



## LEMP Project

The St Helena Government (SHG) has recently agreed with the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) a revised programme of works and budget to better deliver the far reaching Landscape and Ecological Mitigation Programme (LEMP) for St Helena Airport. A new six year programme, running from April 2015 to March 2021, with a budget in excess of £1.5 million, has been approved by all parties. This comes on the back of a recently signed Variation Order between St Helena Airport contractor Basil Read and SHG - restructuring the existing roles and responsibilities set out by the Environmental Management Plan of February 2011. To ensure the best possible legacy for LEMP, SHG will now take on greater rehabilitation responsibilities in return for Basil Read's in-kind contribution in the form of vehicles, tools, and materials.

The LEMP has been busy over the past year establishing nurseries, propagating tens of thousands of plants for restoration planting and, more recently, installing rabbit-proof fencing in areas that are now becoming available for ground preparation and rehabilitation following construction works. Over the past year, close to 50,000 plants have been grown, including more than 20 different species - most of which are either endemic or native to St Helena. As a result of the revised programme of works, SHG is recruiting a larger team of staff to deliver this challenging and exciting agenda for St Helena. If you are interested in being a part of the biggest ever conservation project on the Island, then keep an eye on the local press as more jobs will be advertised in the New Year.



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# St Helena Airport

## 2015 - A Year In Review

### JANUARY 2015 - Thales Team Arrives



JANUARY 2015 -  
Ian Johnson Arrives

Arriving on the RMS on Saturday, 10 January 2015, was Ian Johnson (above) to take up the post of Emergency Planner.

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## 2015 - A Year in Review



### FEBRUARY 2015 - Simon Wade Appointed

Simon Wade (left) was appointed Sea Rescue Manager (and Deputy Emergency Planner), joining the Police Directorate on 2 February 2015 with the job of managing St Helena's Sea Rescue Service. Simon's role is to review and prepare the current service in preparation for the opening of St Helena's Airport.

The Sea Rescue Service has grown from one boat to three and will grow from around 10 to potentially 100 deployments per year, including airport related deployments and training days.

The Sea Rescue Service is an important component of the Airport Certification process.

### MARCH 2015 - Comair Limited appointed as Air Service Provider

SHG and DFID announced on 16 March the appointment of Comair Limited as the preferred bidder for the provision of air services to St Helena. Comair is a South African aviation and travel company offering scheduled and non-scheduled airline services within South Africa, sub-Saharan Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands. Through Comair's partnerships with numerous international airlines, the St Helena air service will offer connections to the international route network, via Johannesburg, to destinations such as London, Amsterdam, Paris, Sydney and Hong Kong.



### MARCH 2015 - Final Rock Blast

The final rock blast of the St Helena Airport Project took place at the Airport site, Prosperous Bay Plain, at 5.20pm on Friday 20 March 2015.

The final blast, using 975kgs of explosives and yielding approximately 3700 tonnes of blasted rock, was carried out as part of creating safer slopes in an existing borrow pit on the eastern side of the Runway.



### MARCH 2015 - Rediscovery of Large Endemic Tea Plants in Fisher's Valley

The Landscape and Ecological Mitigation Programme (LEMP) for St Helena Airport re-discovered in March 2015 a population of St Helena's endemic Tea Plants (*Frankenia portulacifolia*) in Fisher's Valley.

Some of the specimens in this population are larger than any currently known Tea Plants on the Island, reaching over 1.5m in height.



### APRIL 2015 - Annual Environmental Report 2013/14 Published

In April Basil Read published its Annual Environmental Report (AER) 2013-14 on the St Helena Airport Project. This report provides an overview of the environmental performance of the Airport contractor.



### MAY 2015 - Nigel Spackman, Basil Read Aerodrome Manager

Nigel Spackman arrived on-Island in May 2015 and is responsible for the management of St Helena Airport, including all operational access, flight safety and service delivery levels.



### MAY 2015 -

Appointment of Paul Cherrett, LEMP Conservation Team Leader (left).

Appointment of Andy Simpson, Penspen Fuels Manager (right).



## 2015 - A Year in Review

### JUNE 2015 - Airport Rescue & Fire Fighting Service Crew Appointed and Depart for Overseas Training in South Africa.

A highly qualified Rescue & Fire fighting Service (RFFS) team was appointed for St Helena Airport on 1 June 2015.



