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24—26 January 2025



Photo: Nico Benjamin

How to take part

1. Count the birds you see in your location, this could be your garden or public space for half an hour (30 mins) **between the dates 24 and 26 January 2025.**
2. Use the ID chart to tally the total for each bird that you see during that time then record the number in the table. This chart shows song birds and other birds that you might see. Where only one bird is shown on the chart, both male and female look very similar.
3. Count the highest number of each species you see at any one time, otherwise you could count the same bird twice. So, if you saw a group of ten avadavats towards the end having seen six earlier, record ten as your count.
4. Only count the **birds that land**, not the ones flying by.
5. If you don't see any of the birds on the chart, record '0' as the final count, a 'no show' is just as important to know.
6. Tell us. The more results we have, the better picture we will have of birds across the island. Share your results either emailing or dropping of the forms to the office by 14 February 2025.

What did you see?

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St Helena Governance Review Interim Report

Last week the Independent published the first of what will be a series of reports on the Governance Review commissioned by Legislative Council. Last week we covered the ministerial system and the relationship between the governor and executive council. The Governance Review gives instances where the constitution is vague, ill-defined and sometimes contradictory on the powers and influence between two main decision-makers.

Referring to where accountability lies for the big decisions, the Governance Review asks, “Does the Governor need to be persuaded of something, or just instructed? Ought the Governor to challenge, question or scrutinise advice, or simply meekly accept it? Should the Governor request advice in a series of structured steps to reach a particular conclusion which has been pre-determined by the Governor? Or should the agenda for offering advice be done at the instigation of ExCo itself?” Here, these questions are explored a little further.

Recommendations Made in the Interim Report

The interim report offers two recommendations which are really suggestions. The first is; the Constitution should state that the function of the Executive Council is to offer advice to the Governor on the exercise of the Governor’s executive functions. The heading of s.43 should change from “Governor to consult Executive Council” to “Governor to act on advice of Executive Council”. This is a reasonable way to proceed. And the second;

Instead of the Governor being the executive authority, but acting on advice of Ministers, flip the system so that Ministers are the executive authority, acting after consultation with the Governor. This would be subject to two caveats – the Governor’s special responsibilities to remain with the Governor, and the Governor to retain the residual veto powers currently set out in s. 43. In some ways, this is a huge change, in other ways, a minor one. Symbolically, it would be a major statement to say that ExCo is the executive authority. Practically, given that the Governor is already obliged to act on the advice of ExCo, this would be a minor change.

The underlying issue is who has authority for what and when?

In the first recommendation, the governor is to ‘act on the advice of Executive Council’. Some may say this wording is weak. Just listening to advice, (but ignoring it), can be said to have taken action. The governor retains executive authority according to the constitution and is accountable to the UK government through the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. In constitutional terms, he is not accountable to the voters at general elections. The question then follows, why do we vote for ministers if it is the governor who is ultimately accountable? Some may say, more stridently, why have elections if the name of the person with ultimate executive authority (to another government) is not on the ballot paper? The reason for low turnouts at general elections may lie in all of this.

The second recommendation is the constitution is changed so that ministers have executive authority and accountability by default. There will remain defined areas of government and administration where the governor has executive authority; these are Defence, External affairs and Internal security including the police. Being a British Overseas Territory financially dependent upon the UK government it just is not realistic for executive authority or responsibility to be bestowed anywhere else. The governor also ‘special responsibility’ for the appointment, dismissal and pay & conditions of any office in the Public Service, the administration of justice and (surprisingly) finance. Some may say these last three special responsibilities merit more, and wider, discussion – and will be reported in following weeks.

The Interim Report begins with the following statement; “St Helenians are the people best placed to make decisions about what happens on St Helena. This is our view and the view of the clear majority of those to whom we spoke. No-one seriously suggested that greater decision-making powers should be exercised by the UK Government.” This is a general statement, there are complications and even imponderables in the detail. The governor’s special responsibilities are just one of them.

Insult

In addition to the question, who is best placed to make decisions in government, there is also the equally important consideration, can full and robust accountability be applied in all situations. In another part of the Interim Report there is a comment, “Removing some of the symbols of office from an existing Governor would be unnecessarily provocative and could even be seen as insulting.” This comment is made when the Interim Report observes that having the governor’s office next to the legislative council chamber, and the chief secretary’s office just a stone’s throw away, contributes to problems defining the division of power – a consideration of overriding importance in any constitution. Keeping the responsibilities, and accountabilities of the public service separate from the administration (ministers) and clearly defining the functions, power and influence of legislative council members – especially in relation to the ministers, is or should be at the centre of any constitution. For St Helena, the interim report includes several examples where the constitution does not give satisfactory definitions. The effect of vague constitutional definitions can be a constant drawback to effective government.

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In addition to a better-defined relationship between the governor and executive council (the ministers), there is the relationship between ministers and senior public service officials. At present, one of the governor's special responsibilities is 'the appointment, dismissal and pay & conditions of any office in the Public Service'. How can the chief minister be accountable to the voters of St Helena if the chief secretary (head of the public service and responsible for implementing ministerial policy) is always looking over the shoulder at the governor – who has responsibility for the appointment & dismissal as well as pay & conditions of all public service employees?

Insult

This is one more area of the constitution where better defined roles, responsibility and accountability is needed. To repeat an earlier quote, "Removing some of the symbols of office from an existing Governor would be unnecessarily provocative and could even be seen as insulting", maybe the writers of the Interim Report could give sharper focus to what issues in the constitution could be considered provocative and/or insulting by the people of St Helena? After all, the first statement in their report is "St Helenians are the people best placed to make decisions about what happens on St Helena. This is our view and the view of the clear majority of those to whom we spoke. No-one seriously suggested that greater decision-making powers should be exercised by the UK Government."



UNLAWFUL DEPOSIT OF WASTE MATERIAL AND USE OF CROWN LAND

The Property Service wishes to raise awareness and encourage responsible land use and waste disposal behaviour within the community. Together we can ensure St Helena is a great place to live for all.

The Property Service has received a number of reports regarding the depositing and disposal of waste material on Crown Land that includes: refuse, excavation spoil, plant machinery, equipment and vehicles that appear to be abandoned.

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MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME TUESDAY 28th January 2025

The seventeenth meeting of Ministers Question Time will take place on Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 10:00 in the Council Chamber. This meeting is open to the public and will be broadcast live via SAMS Radio 1.

The topic for this meeting is 'The Public Transport Service'.

