

ASCENSION ISLAND CELEBRATES 4TH OF JULY





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Editor's Note

Hello readers,

On Saturday, we came together to celebrate Independence Day at the US base- Lorna Mills has written an interesting article featured inside (thank you Lorna) 😊

We visited English Bay on Sunday, and were greeted with a pile of rubbish, and other people's leftover drinks and rubbish.

We would like to remind people to please clean up after themselves, and to respect our environment.

Izzy & Helen



**HELP KEEP
THE BEACH
CLEAN**

**LEAVE
NOTHING
BUT
FOOTPRINTS**

Beach pollution is a huge problem that can be caused by a number of things.

People often leave their trash behind when visiting the beach. While most of the time this is unintentional, we must still try and remember to check for any trash before we leave.

Throughout the year most beaches have beach clean ups. Some of the most common types of debris that are collected include; plastic lids, food wrappers, plastic bottles, straws, plastic lids, bottle caps, and plastic bags. Over half of the marine debris that ends up in our ocean is from land!

It is important to pick up after yourself regardless if we are at the beach or not. When debris such as bottles or cigarette butts get tossed onto the ground, they go into storm drains and right into our waterways. Many types of litter take years to decompose such as plastic bags or aluminium cans.



Consultation on New Entry Control Policy

Responses sought by 18 July

The public consultation on a draft Policy on Entry Control to Ascension continues, with the deadline for responses set at Monday 18 July.

A robust system of entry control is a core function of government and is necessary for the good governance of the territory. As there is no automatic right to entry to, or right to remain in, Ascension it is important that decisions are made in line with established principles and procedures, and that these are applied openly, fairly and consistently.

By establishing a published policy that details these, including on what grounds permission to enter or remain may be refused, such decisions will be clearly understandable and open to public scrutiny.

In doing so, the new policy seeks to balance the UK government's policy that there is no right of residency in Ascension with the principles of an open, fair and proportionate approach to entry control.

Copies of the draft policy are available online through the AIG website via www.ascension.gov.ac/government/public-documents, or through the Administrator's Office in Georgetown.

Members of the public and interested parties are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the policy and provide written responses no later than Monday 18 July. Responses should be provided by email through aigenquiries@ascension.gov.ac.

Office of the Administrator
11 July 2022

Island gathers together for 4th July Celebrations



Last Saturday, 9th July, saw the 4th of July Independence Day celebrations at the Volcano Club on the US base.

People of all nationalities came together for a great community event to help our American friends mark and celebrate Independence Day.

For Ascension, the weather was a bit chilly (25c maybe) with wind, some cloud and sporadic rain thrown in, but the indifferent weather did not stop everyone having a great time as they enjoyed classic American food, stalls and entertainment. The day was rounded off with the type of impressive firework display you would expect for 4th of July celebrations.

Holding the event on 9th July was down to how the Saturdays fell this year, but 9th July 1776 is actually an important date in the story of the Declaration of Independence.

Out of 13 colonies, 12 originally voted to approve the Declaration of Independence. At first, New York delegates did not officially give their support as their home assembly had not yet authorised them to vote in favour of independence. Though the vote for actual independence took place on 2nd July, it wasn't until the 4th of July 1776 that the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, proclaiming those colonies were now free and independent states and no longer part of the British Empire.

It was on 9th July 1776 that the Declaration was read out for the first time in New York. After hearing it the soldiers and citizens present were motivated to pull down a nearby statute of King George III. This important piece of symbolism underlined the world changing events that were occurring. Six days later New York's delegates received permission from their assembly to agree to the Declaration of Independence.

A footnote to all this relevant to Ascension is that King George III continued his reign as British monarch until 1820, so when the British claimed Ascension in 1815 they named the main settlement after him – Georgetown.

The tradition of setting off fireworks on the 4th of July began in Philadelphia on July 4th, 1777, during the first organised celebration of Independence Day. Ships cannons fired a 13-gun salute in honour of the 13 colonies and set off fireworks. In years to come, various cities continued the traditions of celebrating Independence, holding picnics, parades, speeches and fireworks, though Boston was the first to designate July the 4th as an official holiday in 1783.

Although living thousands of miles away from their homeland, US Space Force and other US personnel on Ascension Island continue the strong tradition of celebrating Independence Day and 4th July has become a key date in Ascension's calendar. Seeing the community of Ascension join together last Saturday was another reminder of the close bond all nationalities on the island share.

