

World Environment Day 2021



World Environment Day is on Saturday, 5 June. This year's theme is 'Reimagine. Recreate. Restore.' Globally, this has inspired many stories of individuals, groups and organisations making a difference within their community's environment to help restore their ecosystems. We take a look at the quality of St Helena's environment and the opportunities it provides for ecosystems to thrive and for those of us living on and visiting the Island.

Marine Life



St Helena's marine life includes endemic fish, dolphins, whale sharks and many more. The Island has a designated Marine Protected Area of 444,916 square kilometres. The clear ocean offers amazing aquatic activities, all of which are operated under conservation regulations.

Currently 30% of the energy produced on-Island is from renewable sources. This is an initiative to move this to 100% by 2022, as per the Island's Energy Strategy.

The Purest Honey



St Helena's bees are disease and parasite free thanks to strict biosecurity control measures. This makes St Helena honey one of the purest in the world.



St Helena has a number of 'green' taxes to encourage greener living. This includes car taxes based on emissions, a tax on polystyrene food packaging, tax reductions for renewable energy and water storage systems.

Post Box Walks



St Helena's landscapes are incredibly beautiful and diverse; the 21 Post Box Walks take you through rolling fields, a cloud forest, volcanic beaches, natural salt water pools, and desert-like plains, providing idyllic scenery for relaxation that is free from pollution.

Air purity on-Island is of an exceptionally high standard, this offers many health benefits. Lichens are a natural indicator of air purity, this is evident on St Helena as it is home to a variety of different species.

The Millennium Forest

Since its opening 20 years ago the Millennium Forest continues to 'grow', with over 10,000 gumwood trees planted by locals and visitors to the Island. The forest is slowly re-establishing its own ecosystem in the area that once was 'The Great Wood'.



St Helena's cloud forest in the centre of the Island is a green haven.

One third of the entire endemic species within the British Overseas Territories and Britain are found on St Helena.