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

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Fixed Penalties Proposed to Fix Parking Problem

In Disarray: Public Information on Important Traffic Control Measures

A package of measures aimed at improving traffic conditions when cargo from Rupert's is brought to Jamestown has been made public. Called a Traffic Management Plan, the details provided are out of date before publication and contain inaccuracies.

One of the measures in the package is that "Fixed Penalty notices will be in place by January 2025 and will aid proper implementation of the plan." The plan also says that fixed penalties will come into force on 1st February. There is no sign of the notices being in place 'by January 2025' nor how the fixed penalty system will work and what the penalties are.

All of Jamestown Covered by Fixed Penalties

The traffic control measures focus on cargo traffic passing through Napoleon Street and Nosegay Lane but the fixed penalty notices affect all parking in Jamestown. One of the many details missing is the exact area where fixed penalties will apply.

What Are Fixed Penalties?

Fixed penalties for minor traffic offences are used in many countries as an alternative to prosecution before the magistrates' court. The fixed penalties include a fine and maybe penalty points on the driving licence. The Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) is a conditional offer. If you accept guilt, pay the fine or collect the points, you will avoid a court summons, but if you challenge it you will have to appear in court.



Fixed penalties have been used in the UK since the 1950s, they were originally used only for minor parking offences. Over the years the use of fixed penalties has been extended to cover a wider range of offences. These offences can include anything from anti-social behaviour to littering, and fly-tipping to dog control offences.

Fixed penalties were introduced in St Helena with the Criminal Justice (Fixed Penalties) Ordinance 2020. Offences which can be dealt with using fixed penalties are prescribed, and can be amended, by Governor-in-Council through Regulations.

The few details currently available do not include what offences are covered by the introduction of fixed penalties in Jamestown and what the penalties are. Despite this, the fixed penalties are supposed to be in place on the 1st February. The start date is clearly inaccurate – delays mean amendments need to be made to the Traffic Management Plan but this was not done before the plan was made public.

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What Can be Included in Fixed Penalty Offences

We cannot assume a fixed penalty notice will only be stuck on the windscreen of your car if you park in the wrong place – even if it is the only place available. It is possible fixed penalty traffic offences could include:-

1. Negligent use of motor vehicle (e.g. not in proper control, driver not having full view ahead, opening car door as to cause injury)
2. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences (e.g. registration mark not easily readable)
3. Vehicle or part in dangerous or defective condition (e.g. window not clear and unobstructed, no windscreen wipers)
4. Neglect of pedestrian rights (e.g. not driving on the road)
5. Lighting offences (e.g. lamps not showing steady lights, misuse of head/fog lights)
6. Noise offences (e.g. causing unnecessary noise, sounding horn at night)
7. Load offences (e.g. exceeding weight restriction)
8. Cycle and motorcycle offences (e.g. cycling on footpath, motorcyclists not wearing protective headgear)
9. Careless driving (e.g. reckless overtaking, driving in the middle of the road, driving too close to the vehicle in front)
10. Neglect of traffic directions (e.g. weight restrictions)
11. Unrestrained animals (e.g. distraction from unsecured dogs in the back seat)

Why is All This Happening Now?

When the improvements to Side Path and Field Road were approved, one of the conditions of approval was that “a detailed Traffic Management Plan for central Jamestown, including control and policing of car parking within Napoleon Street, will (be) submitted and approved in writing by the Chief Planning Officer on behalf of the Land Development Control Authority.”

Last week, the list of Applications for Development Permission advertised in the Independent included, “**Application 2020/87/DoC5:** Discharge of Condition request for R2 Side Path and Field Road Project pertaining to condition 5 of the decision notice requiring a Traffic Management Plan for Napoleon Street and Nose Gay Lane.” Public comments on this application are invited and must be submitted by 4pm on 31st January – that’s one week away.

The Traffic Management Plan is available from the Land Planning and Building Control Division at Essex House. The advert for Applications for Development Permission tells us, any person who wishes to make Representations on any Applications should make them in writing to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email jane.roberts@sainthelena.gov.sh.

If more convenient, The Independent will email a copy of the ‘Traffic Management Plan for transporting cargo from Rupert’s to Jamestown via Field Road and Side Path’ in response to requests received by email.

Nosegay Lane: A Hazard for Traffic and Pedestrians

The proposed traffic management plan aimed at easing additional traffic problems in Napoleon Street includes diverting cars coming into Jamestown through Nosegay Lane.

The Traffic Management Plan, in the current publicly available version, states “Vehicles under 1.5 tonne in weight approaching Nose Gay Lane from Side Path/the Brow will be required to enter the town via Nosegay Lane Mondays to Fridays from 9am to 6pm. Appropriate signage will be displayed near the entrance to Nose Gay Lane. The sign could be put in place before each cargo operation commences and then removed after cargo operations have been completed OR left in place permanently.”

Is it 4pm or 6pm?

Immediately there is confusion. The text tells us the weight restriction will be in place “Mondays to Fridays from 9am to 6pm” but the illustration of the sign to be displayed at the entrance to Nosegay Lane tells us something different.

Are Cars Diverted to Nosegay Lane Permanently?

The plans states “The sign could be put in place before each cargo operation commences and then removed after cargo operations have been completed OR left in place permanently.” What does this mean? Are the Nosegay Lane diversions only in place when ship’s cargo is brought from Rupert’s to Jamestown? Who decides when cargo operations are complete? If the sign is permanently in place does that mean it can be ignored when there are no cargo operations? If the sign is ignored in error can a fixed penalty notice be issued? If the sign is permanently in place does that mean the diversion for car drivers to Nosegay Lane is permanent?

The Traffic Management Plan puts great emphasis on using traffic control measures to make Napoleon Street safer. No mention is made of any measures to make Nosegay Lane safer for pedestrians and vehicle drivers despite the severe restrictions in the narrow lane.



At the bottom end of Nosegay Lane there are four exits onto the Lane. We all know that, but the safety risk to pedestrians due to increased traffic is not recognised in the Traffic Management Plan.

Nosegay Lane can be a little as 9 feet wide – and that only allows a few inches either side as clearance for vehicles. The average car is about 6 feet wide, allowing 18 inches on both sides if there are no obstructions. The risk to

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customers stepping out of shops and other retail outlets into the path of passing cars appears not to have been considered when forming the plan. The Lane is a difficult environment right now for pedestrians. With increased traffic, the risk when using the Lane must inevitably be greater but is not addressed in the plan the Chief Planning Officer is asked to approve.

