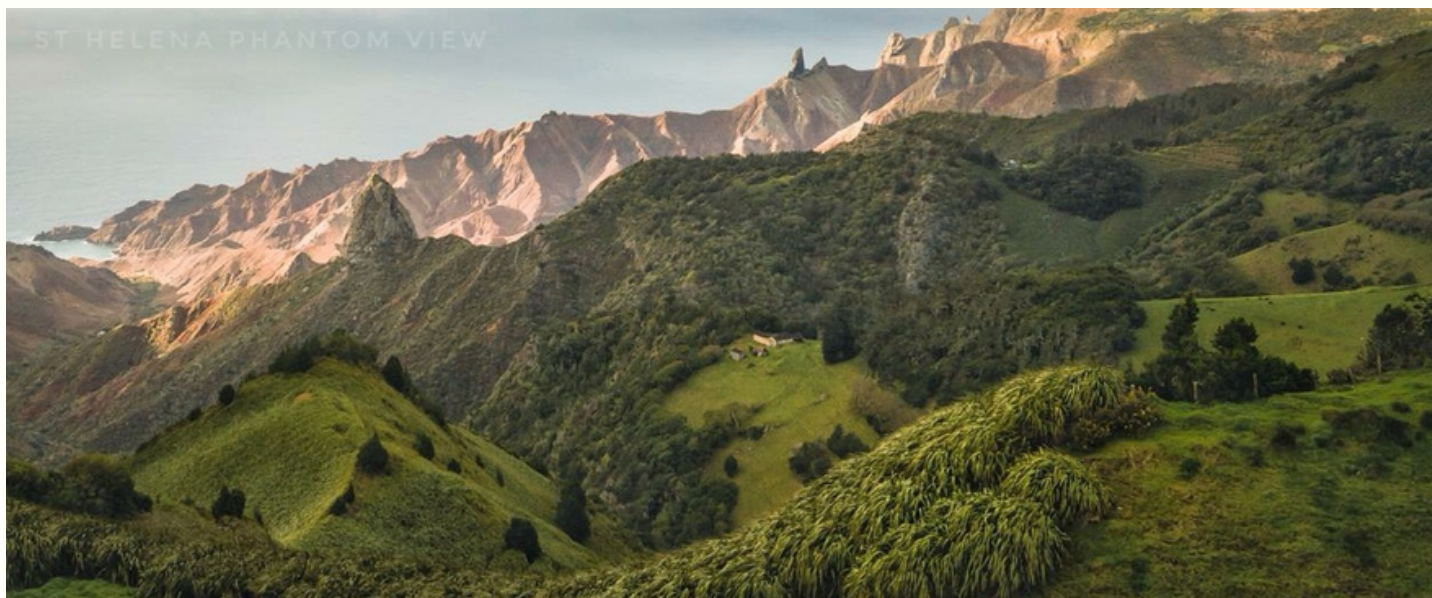


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THE ST HELENA AMBASSADOR



Editorial

Hi, welcome to the St Helena Ambassador - the first edition for 2022! Happy New Year to you all ...

In our newly revamped newsletter, you can find out about Career Access' Open Day to commemorate International Day of Education, how the St Helena Fire & Rescue Service saved the roundabout at Longwood Green from being condemned, and an update on the Endangered Archives Project.

If you'd like to contribute a story to the St Helena Ambassador or have any suggestions on what you'd like to see included, please feel free to contact me on tel: 22470 or via email: jodie.s-constantine@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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Career Access St Helena hosts Open Day to recognise International Day of Education

International Day of Education - used to celebrate the role of education for peace and development - was celebrated on Monday, 24 January 2022.

To recognise this day, Career Access St Helena - a one-stop shop for career services on the Island - forming part of the Education, Skills & Employment Portfolio - held an Open Day at New Porteous House between 10am and 2pm.

During the Open Day, three work experience students – Abigail Yon, Hannah Beard and Charlize Henry - spoke about the work they had undertaken on the Apprenticeship Scheme.

Abi and Hannah spent part of their time with Career Access St Helena, focusing on marketing activities. Hannah collated findings from the Apprenticeship and Work Experience Feedback Survey 2021 and converted this into informative data.



Pie charts produced were then accommodated by Abi who designed and produced Career Access' first newsletter available on the Career Access St Helena page of the SHG website.

Charlize carried out her work experience with the Saint Helena National Trust and worked with Project Officers, Shelley and Pete, on the Endangered Archives Project - digitalising East India records dating from 1648-1840. To find out more about the Project, please see page 2 of the Ambassador.

Displays were also set up, and included stats about the services offered by Career Access as well as their plans for the future.

Kerry Lane from the Governor's Office spoke about the Chevening Scholarship.

Career Access St Helena Manager, Nicola Essex, commented:

"We had 25 people through our doors on the day, including pupils from St Pauls Primary School. From the comments received, visitors found our information and discussions with them to be very interesting and informative. Career Access is open to walk-ins between 10am and 2pm, Mondays to Fridays, so you can still drop by to check us out and see what we're up to."

The Endangered Archives Project - Project Officers digitalise over 24,645 pictures

The Endangered Archives Project continues to progress well. Project Officers, Shelley Magellan-Wade and Peter Crane, are nearly four months into the Project and enjoying their roles.

Based in the Studio Basement at the Saint Helena National Trust, the Project began in September 2021, and will see the digitisation of all East India Company Records from 1678 – 1840, which are currently stored in the St Helena Archives.

When the 15-month project is complete the team will have digitised over 350 volumes equating to 150,000 photographs. To date they have completed 70 volumes equating to 24,645 pictures.

The overall aim of the Project is to make information as accessible as possible to the



wider audience, at the same time preserving these extraordinary records - providing such a fascinating insight into the politics, society and everyday life of the Island during this time period. All records will eventually be available to view on the British Library website.

Shelley and Pete have been extremely pleased with the positive support and assistance they have received from the community and the staff at the Archives. The Studio is always open to interested visitors, so do feel free to drop by to see how the process works and learn about the numerous fascinating accounts they have read.

If you are interested in reading any of these accounts the team posts weekly snippets on the Saint Helena National Trust Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SHnationaltrust>.

The Endangered Archives Programme (EAP) facilitates the digitisation of archives around the world that are in danger of destruction, neglect or physical deterioration.

Thanks to generous funding from Arcadia, a charitable fund of Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin, the programme has provided grants to more than 400 projects in 90 countries worldwide, in over 100 languages and scripts.

Firefighters repair roundabout on Longwood Green

Firefighters from the St Helena Fire & Rescue Service recently repaired the broken roundabout at Longwood Green.

A very concerned member of the public had contacted the St Helena Fire & Rescue Service and asked for the children's roundabout on Longwood Green to be condemned, as the person feared that sooner or later a child could potentially be seriously injured due to unsafe and missing floor boards and gaping holes where the children stand, along with rusted handrails.



St Helena Fire & Rescue Service Brigade Manager, Alan Thomas, followed up the concern with a site visit and was shocked to see the poor state of the roundabout.

Alan spoke with other members of public and discovered that the roundabout is a very popular ride amongst children of all ages from across the Island. Therefore instead of condemning the roundabout Alan took the initiative to have the roundabout repaired and give something back to the community.

Firefighters Philip Yon, Chris Wade and David Young, took on the challenge of refurbishment works to make this popular ride, a safe ride for all to enjoy.

Thank you!