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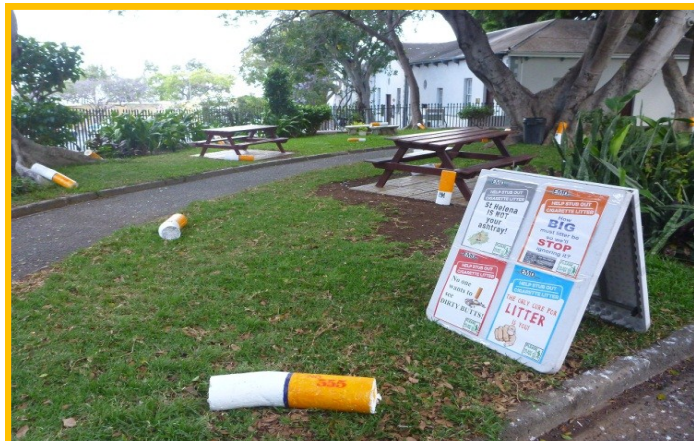
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WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES CAMPAIGN - 'BINNING BUTTS'

Cigarette butt litter is the focus of this year's campaign for Waste Management Services (WMS), and is being delivered during the month of December.

In advance of the campaign, Government directorates and private sector businesses were asked to display posters, designed by WMS staff, to raise awareness of the issue.

WMS staff also distributed twenty wall-mountable cigarette disposal bins to key locations - the Wharf, top of Jacobs Ladder and outside some public toilets where cigarette butt litter is prominent. Businesses also received free 'Please Do Not Litter' adhesive signs for their wheelie bins.



Thirty oversized cigarette butts, skilfully crafted by SHAPE using waste materials, were strategically placed in various locations - Ladder Hill, The Market, Post Office, Canister and Castle Gardens - to create visual awareness.

Environmental Risk Manager, Mike Durnford, said:

"The battle against cigarette litter on St Helena can only be won if smokers join the fight on the right side. There are plenty of smokers who don't litter their cigarettes but unfortunately there is still a minority that do. If you are a considerate smoker who doesn't litter, THANK YOU! Please continue setting a positive example and please continue to help the Island by encouraging those smokers who do litter, to change their ways."



Christmas celebrations on St Helena

PRIMARY SCHOOLS' NATIVITY PRODUCTIONS



ENTERTAINMENT IN JAMESTOWN



FESTIVE PARADES



CHRISTMAS PARTIES & CAKE DELIVERY



SHAPE CELEBRATES DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY

This year, the United Nations' International Day of Persons with Disabilities (Disability Awareness Day) was celebrated on St Helena on Monday, 4 December 2017, at Anne's Place.

SHAPE, supported by the Safeguarding Directorate and Disabled Persons Aid Society, hosted the day with a focus on community education and increasing inclusion and opportunities for people with disabilities.

In attendance were disabled clientele and invited guests comprising Government officials, Councillors and Private Sector business owners.

Chairperson of the SHAPE Board, Jill Annetts, opened the event with a speech:

"Since 1922, the United Nations' International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) has been annually observed on 3 December around the world. The theme for this year's IDPD was 'Transformation towards a sustainable and resilient society for all'. This theme has been at the heart of what SHAPE has been doing for the last 11 years. This would not be possible without the

dedication of staff, trainees, clients, parents and carers that had the vision to set up and continue with this fantastic organisation and develop it into what it is today."

The day continued with lunch and musical entertainment provided by Alex Vanguard.



FISHCAKES FOR VOLUNTEERS!

On Tuesday, 5 December 2017, the Community Development Organisation celebrated 'International Volunteer Day'.

Persons who had volunteered their time and skill to the community were invited to the Castle Gardens to receive a free fishcake on roll as a token of appreciation. This was accompanied by light music provided by James Fantom and Gareth Drabble.

Director of the Community Development Organisation, Isha Harris, commented:

"We had the great privilege of thanking 186 volunteers of St Helena through this 'Fishcake' event. The Community Development Organisation wanted to shine a light on the huge effort and work that goes into volunteering and thank individual volunteers on the day. We wanted to give back to those who give without asking for anything in return. The Organisation wants to foster and nurture that self-less and community orientated drive."