Article submitted by Lorna Mills



Shark Tagging Project Begins

Tagging programme started to better understand shark movements

AIG is conscious of the difficulties and issues caused by the presence of sharks close to the island, and the work of the Conservation and Fisheries Directorate has been severely disrupted by their presence too. If their behaviour and movement patterns can be more fully understood, it might be possible to better predict where they go and when. To help identify and track shark movements, the Conservation and Fisheries Directorate are employing a variety of tagging methods including visual, satellite and acoustic tags.

Visual Tags

In the first stage of the tagging project the Conservation Marine Team are securing brightly coloured visual tags to the dorsal fins of sharks larger than 1m in fork length (the tip of its nose to the deepest part of the notch in its tail). Each of these tags displays a unique identification number.

The distinctive coloured tags represent six different zones around the island. AIG recognises that it will not be possible to record shark movements without the help of people living on the island. The public know the waters better than anyone, so AIG is asking that fishers, boaters, and visitors to the pier keep an eye out for tags on sharks. If you see a tag on a shark, please make a note of the tag colour and the number, along with where you saw it and at what time.



Once you've recorded this information, please get in touch with the Conservation and Fisheries Directorate by telephone on 66403 or by email through mpa@ascension.gov.ac.

With everyone's help in recording when and where the tags are spotted, it will be possible to estimate the movements of sharks that remain close to the coast.

Satellite Tags

The next stage of the project will involve deploying 22 satellite tags that will send location and depth data to satellites when a tagged shark surfaces. Deploying these will hopefully add to our knowledge of where sharks go when they are not visible inshore.

Acoustic Tags

Finally, with the help of a UK government Darwin Plus funded project and visiting shark experts, next year acoustic tags will be implanted into a number of sharks. These tags will relay data to an array of acoustic receivers around the island, providing even more information on where the sharks are moving.

Protocol for tagging

Whilst we want to know where sharks are going, we do not want to do anything that could encourage additional sharks to come inshore. We also want to avoid attracting multiple sharks and getting them excited, as it would add unnecessary risk to those involved with tagging. Therefore, the shark tagging protocol involves only a small amount of bait on a hook. The bait is from a local species and is primarily tuna and grouper carcasses. There is absolutely no chumming involved during the tagging process.

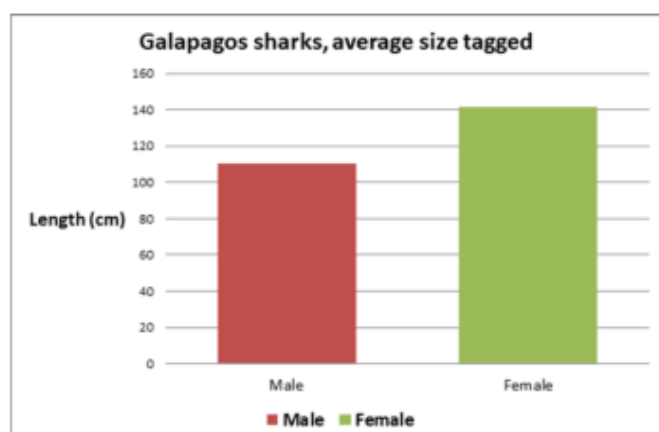
The protocol involves catching sharks one at a time and pulling them alongside the boat so a tag can be secured to the dorsal fin. To catch the shark, a small chunk of bait is attached to a circle hook on the end of a 100m rope with two or three buoys along its length. The shark tires itself out by tugging on the buoys so that it is easier to pull the shark alongside the boat.

With a taut leader at the front and a tail rope at the back, the shark is held in position long enough to measure its length and record its gender, before the tag is attached to the dorsal fin. This method has been developed in consultation with shark experts and was previously used when tagging sharks at Ascension's seamounts.

Progress so far

Tagging efforts so far have seen tags deployed at several locations around the island. Of these, 19 yellow tagged sharks have been in the Boatswain Bird zone, 10 green tagged sharks in the Georgetown zone and three white tags in the Airhead zone. Several small sharks have been caught and measured but were too small for tagging.

In total, 28 female sharks have been caught ranging in size between 85cm to 270cm (fork length) and 13 male sharks have been caught with a size range of 80cm to 190cm (fork length). Only those greater than 1m in length were tagged. AIG will continue to update the community through notices and social media as more sharks are tagged and we



learn more about their movements around the island.