At the upper end of Nosegay Lane there is access to a house where, it can be argued, similar increased risk also applies. At times, it is not impossible that children would use that access. Nosegay Lane is also on the pedestrian route from Napoleon Street to Market Street via the Duke of Edinburgh 'playground'. With the movement of traffic in Jamestown becoming an increasing problem, walking from one part of the town to another should be encouraged rather than put at risk.

In New Bridge Road the Risk has Been Recognised and Action Taken



The risk of stepping out into traffic is recognised in New Bridge Road

New Bridge Road is much wider than Nosegay Lane and the traffic is less. The similarity is, both have no pavement. In New Bridge Road, posts have been placed either side of the doors onto the road to give a measure of safety for the people stepping out to the road. In Nosegay Lane this risk to safety is greater but has been ignored.

A resident of New Bridge Road told the Independent the posts or bollards outside the houses were not needed. They were an obstruction to traffic. The view expressed was the road is wide enough, the traffic not a problem and no children live in any of the houses. The person also pointed out the streetlights were permanently switched on since the last power cut. The 'authorities' have been notified more than once but the streetlights remain on, night and day. That is another story but is sadly

symptomatic of what can be expected.

Nosegay Lane is about 9 feet wide. In New Bridge Road, the distance from the front wall of the houses to the posts outside the front doors is 3 feet. Clearly if the same consideration for safety applied in Nosegay Lane and posts were erected as a safety measure, cars would be unable to use the Lane.

When the Rupert's cargo development was approved, the traffic considerations ended precisely where the Side Path concrete surface ends at the Brow. The difficulties being faced now were shirked when it was decided that cargo handling should be transferred to Rupert's. Worse still, what is proposed now is not a solution.

Forget Norway – St Helena Wants to Eliminate All Petrol Cars

Minister Mark Brooks is quoted across global media

Treasury minister Mark Brooks seems to have got fed up with Donald Trump getting all the big headlines; Mark seems to have said the right thing about the right issue and is now quoted dozens of times across the world's media.

Interest was raised in Scandinavian countries particularly. A Danish website used the story to take a swipe at their neighbour, Norway. Not long ago Norway had to concede the targets they adopted for phasing out fossil-fuelled vehicles were being scaled down. According to the Danish source, St Helena has taken over as leader!

The Danish 'Exofeed' website told its readers, "While the Norwegian government had to reiterate shortly before the New Year that the goal is not to eradicate all gasoline and diesel cars, the situation is completely different on the British Island of St. Helena in the South Atlantic."

Another Scandinavian media enthused, "In an exciting development, the island is now making headlines for having the world's most remote electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. This initiative is a collaboration between Subaru, the innovative EV technology company Easee, and the local government. The ambitious goal of this project is to transition to zero-emission transportation by 2030."

And there is more; "One of St. Helena's most exciting developments is its electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. Partnering with Subaru and Easee, the local government is pioneering the world's most remote EV charging stations. This project aims to transition to zero-emission transportation by 2030, establishing the island as a leader in sustainability initiatives. Such efforts underscore St. Helena's potential as a model for eco-conscious living."

One of the more frequent quotes from the sayings of minister Mark Brooks is; "Mark Brooks, the Minister for Finance and Economic Development, explained that the shift to electric vehicles is not just about reducing emissions but also about lowering costs." That can easily be described as a neutral comment containing no expansive and provocative Trumpian comments.

The story started in August last year when a development application was registered for an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger for a period of four months. The planning officer's report explained, "The purpose of this proposal is part of a larger media initiative focused on creating content that showcases the charging and usage of an electric vehicle on one of the world's most remote islands. The applicant in partnership with Subaru and Easee Chargers, will provide a vehicle with charging units as well as a film crew for the project scheduled to take place in November 2024."

The application was approved, the electric Subaru came and went. Last week the launch button for the 'media initiative' was pressed and immediately the world knew about St Helena's comprehensive, exciting and revolutionary policy for

transitioning to electric vehicles. Everyone in the world, apart from us in St Helena. Sadly, the truth is SHG does not have a policy for transitioning to electric cars. Getting such a policy in place could take until 2030.

It is reported there are maybe 6 electric vehicles used here at present and it is said a small fleet of electric



The Subaru swings around the Haul Road

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cars will be imported sometime this year. These cars are described as being for ‘tourist and islander use’ but does not explain whether the cars are for rent or sale. Apart from that the only real evidence that “The government of St Helena is focused on establishing a robust EV infrastructure to encourage a transition away from traditional fossil fuel vehicles” as reported across the world, is the import duty concession for electric cars.

Situated in the car park behind the museum is the solitary charging point for electric cars. It is located at the far side of the car park from the entrance, overlooking the New Horizons outdoor area. An application has recently been submitted to change the temporary permission for the charging point to a permanent permission.



This charging point is the cause of all the media perturbation

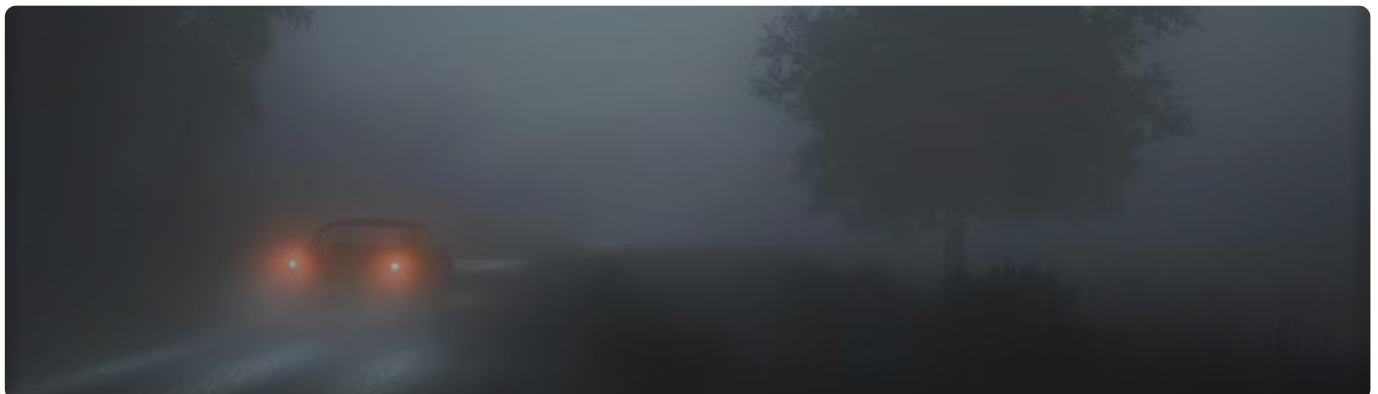
On a Foggy Night, Far Far Away...

