestown Shop:

Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 09:00 – 14:00

Kunjie Field Shop

Mondays – Saturdays 16:30 pm – 18:00
 Shop at the Anchor “where there is something for everyone!”

Please note. We don't accept local debit cards at this time. So it's cash only!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!!!



Please note we won't be opening on Saturday 14th at Kunjie Field



WE ARE HIRING

JOIN OUR AMAZING TEAM

MECHANIC

Position: Mechanic
 Salary: £35k Annually (Circa)

We are seeking an experienced Auto Mechanic to join our team and help maintain and repair vehicles. In this role, you'll be responsible for diagnosing and resolving issues to ensure vehicles operate at peak reliability and functionality.

The ideal candidate should have a solid understanding of complex mechanical and electronic vehicle systems, along with excellent problem-solving skills and a proven track record in the field.

Having a relevant certification in automotive repair is a plus. If you're passionate about delivering top-notch vehicle care, we'd love to hear from you!

A full job description how to apply can be found on our website. Quote Reference VHR0349 when applying.

Initial priority will be given to current PRP and Falkland Island Status holder.

Deadline for Application – 27th December 2024

APPLY NOW

Full job description and skills required can be found on our website.



<http://www.the-falkland-islands-co.com/careers/job-opportunities/> or contact us on: 27647 or send your CV to: recruitment@fic.co.fk

Team St Helena
v
Selected 11

Legends Match

Kids Cricket



St. Helena Cricket Association



Fun Castle Water Slide



Uncle Borbs Ice Cream Van

ON SALE:

Seafood Curry Lunch & Hog Spit Roast ... call 27620, 61682, 23361 by 18 Dec to order. Sausage and Chips available through out.



Save The Date

22 December 2024 9am

CRICKET FUN DAY



Francis Plain Playing Field

Entrance Fee £1 ... Keep Your Ticket Stub & Win a TV In The Lucky Draw

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Follow these tips to ensure your personal data and money is safe and secure this holiday season!



NEVER CLICK ON
Links or download attachments
from unknown sources.

BEWARE SPECIAL OFFERS

If an offer seems unbelievably good, too good to be true, it usually is!



PAY CLOSE ATTENTION
to spelling and grammar in emails or
websites. If there are any inconsistencies,
it's probably a scam!

REMEMBER: Always be suspicious of any unexpected messages, calls, or requests for personal information, e.g. email address, phone number, password, security code, or money, it's safer to presume that it's a scam - contact the company directly if you need to. Legitimate companies generally never request your personal information via email, text message or phone calls.



1ST
JAMESTOWN
SCOUTS
PRESENTS

RAFT RACE

**NEW ENTRANTS
WELCOME!**

family

FUN DAY

AT RUPERTS BEACH

SUNDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2024

STARTING AT 12:00



**Bar & Grill
will be there!**

Join Us for a
Spectacular
Family Fun
Day at the
Beach!

**Beach
Volleyball**

**DJ
TURTLE**







**Guided Walk
to Banks'
Battery**





Premier League Fixtures

Saturday 14th December

Arsenal  15:00  Everton

Liverpool  15:00  Fulham



Newcastle United  15:00  Leicester City



Wolverhampton Wanderers  15:00  Ipswich Town



Nottingham Forest  17:30  Aston Villa

Sunday 15th December



Brighton & Hove Albion  14:00  Crystal Palace

Manchester City  16:30  Manchester United

Chelsea  19:00  Brentford

Southampton  19:00  Tottenham Hotspur

Monday 16th December

AFC Bournemouth  20:00  West Ham United

Upcoming Christmas Events

Who would think we half way through December already, this weekend we will see our second flight direct from Cape Town bringing many tourist and returning saints to spend Christmas on St Helena, decorations and lights can be seen as homes and establishments are ready to feel the spirit, the Salvation Army is well into their annual Christmas Carolling across the island, the primary schools have also perform their Nativity Plays but there is still a few events to go.

The St Helena Independent has brought a calendar of advertised events each week all in one place which you can pull out and enjoy:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
Friday 13 th	Prince Andrew School Athletics' Day	Francis Plain	10am
Friday 13 th	Harford Christmas Caroling	Longwood Avenue	9:30am
Friday 13 th	Harford Christmas Caroling	Canister	11am
Friday 13 th	Christmas Concert	Roman Catholic Church	6:30am
Saturday 14 th	Tropical Christmas Bonanza	Pilling Primary Playground	
Saturday 14 th	Salvation Army Open Air Carols	In front of the Market	7pm
Sunday 15 th	Salvation Army Open Air Carols	Rosemary Plain	4pm
Sunday 15 th	Let the People Sing	Mule Yard	
Wednesday 18 th	Festival Of Lights	Maldivia Car Park	7:30pm

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES IN PICTURES



PRIMARY SCHOOLS NATIVITY PLAYS



PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING GALA



SHFA FOOTBALL PRESENTATION 2024



HIGHLIGHTS OF CUP FINAL



DISTRICT CHAMPIONS - HALF TREE HOLLOW
DISTRICT RUNNERS UP - ST PAULS



PLATE WINNERS WANDERERS
SPOON WINNERS - INTERGALACTIC



LEAGUE CHAMPIONS - ROVERS
LEAGUE RUNNERS UP - BELLBOYS
KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONS - ROVERS
KNOCKOUT RUNNERS UP - FUGEEES
LEAGUE CUP CHAMPIONS - ROVERS
LEAGUE CUP RUNNERS UP - LA VERDE

BLAZE BALDWIN - ROVERS
YOUNG PLAYER OF THE SEASON
JOINT TOP GOALSCORER -39
TOP GOALSCORER DISTRICT - 13



JOEY THOMAS -BELLBOYS
PLAYER OF THE SEASON
JOINT TOP GOALSCORER -39
PLAYER OF THE DISTRICT



GOALKEEPER OF THE SEASON - JEROME PETERS
YOUNG PLAYER DISTRICT - TAYLAN PHILLIPS
GOALKEEPER DISTRICT - KEITH YON
MAN OF MATCH (BOTH) - RICO BENJAMIN