How you can help

While you are on or near the water please look out for the tags. If you spot one record the date, location, tag number and colour and then let us know. There will also be a data sheet in the shade hut at the pier for recording your observations. In the meantime please come into the Conservation Office or contact us through phone on 66403 or by email through mpa@ascension.gov.ac.

We appreciate that everyone wants to know more about why shark numbers appear to fluctuate as they do and what the sharks are doing around the island, and with everyone's participation in this project we will be better able to track and understand this.

Conservation and Fisheries Directorate
11 July 2022

Hello Everybody,

We've quickly come to the end of another week here at Two Boats School and are getting ever closer to the end of term. You will be pleased to learn that Mr Duncan made it safely back to the island on Wednesday (despite one false start and a return to Cape Verde). He is currently in isolation and we all look forward to welcoming him back to school!

The children have been hard at work across school this week. Children in the primary sector have been completing their summer term assessments and the secondary children have been completing their end of year exams. You (and they) will be glad to know they are now all complete!

Secondary teachers are now busy compiling end of year reports and these will be sent home at the end of next week.

A big thank you to our PTA this week, who very kindly organised a Bake Sale last Saturday in Georgetown. Our PTA do a vital job in bolstering school funds, which help to finance a variety of non-teaching related activities. Just this morning a number of the PTA members were in school to draw the prizes for the raffle. Fingers crossed you have a winning ticket!

Two Boats School PTA Raffle Winners



08/07/2022

Prize	Winner
Boyz2men Hair Cut Voucher	Kegan Yon
Sure- Wave Light Projector	Lisa Bailey
NAAFI Meal Deal Voucher	Kelis Beard
Chandlery £25 Shop Voucher	Hayley Snell
Sure – Smart Jump Rope	George Giles
Handcrafted Shell Pen Holder	Jodi Joshua
6 Can drink cooler	Savannah Lutman
Light-up Hand Painted Bottle	Lauren Thomas
Chocolate Hamper	Graham Giles
Wine Hamper	Andrew Haycock
Treasures £10 Voucher	Wyatt Leo
Jams £25 Shop Voucher	Margo – Travellers Hill
Nails by Geita - Voucher	Stan (Ops- 63456)
Jams £25 Shop Voucher	Riley Leo-Francis



Thank you for all your support
We raised £337.56 at the Cake Sale on the 2nd July and totals raised from the raffle will be published in next week's newsletter.

We have a busy week ahead of us next week. Many of our teachers will be preparing to go on their mid-term leave. We also have our Awards Assembly next week. To all parents and carers, you are invited to our Awards Assembly on Friday 15th July starting at 2pm. Hope to see you there! The drama club have been rehearsing for their sketch for this assembly. It is also the Year 6 transition day on Wednesday, where the current Year 6 children, get to be Year 7s for the day! Good luck to everybody involved.

Have a fantastic, restful weekend

Mr Higgins
Deputy Headteacher



Hello from EYFS!

This is our last newsletter for this academic year and what a year it's been. We have seen our children grow into confident learners and they are now ready to move onto the next stage of their schooling life.

We're always having fun in EYFS...have a look at our fantastic work and activities. In June, we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with a 'High Tea Party'. The children came to school dressed in their smart party clothes and were treated to a lovely party of good food and dancing!



We all decorated crowns with sparkly sequins and jewels. There were lots to eat and we did some dancing!





To end our topic on Dinosaurs, we went to visit 'Dinosaur Rock' to rescue our dinosaurs that had escaped from the classroom. Thankfully we found them and we also found some 'dinosaur fossils' too!



In Maths, the Reception children have been learning about halving and sharing. They especially enjoyed the sharing activity because they shared Iced Gems equally between themselves and then ate them!




The children have now mastered the skill of blending and have become confident writers.


get a cat.

set a hot.


a dog can ya p. get a hat.

Complete a sentence (see p. 3)


the chimp can run ✓ 


the chimp can grab ✓ 


Hold a sentence





thai chimp can win ✓







the bug is on the grass ✓ 

the bug is on the bin ✓ 

the bug is on my leg ✓ 

the bug is on my chin ✓ 

Get off my leg! ✓ 

say it	join it	write it
	t a n s l p	tap ✓
	c a t f o s	cat ✓
	d u n b o r	bun ✓
	d a n f i g	dig ✓
	p a g k e k	peg ✓
	n o d g e t	net ✓



Emergency Defibrillators

Several out of service whilst awaiting new batteries

Members of the public will be aware that there are a number of defibrillators positioned in strategic sites around the island. The number of these has recently been increased from seven units to nine, with the two extra new units being positioned at the pier and at the Turtle Ponds BBQ area.