There was this girl; to protect her privacy we’ll call her Catherine, or maybe Katherine. She was driving her car, not in St Helena, somewhere far away. She drove into bad weather. The fog was as thick as treacle but Catherine carried on.

Sometimes she could not see the sides of the road and could never see more a few yards in front of her. Luckily there was a car not far ahead, she followed the fuzzy red of the rear lights. Total concentration, eyes always fixed on the fuzzy red in front of her. If the fuzzy red went left, so did Catherine. If it went right, Catherine went right.

Suddenly the car in front stopped. It took a while for Catherine to realise the fuzzy red had got bigger so she must have got close to the car in front, very close. She jumped out of the car and ran to the driver of the car in front. Knocking on the window of the car door she shouted ‘Why did you stop?’

Driver of the car in front lowered his window, looking more than a little puzzled. He replied - ‘Because I’m in my garage.’



St Kilda – A Story of Depopulation and then Abandonment

Contributed

Apart from Rockall, which has never been inhabited, the remotest islands in the United Kingdom are Hirta, Soay, Boreray and Dun, known collectively as Saint Kilda. Saint Kilda is situated a little over 110 miles from the Scottish mainland and 40 miles beyond the Outer Hebrides.



A view of St Kilda from an approaching boat

For well over 2000 years, the islands had a viable and vibrant community, with its own unique culture and way of life. Martin Martin, a visitor to the islands in 1690, wrote: “The inhabitants of Saint Kilda are much happier than the generality of mankind, as being almost the only people in the world who feel the sweetness of true liberty, simplicity, mutual love and cordial friendship, free from solicitous cares, and anxious covetousness; and the consequences that attend them.” In reality, life was tough, but those who lived there were resilient and skilled in self-sufficiency. Sheep provided them with mutton and wool, cattle with beef and milk. There were abundant seabirds that they could eat and extract oil from for their lamps, and the seabird eggs could be gathered by scaling Hirta’s awesome cliffs, which are the tallest in the United Kingdom. Potatoes, oats and barley could be cultivated. Wool was spun and woven for clothing. The distinctive Saint Kilda tweed, with the wool from two different breeds of sheep used as warp and weft, provided them with clothing and an export income.



A rare photograph of permanent residents on St Kilda

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It is doubtful that the population ever much exceeded the 180 people recorded as living there in 1697 and by the mid 19th century it stood at about half that figure. In 1852, 36 islanders were assisted by the Highland and Island Emigration Society to leave for a new life in Australia. The population then stabilised at around 70 for the next sixty years. The First World War brought temporary economic and other improvements. A signal station was established and a naval detachment was based there. This resulted in the luxury of regular deliveries of mail and food from naval supply vessels. But all of this came to an end once the war was over. Having glimpsed what they saw as a better life, most of the young men then left the island. The population dropped from 73 in 1920 to 37 in 1928. A communal decision was made to request assistance in resettling those of them that still remained on the island on the Scottish mainland. On 29 August 1930 the last 35 islanders were evacuated on HMS Harebell. In accordance with tradition, an open Bible and a small pile of oats were left in each house. An open Bible is often depicted on gravestones and oats are considered to symbolise and echo a rich cultural heritage.

Over the following years some islanders did return to spend the summer months on the island, but none resettled there permanently. The last of the native-born Saint Kildans, Rachel Johnson, died in 2016 at the age of 93. Saint Kilda is now owned by the National Trust and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Although it has no permanent population, it is occupied at any given time by up to 70 people for purposes of the Ministry of Defence, the National Trust and scientific research. Its church, manse and a number of houses, some dating back to medieval times, have been restored and a museum established. But there is nobody there today who calls it home.



Deserted and dilapidated – what is left of the main street of St Kilda. The house on the right appears to be inhabited by visitors, it has a roof.

A St Helena – St Kilda Connection

Before the Enchanted Isle made James Bay its home, she was used to take passengers from the Outer Hebrides to St Kilda – a 40-mile trip. This was after the last St Kildans left their island home. Passengers would have been MOD personnel, scientific researchers, National Trust staff and short-stay visitors.



The Enchanted Isle anchored off St Kilda

The Enchanted Isle was replaced by a larger boat required to accommodate an increased number of passengers. It is thought the Enchanted Isle was built about 30 years ago.



The Enchanted Isle now...



Dear Editor

I would like to thank 'Contributed', whoever he or she may be, for the article 'Constitutional Review and Self-Determination'. It is sad, but symptomatic of such a small place, that people often feel the need to withhold their names, but the advantage of this discussion being conducted through a weekly newspaper than in real time on the internet means that it is more thoughtful and civil in nature, so thank you, whoever you may be.

However, Contributed's claim that 'we will not do ourselves any favours in an approach to the United Kingdom Government concerning constitutional change if we criticise how they choose to describe the Overseas Territories' is overly apologetic, and symptomatic of a mindset in St Helena that needs to change, as it has changed in the Falkland Islands.

One member of the latter's Legislative Assembly, Gavin Short, described the term 'Falkland Islands Status' as 'a horrible expression', on the grounds that it had 'a ring of something that is temporary and can be removed', and that he would challenge it wherever he found it, as I always do 'UKOT' or 'UK family'. To borrow an expression from Jersey, it is nourishing a lie, and some people there do not like the term 'Crown Dependency' either, arguing that they do not depend on anyone for anything.

While I agree with Contributed about St Helena having someone to represent it in the House of Lords, a sentiment previously expressed by the late Conservative MP Sir Bernard Braine, it is unlikely that this could be through election unless it becomes an elected body in whole or in part; the only 'elected' members are hereditary peers elected from their ranks, while the Anglican Bishops only sit there on an ex officio basis, and would do irrespective of how they were chosen, by their Church, or by the King.

During the Round Table Conference on the future of Malta in 1955, one party proposed, as an alternative to representation in the House of Commons, that the Maltese Parliament elect someone to the House of Lords, but this was seen as even more radical than the proposal to have three Maltese MPs to Westminster, which was never implemented, and came to be a case of 'once bitten, twice shy' for the UK when it came to integration.