### JUNE 2015 - Confirmation of IATA Code for St Helena Airport

**ST HELENA = HLE**

SHG announced that the Airport Code **HLE** had been designated for St Helena Airport.

### JULY 2015 - Sea Rescue Crew Fully Established (right)

At Rupert's Bay on Friday 17 July 2015, HE The Governor and Mrs Capes participated in a special ceremony during which the two new sea rescue boats were officially named and launched.



**JULY 2015 - Runway Lights Switched On (above)**



**AUGUST 2015 - Completion of Runway, apron, taxiway (above)**



### SEPTEMBER 2015

#### FIRST EVER AIRCRAFT LANDS AT ST HELENA AIRPORT AND MAKES HISTORY

At 13.50hrs GMT on Tuesday 15 September 2015, a Beechcraft King Air 200 Aircraft arrived from Angola and touched down at St Helena's new Airport, prior to conducting a series of calibration flights.



### OCTOBER 2015 - Ascension Air Service To and From St Helena Announced

Ascension Island Government and St Helena Government announced at the beginning of October 2015 that Comair Limited had been selected as the preferred bidder for the provision of air services between Ascension Island and St Helena.

### NOVEMBER 2015 - Airport Contract 4th Anniversary

St Helena Airport celebrated the 4th anniversary of the signing of the Design, Build and Operate contract with Basil Read.



### DECEMBER 2015 - 2nd Calibration Flight

Despite very low cloud cover, the second Calibration Flight landed safely at St Helena Airport on Sunday 13 December, at approximately 14.27hrs local time. On-board the aircraft were Nicholas Whitehouse, Dean Houghton, Jeffrey McKenzie, Peter Riley, Ivor Nel and Paul Watson.

## Legislation on Aerial Photography - Reminder



Although the Airport has yet to open, the provisions of the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order apply to St Helena. This UK legislation covers many aspects of aviation and aerial activity over the Island. It applies to anyone wishing to fly in St Helena, whether that be using a manned or unmanned aircraft.



There are a number of provisions (known as "Articles") in the Order that apply to the operations of the Airport and to pilots who will be using it. But there are also a number of Articles that apply to members of the public who wish to use St Helenian Airspace - these include restrictions in the use of unmanned aircraft, also known as drones, SUAs and SUSAs. These are usually small, remotely controlled aircraft that can sometimes be fitted with a camera.



In September 2015, Articles relevant to the public were covered in a press release and published on the SHG website. In particular, users of SUAs were reminded that even though the Airport is not operational, the use of SUAs is still regulated and that aerial photography is only allowed when permitted by the UK-based regulator (Air Safety Support International - ASSI).

If you are using an SUA fitted with a camera or other recording device and using the images on a commercial basis (whether selling your images to someone else or using them in your own enterprise), you must first contact ASSI to gain permission to do so.


### Remember, you must use your SUA safely, responsibly and lawfully.

For further information and advice, please contact the Air Access Team on 22494 or go to <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/aviation-legislation-on-st-helena/>

### Other Legislation

Turning to local legislation, changes to existing Ordinances and Regulations are currently being finalised to cater for aviation activities in St Helena.

Most of the changes are very minor and involve updating existing laws relating to immigration, customs, land planning and development control, and so on. New legislation such as the Aviation Ordinance and the Environmental Protection Ordinance already cater for aircraft and the Airport, but a number of existing Ordinances and Regulations do need to be updated.



ST. HELENA

**(Chapter No. not allocated yet)**

**IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE**

Non-authoritative Consolidated Text

Further information on the proposed legal changes will be published in January 2016 so that members of the public will have a chance to comment on them. Watch this space...

**2013 No. 2870**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

The Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2013

Made	- - - -	6th November 2013
Laid before Parliament		13th November 2013
Coming into force	- -	1st January 2014

## Annual Shutdown

Basil Read employees and members of the public are advised that the company will close on St Helena for its annual shutdown from **Wednesday 23 December at 5pm 2015 until Monday 4 January 2016 at 7am.**

Works will still continue on some areas of the project during the block leave, and members of the public are reminded that the project sites in Rupert's, the Access Road and Prosperous Bay Plain remain construction sites and are **closed** to the public.