Unfortunately, due to a combination of technical and supply chain challenges, five of the nine sites are currently out of service due to issues with the batteries in the equipment.

The sites currently out of service are as follows:

- Comfortless cove
- Two Boats pool
- North East Bay beach hut
- Exiles Building
- Entrance to the old NASA Site

Sites that remain in service are:

- Pier-head
- Turtle Ponds
- Red Lion / Green Mountain
- English Bay beach BBQ area.

The Sea and Land Rescue Service is addressing this as a priority matter and expect to have it resolved following the arrival of the August FIRS.

As with any emergency, the public are advised to call for assistance by dialling 999 and requesting the service relevant to their emergency by pressing

- 1 for Police and Fire
- 2 for Hospital
- 3 for Sea and Land Rescue

AIG apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Operations and Facilities Directorate
01 July 2022



UN Ocean Conference 2022

Leaders meet to discuss future of the world's oceans

This week the world's second United Nations (UN) Ocean Conference, was held in Portugal to support the "Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development."

Targets include reducing marine pollution, protecting marine and coastal ecosystems, minimising acidification, ending illegal and over-fishing, increasing investment in scientific knowledge and marine technology, and respecting international law that calls for the safe and sustainable use of the ocean and its resources. More information on the UN Ocean Conference 2022 can be found online through www.un.org/en/conferences/ocean2022.

Although human activity has affected almost all marine ecosystems, Ascension's marine environment is fortunately relatively much less affected by human activity when compared to other areas of the world. Life here is more abundant and ecosystems are much healthier, supporting large biodiverse populations of fish and large predators as well as globally-important populations of breeding turtles and seabirds.

Ascension's Marine Protected Area (MPA) ensures that these ecosystems and their natural processes will remain healthy for the future, safeguarding the ocean against many of the human pressures seen elsewhere.

In September 2021 AIG published a five-year management plan for the MPA, detailing what actions will be taken to help further develop understanding of the MPA and ensure it retains some of the highest levels of protection seen anywhere in the world. The management plan links to many of the targets laid out in the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 14, which formed the basis of discussions at the UN Ocean Conference 2022. Some of these targets include reducing marine pollution, protecting marine and coastal ecosystems, ending illegal and over-fishing and increasing investment in scientific knowledge and sustainable use of the ocean and its resources.

Waters within our MPA are now legally protected from fishing beyond 12 nautical miles of the island, with large-scale commercial fishing banned within the entirety of the MPA. Mineral extraction, including deep-sea mining, is also prohibited. AIG, along with several partnering organisations and universities, continue to grow our scientific understanding of Ascension's marine environment.

Work is underway to develop an Inshore Fisheries Policy, and funding has been awarded to appoint a Marine Plastics Coordinator to analyse single-use plastics usage in Ascension and assess what can be done to help reduce this.

Some of our current research projects focus on zooplankton, plastic pollution, green turtle monitoring and shark behaviour. AIG is also working to support the sustainable development of social and economic activities within the MPA. We want the island community to realise the health, welfare and economic benefits of the MPA in ways that don't compromise the prosperity and enjoyment of future generations.

To find out more detail on what we want to achieve and how, view the five-year management plan online through www.ascensionmpa.ac.

Ascension's MPA is an example to the rest of the world of what all of our oceans should and could look like in the future.

Conservation and Fisheries Directorate
01 July 2022



Two Boats Perimeter Fence Repairs

Restorative work to be undertaken in July

In response to concerns raised by members of the public, the Two Boats perimeter fence is to be repaired during July, along with replacement of the Two Boats cattle grids.

The fence, which AIG is not the responsible for, was installed by a third party many years ago and recently members of the public and Councillors have raised concerns about its state of repair and the fact that it no longer prevents feral sheep from entering Two Boats.

A subsequent inspection of the entire fence perimeter has showed that although the vast majority of fence remains effective, some areas are in need of repair.

Although AIG is not the responsible for maintaining the fence, as the works identified are not thought to be substantial, AIG will carry out repairs over the course of this month. However, it should not be expected that AIG will undertake further work on the fence in the future and AIG is not assuming liability for future maintenance of the fence. Alongside this, work will also take place to replace the cattle grids around Two Boats. As work on the grids will mean adjacent sections of fencing will be disrupted, it is expected both sets of works will be completed by the end of the month.