On the matter of representation in the House of Commons, even if the people of St Helena are not directly represented there by dint of voting in elections to that body, there is still a need for their interests to be represented in it, with MPs there asking questions on their behalf.

Indeed, in rejecting the idea of a dedicated MP, the Falkland Islands Government uses the term 'representation', arguing that it would 'reduce our representation [in the Commons] from 650 to 1!' though this is presumptuous, as it is not representation at all, but access, as organisations like FIG can approach MPs directly.

However, I can see their point, as while I was delighted to see Al Pinkerton, Associate Professor in Geopolitics at Royal Holloway, University of London, elected as a Liberal Democrat MP, I no longer have the access to him as an MP that I did when he was an academic, as if I write to him, I'll probably get a reply on his behalf from an overzealous young assistant reminding me of the 'strict Parliamentary protocol', in other words, 'you're not a constituent, get lost'.

And there are historical reasons for describing its access, and influence, as representation, as the Falkland Islands Company was once so influential that many of its directors became MPs, or vice versa, along with peers; what a field day it would have had in the days of the rotten borough, when an MP could be elected by only a handful of voters, a system exploited by those with plantations in the West Indies, who were against abolishing slavery. When Argentina's apologists on The Guardian like Simon Jenkins moan about the influence of the Falklands lobby in Westminster, it is a backhanded compliment. Ironically, despite the lobby being the stuff of legend, and the subject of entire doctoral theses, the Falkland Islands All-Party Parliamentary Group has yet to be reestablished, but the Government Office in London has still held events at Parliament - perhaps it should become the 'FISH' one, as in 'Falkland

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Islands St Helena', a fitting acronym for these South Atlantic islands, whose relationship was once described as 'symbiotically important'. Unfortunately, where the former now demands, the latter still apologises.

With regard to my idea for combining each of St Helena's (30, not 27, I stand corrected) enumeration areas with a Westminster constituency, an elected SHG UK Representative would work in tandem with the MPs representing them, along

with peers as part of a Joint Standing Committee - unlike APPGs, in which membership is based on level of interest, these would be based on requirement and obligation. Before 2010, there was such a thing as an Associate Parliamentary Group, which could draw its membership from outside Parliament, so that could include local councillors in its membership, from areas where Saints are represented.

At the very least, it could be a form of twinning, something Stanley in the Falkland Islands has done, first with Whitby and then with Portsmouth, and Gibraltar with Ballymena, where many of its people were evacuated during the Second World War, and Goole, purely because the local Labour MP, George Jaeger, was a supporter of the Rock, with a block of flats there named in his honour. Has Jamestown been twinned with anywhere?

It is unfortunate that while appreciating my ideas, Contributed either glosses over them or ignores them, expanding on what others have suggested before, or on what has already been established. None of them precludes someone with links to St Helena being given a peerage in the House of Lords under the existing system, like a former Governor. Unfortunately, under the current rules, the Earl of Iveagh, the President of the Friends of St Helena, can only get back in if one of the remaining hereditary peers dies, and only if he's elected to take his place, so there's more chance of the UK establishing an elected Senate.

In fact, while I would like to extend the right to vote in the UK's general elections and referendums to those in St Helena who had never lived in the UK before, I would make their enrolment entirely optional; this is similar to the hybrid arrangement in Norfolk Island, another small island mentioned as a model by the Citizenship Commission, in relation to Australian voting rights. So vehemently opposed were its 1800 people to being combined with a constituency in Canberra that they voted it down in a referendum, resulting in compromise under which they had the options of enrolling in the constituency they were last registered in, the one they were born in, the one they had some family connection with, failing which, one of two constituencies designated for these purposes, or most importantly, not enrolling at all.

In any event, they have always come under a Joint Standing Committee on National Capital and External Territories, drawn from both the House of Representatives and Senate, not just an informal interest group.

As for taxation and representation, the Isles of Scilly escaped income tax until 1953, and perhaps St Helena could have negative income tax, with money being paid on top of the lowest wages, not deducted from them.

Unlike the Falkland Islands, however, the issue in St Helena is not vehement opposition, but no opinion or sentiment expressed at all.

I still maintain that the APPG system is too informal, and not fit for purpose; but if Contributed can put forward a defence of it, and the status quo generally, I am happy to hear it, but not nearly as happy as I would be if the Chief Minister were to do so herself.

Yours,

Ken Westmoreland

Wilberforce J J Arnold – St Helena’s Greatest Friend

Wednesday is the Centenary of his Death

Wilberforce John James Arnold was born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1867, the eldest son of a surgeon. He attended Methodist College and Queen's College (now Queen's University) in Belfast and qualified for medicine and surgery in 1894. His health was always somewhat frail, and in an attempt to strengthen his constitution, he spent a year away from his medical studies at sea on a clipper ship.



His first medical assignment after qualification was assistant surgeon at a small hospital and a colliery in a coal district in Wales. In 1900, he moved to St. Helena and remained here until his death in 1925. During that time, he left the Island twice; for a brief residence in England in 1912 to obtain a public health diploma from the University of Oxford and a lengthier overseas absence from 1914 to 1920—a period that included World War I (1914-1918) in military service with General Edmund Allenby in Palestine, followed by a long convalescence from malaria.

In 1903, Arnold became the Colonial Surgeon of St. Helena, a poorly paid position where overwork was his constant companion, especially because the island was plagued by multiple epidemics during his tenure, including influenza, scarlet fever, diphtheria, and whooping cough. He was also a Justice of the Peace and involved in the affairs of the colonial government, serving temporarily as Acting Governor of the island several times after the death or departure of one of the regular governors. His publication list includes only a single case report, but his skills and lasting legacy were in the area of public health.

During his service as St. Helena's surgeon, he modernised the island's sewer and water systems, campaigned against rats, taught the police how to administer first aid, introduced vaccination programmes, and greatly improved the nutrition and health education of the islanders. No building could be built on the island without his explicit approval after a careful review of the structure's possible health effects. Arnold's tireless efforts paid off: the infant mortality rate and overall death rate on the island decreased dramatically between the commencement of his service in 1903 and his death 2 decades later.

In January 1925, with his health failing, Arnold was awarded a CMG (Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George) in the New Year's Honours, but he died later that same month of a cerebral haemorrhage. Tributes from patients published just after his death stated that he was a trusted and well-loved practitioner who frequently waived fees for his poorer patients and sometimes gave needy people money to help them through especially difficult times.

