



#### **Street Clean**

Students and local residents came together in January to clean up the streets of Falmouth.

Falmouth Civic Society, the Students' Union's Beach Clean Project and Student Community Wardens, combined efforts to clean up the residential areas between Falmouth Moor and Falmouth University Campus Woodlane.

Around 30 volunteers, including families with children, litter picked their way through the town terraces, collecting waste that varied from cigarette butts to paper, plastic and glass. Between them, over 15 refuse sacks full of waste were collected leaving the streets looking a lot less littered.

Rose Hitchens-Todd, FXU Community Partnership Manager: "It is amazing to have seen such a fantastic turn out for this collaborative event. By working together for only a short time on Sunday morning, we have almost instantly transformed the area, removing dangerous and unsightly litter from our streets. The true power of team work!"

#### **Student Volunteer Hours**

As of March 2019, students have registered over 25,000 hours of volunteering this academic year.

In February, the Students' Union celebrated Student Volunteer Week with a programme of activities, including Plastic-Free Week, hosted by the Beach Clean Project. Funded by the Students' Union Green Fund, which supports sustainable student-led campaigns and events, this campaign featured eight events over six days, including a plastic art workshop, beach clean and conference. The Plastic-Free Market attracted the interest of 450 on Facebook and the team hit their fundraising target of  $\pounds 250$  on the first day.

Emily Gilford, Co-President of The Beach Clean Project: "The committee really enjoyed seeing everyone get involved, and learn more about the impacts of plastic from the plastic-free conference and art workshop. Volunteering to clean beaches or streets doesn't have to take a long time, you can just do it minutes at a time, and I hope that our event spread the message that even doing a little bit can really help our planet."





## **Community Voices**

Falmouth and Exeter Students' Union is proud to launch the Community edition of Voices.

A multi-channel venture, on and offline, Voices is comprised of impactful events and prestigious volumes, sharing the raw, authentic experiences of our students. For the Community edition, students were paired with local residents to discuss a range of topics, including life in Cornwall, the environment, politics, mental health and culture. Head to fxu.org. uk/voices to read the digital version in full.

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#### **Falmouth Spring Festival**

We were delighted to see so many people including staff and students from the Penryn Campus spring cleaning the town as part of the Falmouth Spring Festival.

Volunteers joined in with activities including pressure washing the streets, litter picking at Swanpool Beach and Nature Reserve with Plastic Free Falmouth, and joining Cormac on gardening projects at Fox Rosehill Gardens. During the festival academics from the University held engaging Science in the Pub evenings and ran a Rockpooling session on Castle Beach.

As the official sponsors of the popular festival for the fourth year running, this was a fantastic opportunity to bring activities from the campus into the wider community.



#### **Royal Cornwall Show**

Staff and students from the University of Exeter's Penryn Campus will be bringing Higher Education to life again this year at the Royal Cornwall Show; through interactive and engaging displays, you'll discover how research can be fun and makes a difference in Cornwall. Join us on our stand at the Royal Cornwall Showground on 6th, 7th and 8th June to learn about research from various fields in a fun and family friendly way.



## Wanted: Pet owners whose cats take a walk on the wild side

Researchers from the University of Exeter's Penryn Campus are seeking cat owners to become researchers for a new study designed to test different techniques to reduce the amount of wildlife killed by domestic cats, while maintaining and improving cat health and welfare.

Taking place throughout spring and summer, the project will welcome participants who are willing to help in a number of different ways. They are specifically keen to find owners whose feline friends bring wild prey back to their homes.

Contributors will be asked to keep a basic log of what prey their cats return with, while others will track their cat's movements through GPS collars, as seen on TV's Secret Life of Cats. The aim of the project is to reduce the amount of wildlife killed by cats without negatively affecting, and hopefully enhancing, cat welfare.

Professor Robbie McDonald explains: "This is a great chance for owners and their families to find out more about the secret life of their cats. Taking part in this major science project will help wildlife and cats by recording valuable data from individual households."