It has also been queried whether sheep currently within Two Boats can be removed. Regrettably this is not something AIG can undertake. The reason for this is that no AIG employee has appropriate training to handle this livestock due to the fact that AIG has no liability to manage feral animals such as sheep.

However, should the sheep not leave the area after the fence repairs are complete, AIG will continue to work with Councillors and those living in Two Boats to try and find a way forward on this subject.

A further public notice will be issued closer to the time when the cattle grid replacement programme is due to start.

Operations and Facilities Directorate

07 July 2022



Preparing for COVID-19

Recognising the symptoms of COVID-19 infection

From Sunday 31 July, Ascension's COVID-19 protocols and procedures will undergo significant change. Arrivals will no longer be required to observe quarantine following their arrival, or be required to take pre-departure or arrival testing.

As a result, it is expected that COVID-19 will become established in the community and the island will transition to a state of living with COVID-19, as most of the rest of the world has now done.

It is important that members of the public therefore familiarise themselves with what the symptoms of COVID-19 look like.

Symptoms can take many forms and different people will experience COVID-19 infection in different ways. When infected some people may develop one or more of the following symptoms, or may even develop none:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell
- a sore throat
- diarrhoea or vomiting
- muscle aches and pains

It is important that people remain mindful of their own health and if they think they have symptoms consistent with those listed above, following the process for arranging a test.

- Telephone Georgetown Hospital on 66252, or if you live on one of the military bases the relevant base medical clinic
- Arrange a time to attend the Hospital, or one of the military base medical clinics, to be tested
- Following your test you should go home, avoid contact with other people and self-isolate whilst you wait your results
- If you test positive, self-isolate in line with the self-isolation guidance and contact your employer to let them know

Further information on each of these issues, and guidance on other issues related to the changes, is available through Georgetown Hospital or your employer.

Georgetown Hospital
07 July 2022



COVID-19 Response Level Reduced to Level 1 AMBER

Further tests confirm previously positive individual in quarantine now negative

Key messages

- One recent arrival, who was in compulsory isolation when testing indicated a positive result for COVID-19, has subsequently tested negative for COVID-19.
- Results from repeated testing conducted over the weekend indicate the individual is negative for COVID-19 and are therefore no longer infectious.
- The Response Level has been reduced to Level 1 AMBER.

On Saturday 25 June, an individual observing compulsory isolation measures returned a positive COVID-19 test result during routine testing of persons under quarantine.

In line with Ascension's COVID-19 policies and procedures, the individual was monitored by medical staff and subject to additional testing to confirm the level of their infection.

Further testing conducted on the individual in the last few days has returned multiple negative results and as such they are no longer deemed to be infectious or a risk to others. They have therefore had their period of compulsory isolation ended and the Ascension COVID-19 Response Level has been reduced to Level 1 AMBER.

As ever, anyone who develops a new persistent dry cough, a fever or experiences unexpected shortness of breath should go home, self-isolate and telephone Georgetown Hospital on 66252 for further advice.

Background

The individual in question had arrived at Ascension on Thursday 23 June on a flight from the USA. They had previously returned negative COVID-19 test results on arrival at the island. As with all persons under group quarantine, they were subject to testing during their isolation period.

The result of this test was positive. The individual currently has mild symptoms and is otherwise well.

As they were observing compulsory isolation in a bubble, the other persons in that bubble will now also remain under quarantine and observation by medical staff.

Tests conducted earlier in the week on the positive individual returned successive negative results. Given these negative results the Senior Medical Officer is satisfied that there is no risk to the public from the previously positive individual, and they were granted permission to end their period of isolation on Monday 04 July.

This is a scenario that AIG had planned and prepared for. Robust measures for effectively managing arrivals to Ascension have been in place throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. These protocols have been developed in liaison with experts from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and are designed to ensure that any person arriving at the island is kept separate from the general public until the Senior Medical Officer can be assured that they do not pose a risk of introducing COVID-19 into the community.

Even though the individual that tested positive had not had any contact with the wider public, and therefore COVID-19 was contained, the level of risk to Ascension from COVID-19 had increased and as a result the response level was raised. Following the negative test result and confirmation that the threat from COVID-19 had reduced, the response level was returned to Level 1 AMBER.