After his death, a large granite memorial was erected by public subscription in the Grand Parade; the inscription describes Dr Arnold as “the greatest friend St. Helena ever had.”

A stamp honouring Arnold was issued by St. Helena as part of the Quincentenary Celebrations in 2002, commemorating the discovery of the uninhabited island by Portuguese explorers in 1502.



In commemoration of
 Dr Wilberforce John James Arnold
 (1867-1925)

29th of January 2025 at 10.00am

A commemorative event will be held at the Dr Arnold monument at the Grand Parade, Jamestown.

This event will mark the centenary of his death, including contributions from his descendants, and institutions he was part of.

All are welcome to attend.



Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 26th January 2025 – 4th Sunday of the Year

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
11.15 p.m.	Eucharist	St Helena & The Cross
5.00 p.m.	Patronal Festival	Cathedral

The Parish of St James

Sunday 26th January 2025 – 4th Sunday of the Year

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St John
	Thursday 30th January 2025	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John

The Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 26th January 2025 – 4th Sunday of the Year

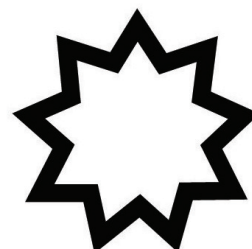
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthew
	Tuesday 28th January 2025	
7.00 p.m.	Reserved Sacrament	St Mark

Baha'i Faith

7pm on Thursdays
 at the St. Helena Gumwoods
 Baha'i Centre.

You are invited to consider the
 Revelation of Baha'u'llah
 in the 19th Century
 and its application today.

Light Refreshment



Vacancy

Senior Baker - Operations



Salary for the post will commence at £14,508 per annum (£1,209 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within The Bakery for a Senior Baker (Operations).

As the Senior Baker (Operations) you will be responsible for overseeing the daily operations of commercial bread production, ensuring that all products are produced to the highest quality standards while maintaining a safe and efficient work environment. You will also be responsible for supervising staff, managing production schedules, ensuring compliance with health and safety regulations and you will deputise in the absence of the Bakery Manager.

Interested Persons Should:

- Be accredited and / or have 5 years proven experience in Bakery Management, with strong interpersonal, organisational, communication and leadership skills
- Have at least 5 years proven experience as a Baker in the preparation & production of Artisan Bread and Bread Products
- Proficiency in baking techniques, including knowledge of various bread products, pastry, and dessert recipes.
- Possess Grade C or above in GCSE English & Maths, or equivalent
- Have certification in RSPH Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering or equivalent. In-depth knowledge of food safety regulations and best practices, including proper handling, storage, and sanitation procedures
- Have strong attention to detail with the ability to maintain high standards of quality control throughout the baking process.
- Have the ability to create and develop new recipes that align with current trends while maintaining quality and consistency.
- Be able to manage the delivery of commercial scale production plans, familiarity with commercial baking equipment and production of artisan breads.
- Have experience in managing inventory levels for ingredients and supplies, including ordering and stock rotation practices.
- Proven experience in leading a team including training, mentoring, and performance management.
- Be able to work unsocial hours and undertake physically demanding and manual handling tasks

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

Miss Daryl Legg, General Manager (Productions) via  22380  gm-productions@solomons.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 and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by 06 February 2025.

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

- ◆ Pension Contributions
- ◆ Attractive Leave Packages including annual leave, sickness absence leave, maternity/parental leave
- ◆ Staff Discounts

Vacancy

Baker



Salary for the post will commence at £13,500 per annum (£1,125 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within The Bakery for a Baker.

As the Baker you will be required to carry out duties related to the production and packaging of high-quality Artisan and Bread products and to ensure the agreed production is met in adherence to agreed quality standards, along with deputising in the absence of the Senior Baker (Operations).

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess 3-5 years proven experience as a Baker in the preparation & production of Artisan Bread and Bread Products
- Proficiency in baking techniques, including knowledge of various bread, pastry, and dessert recipes.
- Have knowledge and be proficient in the use of baking equipment.
- Be self-motivated, organised, innovative and able to motivate and lead the team.
- Have capacity to develop new recipes and innovate existing ones to enhance the bakery's offerings.
- Have certification in RSPH Level 2 Award in Food Safety and Hygiene in Catering or equivalent
- Possess Grade C or above in GCSE English & Maths, or equivalent and possess a qualification or professional competence in Baking
- Be able to achieve the delivery of commercial scale production plans
- Possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Be able to work unsocial hours and undertake physically demanding and manual handling tasks

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VACANCY

PEAKS Enterprises have a Vacancy for a Fully Qualified Nail Technician/Beauty Therapist to join their dynamic team. The successful applicant should be qualified for the below services: Manicure & Pedicures, Nails – Gel & Acrylic, Eyebrow Threading, Waxing, Facials

FOR FURTHER DETAILS – Please call Shanna 24555 or shanna.john@helanta.co.sh

JANUARY 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	Monday, 27 January	09:30 - 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Wednesday, 29 January	09:30 - 14:00

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www.sainthelenabank.com Market Street, Jamestown

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The property consists of a three bedroom house built on 0.34 acres of land, which is approximately 1300 square meters. The house is 182.956 square meters.

Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact Cyril George by the following email address cath.cyril@helanta.co.sh or telephone **24501.**



Date: Sunday, 26 January 2025

Start Time: 09:00

Meeting Point: Castle Gardens

Duration: approx 2 hrs

Walk grade: Fairly Easy | 3 - 4

A walk highlighting some of St Helena’s best kept fortifications. Learn about the fortification history with Museum Director, Adam Sizeland whilst watching the Trophy birds on this new Post Box Walk.

The paths on this walk are quite wide however are close to cliff edges making this walk not suitable for those with a fear of heights. This walk is suitable for average fitness walkers. Remember to wear sensible walking shoes, sunscreen and bring sufficient water.

Date	Upcoming Walks
Saturday, 01 Feb 2025	Longwood Boundary
Sunday, 02 Feb 2025	Mackintosh
Saturday, 08 Feb 2025	Sandy Bay Barn

Receive email updates of the ‘Walk of the Week’ contact Louis Youde louis.youde@shg.gov.sh or the Tourist Office T: 22158



Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking Expressions of Interest from persons for the role of a Non-Executive Director on their Board to direct the Company’s overall vision, mission and values.

Non-Executive Directors act with a degree of independence from the operational activities and have a role in providing strategic vision, monitoring the Company’s performance, providing oversight to the financial reporting process, and reviewing risk and controls and governance.