Cat owners who wish to take part for free can sign up by visiting **wildlifescience.org**/ **catowners**. Guidance and all the equipment will be provided.

# Launchpad Outreach Project to help local businesses grow

We're taking our business incubation and acceleration programme off-campus. It's going into rural and remote parts of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, delivering business support activity for established local businesses, to help them grow.

The Launchpad Outreach Project is being funded by the European Regional Development Fund. It will include bite-sized postgraduate modules, accredited by the Falmouth University School of Entrepreneurship, as well as access to the institution's wider academic and innovation infrastructure to support them as they expand their innovation potential.



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#### Open campus for the Summer Shows

Our campuses are once again throwing open their doors and showcasing our graduates' work during the Summer Shows 2019. Studio spaces and workshops will be transformed into galleries, where final year students' work will be exhibited.

From Photography to Fashion, Architecture to Fine Art, the Summer Shows are an engaging, inspiring and exciting celebration of some of the country's best emerging talent.

Everyone is welcome to visit our amazing spaces and enjoy the stunning work on show.

Location: Penryn and Falmouth campus Date: 23 May – 29 May 2019 Time: 10:00 – 16:00





## Project to bring history alive in Cornwall's museums

A collaborative project between Falmouth University, the Cornwall Museums Partnership and the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly LEP is receiving nearly £700,000 in Government funding for a project that will transform museum and heritage spaces in Cornwall.

The wAVE (Augmented & Virtual Experiences) project will use cutting edge technology to create new and innovative visitor experiences in five local museums. Falmouth University's experts in Virtual, Augmented and Immersive technologies will be working with the museums and the local community to bring museum artefacts and local heritage to life.

It is estimated that wAVE's digital innovations will help bring nearly 25,000 additional visitors a year to the five towns in which the museums are located and generate more than half a million pounds for the economy annually.

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## **Parking Pressures**

We know that parking can be an issue in residential areas surrounding the campuses and some areas of Falmouth, Penryn and Mabe. We are keen to work with our community partners to find ways of managing parking pressures in these areas and are meeting with stakeholders regularly to continue discussions. In the meantime, we have increased our communications with staff and students, to remind them of their responsibility to park legally, safely and considerately. If you have any complaints about unsafe or illegal parking, please contact the police or parking enforcement who are equipped with legal powers not available to the universities.

## Open Days

If you're interested in studying in Cornwall, visit our Open Days.

Falmouth University:

Wednesday 29 May (Open Campus Day)

Saturday 8 June (Full Open Day)

Campus tours are also available. Find out more at falmouth.ac.uk/ open days

**University of Exeter:** 

Undergraduate: Thursday 30 May Saturday 21 September

Postgraduate: Monday 19 November

Tours of campus are also available. Find out more at exeter.ac.uk/studying

#### Dates for the diary

#### **Student Gig Nights**

May: Saturday 11 May Saturday 18 May

June: Saturday 1 June Sunday 2 June

During our late night events, security staff patrol key areas of campus to minimise noise disturbance.

Campus Patrol can be contacted on 01326 255875.





#### Penryn Campus Sports Centre

If you want to get fit for the summer, don't forget that our state-of-the-art gym and fitness studio, including classes, is open to the public and the four-court sports hall is available for hire.

#### Working together for community support

We work together with the Council's Public Protection and Anti-social behaviour teams, Devon and Cornwall Police and local landlords to ensure everyone in our community feels safe and supported if they need help to solve a problem.

## Who to contact

Noise nuisance/disturbance publicprotection@cornwall.gov.uk 0300 1234 212 www.cornwall.gov.uk (search noise nuisance)

#### Anti-social behaviour antisocialbehaviour@cornwall.gov.uk 0300 1234 232

www.cornwall.gov.uk/antisocialbehaviour

#### **Devon and Cornwall Police**

Emergencies 999 Non-emergencies 101-including illegal, dangerous or obstructive parking www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

#### University-related community issues community@fxplus.ac.uk 01326 370737 (24-hour manned

phone line, offering advice and passing on information for action)



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