

# The St Helena Ambassador

... An Extraordinary Place on a Path to Prosperity



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## New Island Games Record

**S**imon Henry, who four years ago in 2013, became St Helena's first-ever Gold Medallist at the NatWest Island Games in Bermuda has now become an official NatWest Island Games record holder in the 50m 3 position small-bore rifle event. Simon was part of Team St Helena at the Island Games in Gotland earlier this year and won Gold in the event with a now record score of 430points - beating the previous record of 423.1.

Nick Stevens, Chairman of the National Amateur Sports Association St Helena (NASAS), said:

*"All at NASAS are really proud of what Simon has achieved at various NatWest Island Games and to now hold a record is a remarkable accomplishment."*



*"I spoke with Simon and he said he is proud to have been able to smash the old record and is now looking forward to Gibraltar 2019 where he hopes to better his score and again set a new record."*



## Community Development Organisation's Website Launch

**O**n 8 September, the Community Development Organisation launched their website at an informal Legislative Council Meeting.

Councillors were thanked by Kirsty Joshua,

Chairperson of the Community Development Organisation, and Isha Harris, Director of the Community Development Organisation, for providing funding towards the Community Grant Scheme each year since 2012, enabling community development action.

Please visit the Community Development Organisation's first ever website:

[www.sthelenacommunitydevelopment.org](http://www.sthelenacommunitydevelopment.org)

Isha said:

*"I hope this marks a new and exciting beginning for promoting and supporting civil society organisations on St Helena. This will ensure our information is clear and easily accessible to people."*

Community Development Organisation

Home Services Volunteer About CGS History

**Hours of Operation**  
09:00 am to 04:00 pm  
Calls: 22791  
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**WELCOME**  
to St Helena's Community Development Organisation's website. We are passionate about supporting civil society organisations on the island of St Helena, financially and through training, advocacy and by shining a light on all the hard work civil society groups do.

**Community Grant Scheme Awards**  
Next round ending 4 pm Friday 1st December 2017  
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**Community Centres received £31,099.92 for Financial Year 2016-17**

**Sports received £17,009.56 for Financial Year 2016-17**

**CHECK IT OUT!**

**VOLUNTEER**  
The benefits of volunteering are enormous to you, your family, and your community. The right match can help you to reduce stress, find friends, reach out to the community, learn new skills, and even advance your career.

## Mantis St Helena

**W**ork on the Mantis St Helena hotel is progressing well with the project heading into its latter stages. Recently the hotel sign has been fitted along with the flagpoles.

General Manager, Matt Joshua, said:

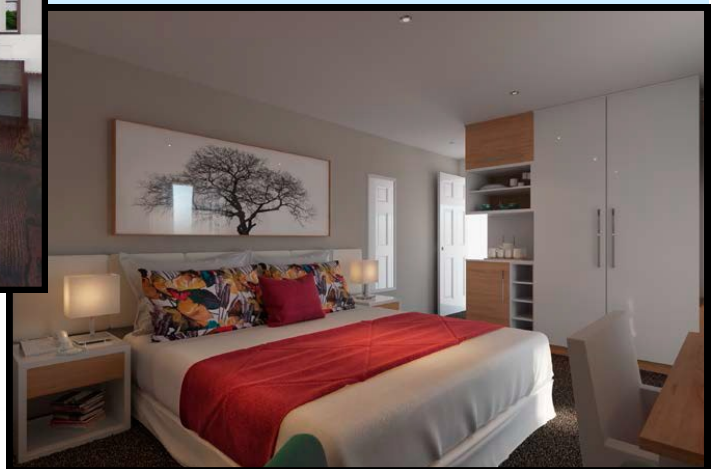
*“The pace is really picking up and we have now begun the transition from construction to fit out – the installation of all our furniture, fixtures, fittings, equipment, systems... everything. We have expanded from our core staff to half our staff complement; all helping to get the hotel ready – the rooms, the bar, restaurant, public areas, and all the ‘back of house’ areas (kitchen, laundry, office and storage areas).*

*“I am very proud to announce that with the exception of our Executive Chef, Roy MacAskill, all staff members are Saints. We have a full staff complement of 30, and of these, a third have come from the RMS St Helena.*

*“We plan to be ready for the commercial flight on 14 October, and to be fully operational from 1 November. To make an accommodation booking or a restaurant booking (we wholeheartedly welcome enquiries from the St Helena community), please email: [st.helena@mantiscollection.com](mailto:st.helena@mantiscollection.com).”*



*Matt and a tour group in one of the soon to be dining areas*



*Plan of what the Mantis St Helena façade will look like  
Above & Right: What the Heritage (above) and Contemporary (right) rooms will look like when complete*



## SURE Kids Tech Day

In August, during the school end of year holidays, SURE South Atlantic Ltd held a Kids Tech Day at the Jamestown Community Centre. This was the second Tech Day held by SURE who also hosted the event last year. This year the day was made bigger with more on offer for the near 100 children that attended. Stations were organised by each of



SURE's departments and included VR Gaming, Zip Line Rides, Dead Phone Lines, VHF Radios, PABX System, Bracelet Making, Kiddies Corner, a Mobile Clinic, a Selfie Booth, Cinema and Go Kart Rides.

Refreshments were also available for parents to enjoy while their kids got involved with all the entertainment on offer.

SURE also organised special visitors in the form of various cartoon characters including Barney the Dinosaur and Disney's Mickey Mouse. The children were excited to take photos with their favourite cartoon friends.

The shop service also provided a vast variety of goodies such as apps and other technology gadgets and a few back-to-school products.



## World Tourism Day



**S**t Helena Tourism marked World Tourism Day on Wednesday, 27 September 2017, by holding an Information and Open Day at the Canister in Jamestown from 11am – 3pm.

The Tourism Visitor Centre and upstairs Conference Room were open to the public with displays showcasing St Helena Tourism's tourist attractions. Information was available on the work that St Helena is doing towards sustainable tourism through key themes of - economic development, environmental protection, cultural preservation, diversity & heritage, mutual understanding, peace & security and social inclusiveness.

The official 'Travel Enjoy Respect' video was played throughout the day in addition to the message by Taleb Rifai, Secretary-General, World Tourism Organisation. 'Did you know?' statistics were also showcased to display the gaps within the local tourism market. Information was displayed on the newly introduced 'best practices scheme' including the benefits of registering businesses with the Tourist Office.

Director of Tourism (Designate), Helena Bennett, commented:

*"The World Tourism Day direct theme of 'Sustainable Tourism – a tool for development' could not have been better placed at this time in St Helena's history. The tourism industry has been eagerly awaiting the launch of commercial air services to St Helena and are all working*

*towards achieving the necessity to host a larger capacity of travellers and push St Helena towards a continuous path of improvement and progress.*

*"The team at the Tourist Office and Enterprise St Helena have and are working hard, and the Information Day was to not only engage with the private sector, but also for them to engage with each other.*

*"It was a successful turnout with around 40 individuals passing through and we thank the public for their support as we ready ourselves to launch a new phase for St Helena."*

At 1.30pm, Councillor Lawson Henry, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, gave a short speech, which was followed by the cutting of the World Tourism Day Cake by Tourism Officer, Kelly Jonas.