For further information, please contact Clare Harris, Business Support Manager, on email clare.harris@connect.co.sh or telephone number 22255. Interested persons should submit Expressions of Interest to Clare Harris via email or in person at Connect Saint Helena Ltd Offices at Seales Corner by 12 noon Monday, 10 February 2025.

21 January 2025



VACANCY ADVERT



The St Helena Airport is looking to recruit person for the following post: **Security Training Lead** effective 1 April 2025.

We are seeking a keen individual to take over the to coordinate lesson plans and other training materials that respond to the training needs of security staff and non-security staff, to ensure they are appropriate to the learning needs and prepared accordingly.

The individual will maintain and review our training program to ensure that it is in compliance with all applicable policies and procedures.

Applicants must be in possession of the following:

- 5 GCSE grade A*-C (or equivalent), including English and Mathematics (NVQ-2) or demonstrated relevant experience.
- ICAO Aviation Security Training qualification or demonstrated relevant aviation experience or willingness to work towards it
- Experience of providing quality customer service
- Proficiency in using Microsoft applications (essential) and security systems and software (desired)
- Strong communication skills and able to communicate effectively with staff, visitors, and external stakeholders.

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.
- A clean and valid St Helena Drivers licence categories A and C

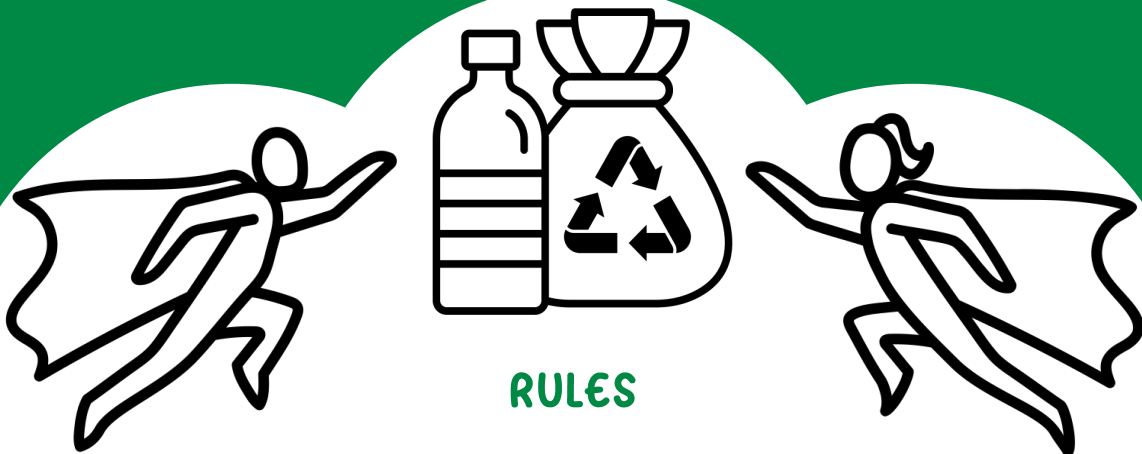
For more information, please contact Suelaine Crowie, Security Manager, on email Suelaine.crowie@sthelenaairport.aero or on Telephone number 25180 Ext 127.

If you think you have the relevant qualifications and skills to suit this role, and would like to receive the job description and application form please contact Tavonga Chikwenhere at the St Helena Airport on Telephone number 25180 Ext128 or email address recruitment@sthelenaairport.aero

The closing date for this position is **07 February 2025**.

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-  Please submit your design to a teacher or drop it off at the St Helena National Trust building in Jamestown.
-  **Waiver:** On entering this competition we automatically reserve the right to use the picture for promotional materials, purchased profitable merchandise, online and print publication.
-  **Disclaimer:** Your entry might not be used in its entirety, but elements may be used to complement a design.
-  Any further questions please contact: info@trust.org.sh or call +290 22569
-  Winners announced on 18th March 2025 for World Recycling Day



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**St Helena
Government**

Programme & Project Coordinator (£12,049 per annum)

A Market Enhancement of £3,500 per annum will apply and be reviewed after a 2 year period

Do you have an understanding of project and programme management aspects – e.g. lifecycle, project proposals, procurement and stakeholder management? If so, this could be an opportunity for you! In this role, you will be required to collaborate with all functions of the Programme Management Office, including elements of project planning and delivery, as well as work to improve overall project and programme capacity.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Paul Cherrett on Tel No 22270 or Email Paul.Cherrett@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 7 February 2025

Deputy Manager (Deasons & Cape Villa) (£13,861 per annum)

This is an opportunity for a caring and passionate individual who can think creatively, has a positive attitude towards challenge, is flexible, enjoys developing skills and practice within others, and is able to think and develop ideas. The Deputy Manager will support the provision of a high quality health and social care service to all service users. This involves assistance with overseeing and managing the day-to-day operations of Deasons and Cape Villa and any maintenance and/or emergency situations that may arise.

Enquiries: Hannah Herne on 23230 or 23151 or Email hannah.herne@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 31 January 2025

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/government/vacancies Alternatively, these are available in paper format from Central Human Resources and Organisational Development at The Castle, Jamestown.

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

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

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

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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St Helena
Government

Care Assistant/Support Workers (Social Care) Fixed - Term Contracts or Casuals (£8,113 per annum) (Available for local interest)

Are you interested in the well-being of clients within the Learning Disabilities units, providing high quality, holistic care directly to frail older people in full time residential and day care, enabling them to live as full and active life as possible?
If so, Social Care is seeking support in all of the areas of care; Ebony View, Cape Villa, Deasons or Piccolo Hill. Why not join our team and help make a difference to the lives of our clients.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Kelly Hopkins on Tel no. 23343 or
Email: kelly.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh
Hannah Herne on Tel nos. Cape Villa- 23230
Deasons Centre-23151
Email: Hannah.herne@sainthelena.gov.sh
Nicole Hercules on Tel no. 25936
Email: piccolo.hill@helanta.co.sh

Closing date: 31 January 2025

Support Workers (Children's Residential Home) (Available for local interest) 3Month Fixed - Term Contracts or Casuals (£10,361 per annum)

Children's Residential Home is seeking suitable persons with experience of working with young people with the ability to communicate and interact fully showing commitment and dedication to safeguarding to join their team. You will also be required to maintain a high quality of care and support which meets the physical, emotional, intellectual, social and cultural needs of young people within the care setting.

Why not contact us for further information and a discussion.

