



HMP: Doing Time – the right way

The Team in Her Majesty's Prison Jamestown are pleased to report our involvement in the following community activities:

Community Clear-up



Prisoners continue to litter pick under the supervision of Prison Officers, helping to keep the community clean and tidy. Most recently prisoners litter picked in the Sea Front/Wharf area, around the Customs building ahead of the Thanksgiving Service when Platinum Jubilee medals were presented to front line workers. The most common items of rubbish found were food waste i.e. poultry bones and cigarette butts.

Thanks to ANRD who lent us some gardening tools so HMP could help to cut-back and clean-up Barnes Road, Alarm Forest. This work is on-going but the area is looking better already.

Mynah bird traps

Prisoners have been working with the Saint Helena National Trust (SHNT) and prison and community volunteers to make Mynah bird traps to help cull the population of this invasive species. SHNT Project Manager Vertebrates, Marjorie Fowler, trained prisoners how to make the traps from a roll of wire and HMP supplied first-aid and plasters for those involved in the project.



HMP Wood Workshop

The workshop within the Prison has been busy as ever. Recently we have produced new signs for the Police Service, a nice wooden planter for the Social Care team, some new furniture for a local school and a number of small chalk-boards. Get in touch if you have any projects you would like some help with.

St Helena's Day

Did anyone see our national treasure Jonathan the tortoise artwork? True to form, he was fashionably late to the St Helena's Day celebrations but can now be spotted on the veranda of the Prison to help celebrate the anniversary.



Platinum Jubilee

Some impressive artwork, including hand-made crowns, Jubilee themed display boards, matching Queen's hat and hand-bag in zesty lime green, as well as a life sized Queen and Queen's Guard cut-out for people to put their faces through and take a photo-selfie. How many people were Queen for a day?

We are proud to be awarded a certificate from HE the Governor in recognition of the artwork supporting the Jubilee event. A huge thank you to all staff, prisoners, visitors and our cherished volunteers who made this a success.



Superintendent of Prisons, Jay Kendall, commented: *"High levels of structured activity can help to reduce reoffending and teach prisoners essential work skills and ethics. Saint Helena Prison Service is on a mission to improve purposeful activity for prisoners both in and out of the Prison, subject to risk assessments and staffing. I thank our prisoners, the team, our volunteers and those who donate tools and materials to make all of this good work possible, well done!"*



Often the important work that goes on in prisons is a mystery and 'behind the scenes' so I want to publically thank everyone involved in their work with HMP Jamestown.

A special mention to those Officers who have received their Platinum Jubilee medals from HE the Governor. In total there is 193 years of combined experience and service within the team. Thank you for your service to the Crown and playing your part in keeping St Helena public safe.

Press article in local newspapers

Jay Kendall – Superintendent of Prisons July 2022.