

Community

Student Community Warden Scheme

This year, a new team of Student Community Wardens will be patrolling residential areas of Falmouth.

Run by the Students' Union (FXU) and funded by Falmouth University and the University of Exeter, the pilot scheme will promote neighbourly behaviour and support good community relations.

Working with the Town Council and other partners the Wardens will be speaking to all residents to offer advice on everything from dealing with rubbish, to housing problems and noisy neighbours.

Harry Bishop, Students' Union President Community & Welfare said, "A personal, face-to-face approach is the best way to break down barriers in the community and to proactively start conversations. This is an immensely positive step in developing and continuing to improve relationships in the community."

Pending its success, it's intended that the scheme will continue after its pilot year and expand to include more areas in Falmouth, as well as Penryn and Mabe.

To contact the Warden Scheme, email communitywardens@fxu.org.uk and to find out more visit fxu.org.uk/communitywardens



Student fundraising reaches £78k

Falmouth and Exeter Students' Union raised a total of £78,762.45 for charity last academic year.

Most of the fundraising was achieved by the Union's Raise and Donate society which organised challenges, events and campaigns, including international marathons and sponsored skydives.

Over the summer, applications opened for this year's Charity of the Year and a new 'Local Cause of the Year' was introduced, to make sure that the local community benefits from the fundraising efforts. The elected charities will be announced in September.

Exeter research student part of all-female crew on plastic pollution voyage

An all-female crew on a mission across the Pacific to learn more about plastic pollution, included a University of Exeter student from the Penryn Campus. Over the summer, the eXXpedition North Pacific voyage crossed the “Great Pacific Garbage Patch” - the densest ocean plastic zone on the planet.

The team on the research vessel Sea Dragon sailed more than 3,000 nautical miles, studying micro-plastics and links to environmental and human health, and raising awareness of the impact of single-use plastic in the world’s oceans.

The crew of 24 included Emily Duncan, a PhD researcher as the head of science on leg one. Emily said: “We had many exciting projects to collect data for on board which will really aid in building a better picture of the extent of plastic pollution in the North Pacific.”



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Science in the Square

We were delighted to see so many people taking an interest in ‘Weird Science’ at our annual Science in the Square event during Falmouth Week.

This year’s interactive fun included 7 Zones, including the Bone Zone, where people found out about skulls and skeletons, and the Mini Beast Zone, where the tiny creatures of a garden pond could be viewed through a microscope.

“This fantastic event gives scientists from our Penryn Campus the ideal opportunity to share their knowledge, passion and expertise for science with the local community,” said Professor Stuart Bearhop.



Supporting sport in Cornwall

The University of Exeter, sponsors of the Cornwall School Games, jointly hosted the Summer Games with Penryn College this year. It’s the first time such a large scale event has been hosted across both campuses, with around 4000 children taking part, from 100 schools.

In addition to sporting events, groups of primary and secondary school children walked a mile route around the campus throughout the day. It was a joy to be able to welcome so many young people on campus to use our facilities and compete in sporting activities.

Our aim is to help increase the participation of young people in Cornwall in PE and school sport - across all levels and abilities.



Schools’ Event on Campus

Falmouth University again hosted the annual CreatED awards, showcasing the best creative work by GCSE and A Level students from across the county.

24 local schools took part in the exhibition on campus and prizes were awarded to students in categories including product design, fashion and textiles, and film and animation.

Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor Geoff Smith said of the exhibition, “Every year we’re delighted to see and support Cornwall’s creative talent. Not only has Cornwall got a rich creative heritage, the Creative Industries are now the fastest growing sector of the UK economy, and it’s these skills that will be that will be key to our future economic success.”

Red Arrows

The University was proud to bring the Red Arrows to Falmouth again this year, alongside other sponsors; Pendennis, Fal River Cornwall, Gylly Beach Café and the Falmouth BID & Falmouth Town Council.



New Graduate Success

Falmouth University final year students have scooped success in some of the country’s biggest exhibitions and awards for new talent.

Sustainable Product Design students took home three awards from New Designers, a prestigious event where more than 3,000 of the country’s brightest creative minds showcase their work.

Creative Advertising students were named among the winners of the D&AD New Blood 2018 competition, alongside entries from universities from all over the world including New York, Hong Kong, Denmark and Japan.

Graduates from the Institute of Photography have also been shortlisted for the prestigious British Journal of Photography’s, Portrait of Britain 2018

Games Academy

Falmouth University’s Games Academy is going from strength to strength as two new undergraduate courses have been launched for 2019.

Immersive Computing BSc(Hons) and Creative Virtual Reality BA(Hons) will bring opportunities for students to explore augmented reality and virtual reality in multi-skilled teams, working on real briefs set by businesses in one of the largest dedicated game development studio spaces of any UK university.



Archives and Special Collections

Visitors can explore the Archives and Special Collections held on the Penryn Campus.

The catalogue includes manuscripts and unpublished works by acclaimed author Patrick Gale, the archives of Kneehigh and Wildworks, two of Cornwall's best-loved theatre companies, and The Camborne School of Mines Historical Library, comprising a vast range of texts related to all aspects of mining history.

There are many more specialist collections that document Cornish social, political and creative history. Contact archives@fxplus.ac.uk or visit library.fxplus.ac.uk/archives for further information or to arrange a visit.

Open Days

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

Falmouth University:

Saturday 6 October and
Saturday 27 October
Saturday 17 November

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

University of Exeter:

Undergraduate:
Saturday 22 September and
Wednesday 24 October

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

September:
Wednesday 19,
Saturday 22, Saturday 29

October:
Saturday 27

November:
Saturday 10, Saturday 24

December:
Saturday 8

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

Campus Patrol can be contacted on 01326 255875.



Join the library

The Library welcomes external borrowers and can provide access to a range of materials and special collections for private study and research. Walk in to access resources as reference only, or become a registered borrower. library.fxplus.ac.uk/support/help-for-visitors-and-alumni

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 1234212
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)