Office of the Administrator
06 July 2022



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

Marine Conservation Scientist – Shark Project

£14,625 per annum, single status, free accommodation plus other benefits

About the role

Do you have a passion for Marine Conservation? The Ascension Island Government Conservation & Fisheries Directorate (AIGCFD) is looking to recruit a highly-motivated marine scientist to lead the delivery of a Darwin Plus-funded project which, working closely with an international team of researchers from the University of Exeter, University of Windsor, Zoological Society of London and University of Plymouth, will investigate and address the biological and social drivers of human-shark conflict on Ascension Island. The remote UK Overseas Territory of Ascension Island is surrounded by one of the world's largest highly-protected marine protected areas. Established in 2019, the MPA seeks to conserve Ascension's globally important marine biodiversity while contributing to the socioeconomic wellbeing of the island's small human population. In recent years, the presence of large Galapagos sharks in shallow, coastal waters has led to conflict with local ocean users. If not appropriately managed, such conflicts have the potential to significantly undermine the MPA's conservation and societal benefits.

What you'll do

Working closely with the above stakeholders, the post holder will be based in AIGCFD's marine team for two years from October 2022 – September 2024. The successful applicant will be responsible for delivering a programme of applied shark research and communicating findings to local and international stakeholders through presentations, reports and peer-reviewed publications.

What you'll bring

The ideal candidate will have a PhD or equivalent professional experience in marine vertebrate ecology/conservation, with a proven track record of leading, managing and disseminating a programme of scientific research. Prior experience of animal biotelemetry (acoustic telemetry) and of working with elasmobranchs in a field setting is highly desirable, although full training will be provided at the start of the project. You will be culturally aware, able to work independently and as part of a small team, have strong interpersonal skills, and will be happy living and working in small/remote island community (see job description for full person specification). Ascension Island is a challenging environment to live and work in, so you will need to be resilient and adaptable in order to thrive. The post would be ideally suited to recent PhD graduates looking to take the next step in their career through a rare opportunity to work with a consortium of internationally-renowned research institutions while contributing to the management of one of the world's largest marine protected areas.

What we offer

We are offering a 24 month, Single status contract with a salary of £14,625.00 per year (taxable in Ascension). You will also receive the following benefits:

- Rent free accommodation (with electricity and water allowances)
- A food allowance of £3,350.00 per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care

Closing Date: 1 August 2022 Interviews: Early August 2022 (Remotely if not on island)

Appointment will be subject to satisfactory:

- Enhanced DBS Check
- Employment References
- Medical Clearance

To for more information and to apply for this role, visit: <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/>
For more information about AIG Conservation and Fisheries Directorate, or about living and working on Ascension Island, please visit the official website at www.ascension.gov.ac/conservation **or find us on Facebook:** www.facebook.com/AscensionIslandConservation **or email:** recruitment@ascension.gov.ac



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

Temporary Administration Assistant

**£10,000 per annum pro rata, short-term fixed-term contract,
Household status, for three months commencing July 2022,
20-37.5 hours per week, flexible options**

About the role

As we approach the Ascension Island Council election in September 2022, we are looking for an experienced office administrator to support our team with administrative duties connected with both the elections and the day-to-day operations of the team in the Administrator's Office.

What you'll do

Reporting in to the PA to the Office of the Administrator, you will be working together to provide efficient and effective administration for the Ascension Island Council election process. This involves drafting communications, following election procedures, communicating with public, counsellors and AIG staff. Other admin duties will include some day-to-day administration within the office, to ensure work continues whilst the election process is running.

What you'll bring

You will have strong administration and communication skills, with a background in office administration in a busy and dynamic environment. The role requires flexibility to adjust from task to task, so you will be able to work flexibly and adapt to changing requirements and tasks. Using your previous skills and experience of using Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook etc, you'll have the ability to draft and send communications, with a keen eye for detail, accuracy and in a timely manner. The ability to maintain confidentiality over sensitive, legal and confidential matters is essential.

What we offer

We are offering a short-term three-month household contract with a salary of £10k per annum pro rata (taxable in Ascension).

Appointment will be subject to satisfactory:

- DBS Check
- Employment References
- Medical Clearance

Closing Date: Wednesday 20 July 2022, Interviews: July, with an end of July / early August start date

For a copy of the job description, more information and to apply for this role, please send in your CV and a covering letter stating your suitability and interest in the post, to recruitment@ascension.gov.ac



Community Blood Donors

Blood donation encouraged due to limited and expiring island supply

Due to the delays in the recent A400 flights from the UK, Georgetown Hospital has not been able to receive its usual consignment of blood from the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine, the island's UK based blood supplier.