Enquiries: annabel Phillips on Tel No. 24386
Email: Annabel.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 6 February 2025

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

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Join our team in supporting the operation and maintenance of our network infrastructure used to deliver a range of services to our customers, including fixed line, broadband, mobile and television rebroadcast services.

An ideal candidate should possess:

- a high standard of written and oral communication
- a high degree of computer literacy
- have a good knowledge and understanding of computer networking and experience and understanding of a variety of different systems
- experience in the operation and maintenance of electrical systems
- a good understanding of safety procedures and safe working practices
- Cisco or CCNA or other network equivalent certification is desirable

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a satisfactory police disclosure and a valid class C drivers licence.

Join us and you will enjoy some of the many benefits that Sure provides, including but not limited to: Incentive Bonus Scheme, Staff Discount, entitlement to join the Retirement Benefits Plan and opportunities for continued professional development.

The starting salary for the new post-holder is dependent on qualifications and experience.

Further information regarding the responsibilities of the post may be discussed with Deon Yon, Senior Networks Technician on Tel no: +290 22440 or E: Deon.Yon@sure.com

Application forms may be obtained from Bishops Rooms or contact Keirah Wade, HR & Finance Administrator on T: +290 22800 or E: Keirah.Wade@sure.com

Applications to be submitted to the HR & Finance Administrator, Sure South Atlantic Limited, Bishops Rooms, Jamestown by 4pm on Monday, 3 February 2025.

VACANCY



METER READER

Connect Saint Helena Ltd (Connect) is seeking the services of a self-employed contractor for the provision of Meter Reading services for a period of one year. The suitable contractor will form part of a team of Meter Readers who will be expected to provide readings for both water and electricity usage from customer premises in accordance with issued routes lists, and submit the readings to the Connect Billing Office by a specified deadline.

Reading of Meters will need to take place from the 1st – 12th of each month between Monday and Sunday within specified time frames as set out by Connect, hours of work may vary to suit own contractors/customers schedules. The successful candidate must provide their own transportation.



EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES

- The ability to organise their own schedule, meet deadlines and record accurate readings is essential.
- The Meter reader will interact regularly with Connect's customers and will be expected to act professionally and with integrity and in accordance with Connect's Code of Practice.
- Effective communicator with good time management skills.

For further information contact Phanual Shangwa on +290 22255 or email Phanual.Shangwa@connect.co.sh. Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: Lisa.Bailey@connect.co.sh by 9:00am Wednesday, 05 February 2025. To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.



www.connect.co.sh/vacancies.html



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St Helena Golf Club Presidents Cup Stroke Play Competition Report

Report by SHGC - Sunday, 19th January 2025

The St Helena Golf Club, nestled in the picturesque South Atlantic Ocean, hosted its prestigious Presidents Cup Stroke Play competition this past Sunday. Sponsored by the club's current president, Mr. Tony Green, the event saw 17 enthusiastic golfers vying for top honors.

The competition was fierce, with Douglas Augustus and Peter Bagley both finishing at the top of the leaderboard with impressive scores of 69. This tie led to an exciting playoff, where Douglas Augustus ultimately emerged victorious, claiming the first prize. Neil Joshua secured third place with a commendable score of 70 and also achieved the only "two" of the day, winning all the balls in the two-ball pool.

Arthur Young showcased his precision by winning the "Nearest to Pin" contest on the 16th hole. The event concluded with President Tony Green expressing his gratitude to all participants and highlighting the club's rich history, which spans 122 years. He also noted that the Presidents Cup has been a cherished tradition since the 1960s. The club thanks the President for his sponsorship.

Adding a touch of fun to the day, two cards were randomly drawn from a bag, giving all participants a chance to win. Bramwell Bushuru and Keith Joshua were the lucky winners, each receiving a dozen cupcakes.

The next competition on the club's calendar which is scheduled for 26th January is the 18 Hole Stableford competition, generously sponsored by Charlie Ruddy. Members are eagerly looking forward to another day of thrilling golf. Registration closes on Saturday 25th January 2025. The first competition in February will be a "Texas Scramble choose your partner competition" sponsored by Wilson Yon also known as Billyhead.

Members who have not paid their annual subscriptions are also reminded that they have until end of this month to make their payments to the club Bank of St Helena Account 13270002 Reference "Your name, Subs 2025".



St Helena Mini-Birdwatch



Common waxbill/ avadavat



Canary



Madagascan fody



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Domestic: _____



Game: _____



Wirebird



Did you know?

The fairy tern (right) is a seabird that nest in-land and may be spotted flying or in trees in town or the country.



CAUTION: EXPOSED PIPING ON BEACH

Recent sea conditions have exposed the undersea fibre optic cable pipework which lands at Rupert's Beach.

The cable itself is undamaged. However, a small amount of the protective housing encasing it remains exposed on the beach, with some of the casing in the waters leading away from the beach detached from the seabed and exposed.

Following a risk assessment, authorities are satisfied that the general public pose little risk to the piping and, with suitable precautions observed, the piping poses little risk to the public.

Whilst it is expected that the regular movement of sand at the beach is likely to naturally rebury the piping in time, the public are advised to take caution when on Rupert's Beach or when swimming in Rupert's Bay.

Beach users

There is no risk of electric shock or electric exposure, but the piping does have metal bolts and joins which could cause injury, so members of the public should be mindful when near it. Much like beach rocks, it could pose a trip hazard or a risk of injury were someone to fall onto it.

Swimmers

Members of the public are also advised to avoid swimming near the areas of exposed piping in the water. Whilst it may not look dangerous, swell and waves can quickly drag or push you into the piping, which could then result in injury.

Boat operators

As anchoring could pose a risk to the underwater piping, boat operators are advised that no anchoring is permitted inside of Rupert's Bay between the end of the Jetty and Birddown. Outside of this area, anchoring should be avoided within 100m either side of the piping.

To report any concerns, please call the Harbour Master on 22750 or VHF Channel 14.

MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



**WHATEVER
YOU NEED
TO SHIP**

GREEN MOUNTAIN 251201	
Immingham	07-Dec
Cape Town	13-Jan
Stack Dates	Firm
Immingham FCL	02.12.-04.12.
Manchester LCL cut off	27-Nov
KAROLINE 251701	
Cape Town	17-Jan
Rupert's Bay	29-Jan
KAROLINE 251801	
Cape Town	11-Feb
Stack Dates	Firm
Cape Town LCL	09.01. - 10.01.
Cape Town FCL & BB	13.01. - 15.01.

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