Steamship Group invests in Scilly with purchase of local fuel business

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We're pleased to share that, Isles of Scilly Steamship Group (ISSG) has acquired part of Sibley's Fuels, the main supplier of fuel to residents and businesses on the Isles of Scilly. The deal will see ISSG acquire Sibley's fuel supplies to St Mary's with Sibley's retaining marine sales and sales to St Agnes, Bryher, Tresco and St Martin's.

This step strengthens our existing fuel operations on the islands through Island Carriers and allows us to build additional capability and scale within our fuel distribution work, ensuring customers continue to receive a dependable community-focused service.

The change will take effect early in the new year. From the 13th January, residents and businesses on St Mary's will be able to buy their fuel directly at our current Island Carriers site on Porthmellon Industrial Estate. We'll also be investing in upgrades to the site, including improving the site layout, updating the infrastructure and introducing pay-at-pump facilities. To make access easier for customers, our Island Carriers courier business and associated vehicles will move to a new location on St Mary's, freeing up more space for people to fill up with petrol and diesel.

Stuart Reid, CEO of ISSG, said:

"When Ian first approached me about the sale, the decision was an easy one. Ian and Gail have built a strong and trusted business over many years, always putting customers and the community first. Emma, Jeanette and the team at Island Carriers share those same values and will continue offering the high-quality service that people have come to rely on.

We understand the critical importance of dependable fuel delivery on St Mary's. This acquisition allows us to refine and strengthen how we operate, ensuring the community continues to benefit from a robust and well-supported, community-focused service."