

The St Helena Ambassador

... An Extraordinary Place on a Path to Prosperity



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SAINT HELENA NATIONAL TRUST OPEN DAY

The Saint Helena National Trust officially opened their new Shade House and standing out area at the Millennium Forest on Saturday, 8 December.

The Shade House and standing out area, which was built under the BEST 2.0 small grant funded project 'Nurseries for Nature', was constructed to not only increase endemic plant production but also to produce healthier, stronger plants that are more likely to survive in the wild.

On the day, speeches were given by BEST Project Manager, Martina Peters, Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks and Quentin Cronk.

In his speech, Quentin reflected on the history, the international importance and the future of the Millennium Forest. Quentin said:

"In the late 1990s, Governor Smallman asked for suggestions for projects to celebrate the new millennium. Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks put forward the idea of a forest, and the idea resonated. Under the guidance of numerous



BEST Project Manager, Martina Peters, giving her speech



Quentin Cronk giving his speech



The Shade House exterior



Inside the Shade House

visionary islanders, the project began to take shape. It became reality on a wet winter day in 2000 when 600 brave souls, who shared the vision, turned out each to plant a tree. What might be called "the miracle of the crown wastes" began to take shape. Who would have believed that a forest could grow in such an unpromising spot? It showed what a community coming together could do."

Thanks were given to all involved, especially the BEST funders, Andy Pearce for the design of the shade house, volunteer Chris Barnicle and all Trust staff especially the Heritage team - Darren Williams, Richard John, Rob Benjamin and Christopher Thomas - who carried out the construction.

The Shade House and standing out area was opened by the President of the Saint Helena National Trust Council, Mrs Ethel Yon.

Guests were then given the opportunity to look around and enjoy refreshments.

MS THE WORLD VISITS ST HELENA

The largest privately owned residential vessel, 'MS The World', visited St Helena between 9 and 11 December 2018. At the time of her arrival, The World carried 77 passengers and 289 crew.

Over the course of their stay, visitors undertook various Island tours and hikes, including the Historical Town Walk, Wirebird Tours, and visited the Islands highlights such as the Napoleonic properties, hiked Diana's Peak and South West Point. A Cocktail Evening was also held at Longwood House, co-hosted by the Briars Events Planning & Service Providers and Mantis St Helena.

On her second evening, The World's band, the 'Fabulous Fossils', gave a musical performance at the Mule Yard in Jamestown. The band's performance was accompanied by the Island's local bands – Island Politics and The Big Easy.

The world departed at 8pm on 11 December bound for Cape Town with 76 passengers and 288 crew on-board.

The World, which was launched in 2002, is operated by ROW Management Ltd, who's headquarters are in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, United States.



MS The World anchored in James' Bay



Local Band, The Big Easy (Photo © Saint FM Community Radio)



The Fabulous Fossils (Photo © Saint FM Community Radio)

PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The Public Library Services held their Christmas Holiday Activities on Tuesday, 18 December with 35 children in attendance.

The day's activities consisted of children participating in planned crafts such as decorating 3D Christmas Trees with tissue paper baubles and sparkles, painting glitter Fir Cones, designing decorative Christmas cards and Christmas Wreaths and creating Santa and Candy Cane mobile pictures.

The highlight of the day was the arrival of Santa in a Fire Truck, by kind curiosity of the Fire Service. All the children eagerly gathered round in the Castle Gardens to receive their Christmas cracker from Santa, a few brave children even sat on his knee.

The day was a great success with lots of fun and Christmas cheer!



Festive Celebrations on St Helena

ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL ADVENT SERVICE



PILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL AND SHAPE CHRISTMAS CAROLLING



THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE



ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARADE AND CHRISTMAS CAKE DELIVERY



Waste Management Services staff have completed a number of works 'in house' at Horse Point Landfill Site during 2018 as part of their contribution towards ever improving waste management services.

The majority of works was completed using waste materials found on site, resulting in minimal expense against SHG's recurrent budget. This included:

New signage within the Public Recycling Facility for easier recycling/disposal of wastes (Picture 1,2 and 3).

The bulky waste cell beginning to be capped and profiled over, after which the next terrace for bulky waste disposal will commence on top of this waste (Picture 4).

A chain link fence added within the Public Recycling Facility to prevent blown litter spreading across the site and beyond (Picture 5).

Reusing waste tyres on site for landscaping purposes, demonstrating the value in recycling and promoting the circular economy (Picture 6).

Other works completed at the site included the installation of fencing and additional signage around the sewage pond, and directional signage installed throughout the site to guide the public to bulky waste, green waste, animal waste, old cars, asbestos cells and to the sewage pond.

Waste Management Services anticipates further works in the future which includes: repainting the masts and bases of the Mobile Ariel Netting System covering the active domestic waste cell (for weather protection and longevity) and reorganisation of the large building to accommodate some Government Garage vehicles for dry/secure storage.

Landfill Manager, Patrick Crowie, commented:

"Everyday we bury money within the site because most wastes have a value and their opportunity for reuse or recycling is not being seized!"



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



Picture 4



Picture 5



The Public Recycling Facility



Picture 6