

Bubbling Spring come Simmer down

There is something good bubbling on the south coast for tourism development. It is happening in St Elizabeth in a little district named Point Hill, which is located in a community very famous for its spicy, juicy shrimp, called Middle Quarters.

Welcome to Bubbling Spring Mineral Bath, one of the newest and most popular attractions along the south coast.

On almost any given day, this little spot is packed with local and overseas tourists wanting to experience the soothing waters gushing from the mineral spring.

It has miraculous healing properties, locals say, and some who have bathed in the spring are convinced that it alleviates the pain and ailments of aching bones and bodies.

But it is another miracle that its owner, Lincoln Fagan, is most thankful for. He started the business on the advice of neighbours and friends nine years ago, but in spite of the uniqueness of his absolutely natural product, it was a struggle to keep it open - until he found a remedy.

200 guests daily

Visitors flowed into the new and improved Bubbling Spring Mineral Bath facility as never before.

"Before, we used to see about five people coming here each day. Now, I am getting 50, some days 100, and sometimes 200 people a day," Fagan said. "People just start wondering what happened to Bubbling Spring. It just transformed in about a month."

Additionally, he buys produce and meat for his restaurant directly from farmers in the community. Shrimp vendors also benefit from the establishment, as they are allowed to sell to the visitors outside the gates of the facility, while bus and taxi operators have seen an increase in demand for their service from persons wanting to visit the bath.

Fagan will be investing more into his business soon, hoping to add villas to the package to provide his visitors with a place to rest their head.