The present stock will expire around the 12 July. Regrettably, the next delivery is not expected before 05 August. In the light of this the hospital has requested that blood donors currently listed on the blood donor register be aware that in the event of an emergency they may be called upon and requested to provide an emergency supply of blood.

Blood donors currently on island, as well as any individuals who know their blood group and who could possibly donate blood, are encouraged to contact the Senior Medical Officer by phone on 66010 and provide their contact details.

Office of the Administrator
07 July 2022



Temporary Closure of Upper Part of Mountain Road

The public are requested to note the upper part of the Mountain Road, beyond the Allotments on Green Mountain, is closed with immediate effect. A small landslide has recently left debris on the road making it unsafe for members of the public to pass.

Permission for this closure has been granted by the Administrator under section 10(3)(c) of the National Protected Areas Regulations, 2014, to close with immediate effect.



Attempts will be made to clear the road as soon as possible and a public notice will be issued when the road is safe to use and reopened to the public.

Office of the Administrator
05 July 2022



Formal meeting of the Ascension Island Council

17:00 on Thursday 14 July 2022 in the Court House

A formal meeting of the Ascension Island Council will be held in the Court House at 17:00 on Thursday 14 July 2022. Formal meetings are open to the public to attend and listen to the proceedings.

Office of the Administrator
11 July 2022



AIG Stores Opening Hours

The public are advised that the AIG Stores will have new temporary opening hours in effect from Wednesday 13 July 2022. This is to enable staff to unpack and process cargo arriving on the FIRS, in time for the containers to be returned on the following voyage.

These operating hours will be in place until further notice.

AIG apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Resources Directorate
08 July 2022



PUBLIC NOTICE

BANK CLOSURE



Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to advise customers the Ascension Branch will be closed on Friday, 01 April 2022. This closure is necessary to enable the Bank to complete its end of financial year procedures.

Customers are also advised the Bank will close at 12pm on Thursday, 31 March and open on Saturday, 02 April from 9am to 12pm.

Bank of St Helena would like to thank customers for their support and apologise for any inconvenience caused.



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With effect from 01 April 2022, Bank of St Helena's Remittance charges will be as follows:

- Payments up to £1,500.00 will be charged £15.00
- Payments over £1,500.00 will be charged at 1% (up to maximum £160.00)

Separate UK charges will no longer apply, however, Agent charges may be applied to payments outside of the UK.

Bank of St Helena does not apply charges for inward remittances at this time.



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MORTGAGES (HOUSING) REPAYMENT TERM EXTENDED FROM 25YRS TO 30YRS

Bank of St Helena Ltd is pleased to inform customers that Mortgage (Housing) applications received from 01 April 2022 for St Helena can now have a repayment period of up to 30 years (terms and conditions apply).

For further information please contact our Personal Lending Team on (+290) 22390 or personallending@sainthelenabank.com.



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RETURNING TO ST HELENA?



Whether dropping in for a holiday or relocating, apply for your free Local Debit Card before you arrive and enjoy the convenience of card payments!

Our Local Debit Cards can be used at over 60 locations around St Helena and is a must-have accessory when returning to the island. Pay for goods and service, request cashback (at select locations) and skip past the Bank - don't worry, we won't mind.

*Apply online at www.sainthelenabank.com/local-debit-card
or visit the Ascension Branch in Georgetown.*

Be sure to let us know that you're collecting at the St Helena Branch.

Local Debit Cards - Making Banking Better



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RECOGNISING FINANCIAL SCAMS



As St Helena becomes more exposed to the world, those on-island can become more visual to scammers. Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to help you spot scammers in advance to protect you and your money.

It might be a scam if:

- It seems too good to be true – for example, a holiday that's much cheaper than you'd expect.
- Someone you don't know contacts you unexpectedly.
- You are contacted with an email promising you money.
- You suspect you're not dealing with a real company – for example, if there's no postal address or the telephone number doesn't work.
- You've been asked to transfer money quickly.
- You've been asked to give away personal information like passwords.
- You haven't had written confirmation of what's been agreed.

What you should do if you suspect something

If you see any of the warning signs above then it's best not to engage with the scammer at all. If you have doubts, then get more information. Research the person or business in question and continue to educate yourself about the types of scams that are out there. It also helps to talk about the situation with a friend or relative and look for similar stories online.



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Met Office Ascension Island Base

The Met Office Weather Report

Statistics for the week ending Monday, 11 July 2022

Location	Max (Celsius)	Min (Celsius)	Rainfall (mm)
AIRHEAD	28.5	21.9	0.7
TRAVELLERS HILL	N/A	20.1	10.2
RESIDENCY	N/A	17.6	7.9
GEORGETOWN	N/A	N/A	N/A
ST. HELENA	18.7	13.7	22.0
FALKLANDS	5.8	-2.5	17.0
UK (Brize Norton)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Tide Times & Georgetown Pierhead/English Bay Swell Outlook

Day	Swell	High Tide		Low Tide		Sun		Moon		Moon Phase
						Rise	Set	Set	Rise	
Wed, 13 Jul	1.8 m	05:36	18:56	11:53	--:--	07:12	18:54	06:50	18:52	
Thu, 14 Jul	1.7 m	06:24	18:46	00:02	12:45	07:12	18:54	07:55	19:58	
Fri, 15 Jul	1.4 m	07:12	19:36	00:49	13:36	07:12	18:54	08:54	21:01	
Sat, 16 Jul	1.3 m	08:00	20:26	01:35	14:27	07:12	18:54	09:48	21:59	
Sun, 17 Jul	1.2 m	08:48	21:16	02:22	15:18	07:12	18:55	10:36	22:52	
Mon, 18 Jul	1.7 m	09:38	22:09	03:10	16:11	07:12	18:55	11:20	23:42	
Tue, 19 Jul	1.6 m	10:31	23:07	04:01	17:07	07:12	18:55	12:01	--:--	

Moon Phase Key

 New Moon	 First Quarter	 Full Moon	 Last Quarter
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For more detailed information, including swimming and swell warnings, please contact the Met Office on Ext: 3317



TWO BOATS CLUB

Telephone 64621/64610/64439 E-mail: twoboatsclub@atlantis.co.ac

Lunch is served Monday-Friday 12-2pm. Menu consists of burgers, toasties, chicken, sausages and more. Please call the club or email for a copy of our menu.

Friday 15th July 2022

Normal daily menu – Last orders at 1:30pm.

Please be advised that the bar will close at 1:45pm & reopen at 3pm.

Saturday 16th July 2022

Normal opening hours.

Kitchen will be open from 12-2pm. Last orders at 1:45pm

Lunch Special



8pc southern style chicken pops & fries - £4.00

6pc southern style chicken strips & fries - £5.50



Special Request Disco

Saturday 16th July



DJ's Sefton & Racy

AGM

Wednesday 27th July at 7pm – Open to all members of the club – We are looking for new committee members.

Twenty Questions with Rick Lutman

Twenty questions is a light hearted look into the favourite things of people around Ascension. This week Rick Lutman from Encompass has kindly agreed to answer my questions.

Where did you grow up as a child?
Answer: East Malling, Kent, UK
What languages can you speak?
Answer: English, American and Australian (And some French and German)
How many Countries have you visited?
Answer: About 20
What is the best place you have visited in the world?
Answer: Ascension Island
Where in the world would you like to visit?
Answer: Cook Islands
How long have you been on Ascension?
Answer: 5 years exactly
What is your favourite place on Ascension?
Answer: English Bay
What is your favourite thing to do in your spare time on Ascension?
Answer: Go out on the boat or Spend time at the beach with my family.
What sports team do you support?
Answer: Liverpool FC
What is your favourite movie?
Answer: The Shawshank redemption
What is your favourite TV series?
Answer: Death in paradise
What is your favourite book?
Answer: Black box thinking (Matthew Syed)
What is your favourite meal?
Answer: Steak and salad
What is your favourite drink?
Answer: Corona
What is your favourite piece of music or song?
Answer: Anything by Oasis, Arctic Monkeys or generally 90's music.
If you could meet one famous person, who would it be?
Answer: Jurgen Klopp
What is your favourite car?
Answer: Porsche 911 Carrera 4S
Have you ever flown a plane, bungee jumped, parachute jumped or scuba dived?
Answer: Scuba dived
Can you play any musical instruments?
Answer: The triangle. If 7 degrees south need a triangle player, I'm your man.
What one thing can you tell us about yourself that may surprise people?
Answer: Most of the rumours aren't true!

If you want to be featured in 20 questions, please drop me a line via the Islander email address at islander@atlantis.co.ac

Lorna Mills