



Community

Autumn
2019

Record year for student volunteering

The Students' Union offers its members a wealth of opportunities for volunteering and fundraising.

Last year, students gave a record number of hours and raised the most they ever have for local and national charities.

In total, they volunteered for nearly 40,000 hours and raised nearly £90,000 for groups including the Samaritans, Action Against Hunger and Hope for Children.

This huge effort by the Raise and Donate (RAD) team has led to them winning 'Student Fundraising Group of the Year' at the National Student Fundraising Awards.

University of Exeter and Falmouth University declare an environment and climate emergency

Both universities have declared an environment and climate emergency, in recognition of the threat that climate change poses to the environment and communities, both locally and globally.

Professor Juliet Osborne, Director of the Environment and Sustainability Institute is chairing a group of University of Exeter staff and students. The group is using the university's research strength to create a challenging but achievable long-term strategy to reduce direct carbon emissions and reduce the university's environmental impact.

Falmouth University's Chief Operating Officer Peter Cox said, "Falmouth University has taken important steps to reduce our on-campus carbon emissions, decrease plastic consumption and encourage green travel. We are looking how we can take further steps to put climate awareness and environmental responsibility at the heart of our work, from campus services to curriculum design."

Community Wardens to return

We're delighted to announce that this year, the Community Wardens Scheme is returning to Falmouth and extending to Penryn and Mabe.

The pilot scheme was a real success last year. Students patrolled key residential areas, met residents, listened to concerns, logged complaints, shared advice and initiated campaigns. They took part in community events and activities including litter picking, supporting the local food bank and fundraising activities. For more information, please contact communitywardens@thesu.org.uk

The Students' Union is Rebranding!

We are excited to announce that the Students' Union is rebranding. FXU is now the Falmouth & Exeter Students' Union.



You can find out more about the Students' Union on its website, thesu.org.uk



University of Exeter proud to support St Gluvias Cricket Club Juniors

The University of Exeter is supporting youth cricket at St Gluvias Cricket Club. In December, a fire at the club destroyed coaching equipment and kit used for the annual Cornwall Youth Cricket Festival, which takes place in the first week of August each year.

Money provided by the University will replace the kit used by the club's junior players, who are aged 6 – 11. Mark Snowdon, Chairman at the club, said: "We are delighted to welcome the support of the University of Exeter for our youth cricket programme. We are determined to facilitate cricket at 'grass roots' level. With this fantastic opportunity for youngsters that wish to attend to learn to play cricket with a registered coach and with the ongoing support of the University of Exeter I am sure it will prove to be a big success in the coming years."

Exploring new approaches to managing plastics in the South West

The University of Exeter recently hosted a **Plastics Conference**, organised by the university's **Multidisciplinary Plastics Research Hub (ExeMPLaR)** and **Sarah Newton MP**.

Presentations from Defra, Plastic Free Falmouth and academics from the university offered participants the chance to learn more about the global plastics challenge, the work of ExeMPLaR, national policy, and local initiatives here in Cornwall.

The ExeMPLaR project is about creating a network of organisations to revolutionise the way we produce, recycle and utilise plastics.



Staring at seagulls could save your chips

New research from the University of Exeter's Penryn Campus has shown that staring at seagulls makes them less likely to steal your food.

The study, conducted in coastal towns in Cornwall, shows how people might be able to reduce food-snatching by modifying their own behaviour. Madeleine Goumas, researcher at the university, advises eating with your back to a wall. "When we do see gulls snatching food, they tend to come from behind... keeping an eye out, being more vigilant, reduces your chances of having your food taken."





Students Working with the Community

Students at Falmouth get real-world experience while they study, by working on live projects with industry or community partners.

First year Architecture students have been working on the Beacon Bench project – supported by Sarah Newton MP – which culminated in a community engagement event, where the students met with local residents and shared their sustainable bench designs. When they're completed, they'll be gifted to the Beacon Community Group.

Falmouth University supporting Falmouth Town

Although the weather was against us, Falmouth University was proud to support Falmouth Week again this year, providing sponsorship for the ever-popular Air Show.

The Strikemaster Pair made it to the seafront despite the clouds and put on an impressive display for the crowd.

For visitors and residents throughout the year, Falmouth University also works with the Falmouth BID and Falmouth Town Council to provide free WiFi. We want to make sure we are contributing to the work that's making sure Falmouth remains one of the best places to live and visit in the UK.



When Poldark came to Falmouth

Hundreds of local school pupils were lucky enough to get a sneak peek of the latest series of Poldark, when cast and crew visited Falmouth's Academy of Music and Theatre Arts for a special preview.



The screening was followed by a Q&A with Michael Ray (producer), Poppy Gordon-Clark (Cornwall location manager) and Sofia Oxenham (actor playing Tess).

For the school students, it was a chance to learn all about the TV-making process and to be inspired by the opportunities that are available in the film and TV industry.



Penryn Campus gardens retain Green Flag status

Penryn Campus has been recognised by the Green Flag Award Scheme for the third year in a row. The campus is among a record-breaking 2,101 parks and green spaces around the world to receive the award this year.

The award is a sign that a space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities. The judges visited over the summer and looked for good environmental management, community involvement, biodiversity and heritage.



Spaces for public hire

There are lots of spaces and facilities on campus that are available for the public to hire.

The Sports Hall is available for activities, including children's parties. It offers an affordable party package including bouncy castles, soft play area and music system.

To book or for more information, please contact the Penryn Campus Sports Centre.

Telephone: 01326 370770

Email: sportscentre@fxplus.ac.uk

Dates for the diary:

Open Days

If you're interested in studying in Cornwall, visit an Open Day:

Falmouth University:

Saturday 5 October
Saturday 26 October
Saturday 30 November

Smaller, Open Campus Days and campus tours are also available. Find out more at falmouth.ac.uk/experience/open-days

University of Exeter:

Undergraduate: Saturday 21 September and Wednesday 23 October

Postgraduate: Thursday 21 November

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



Student Gig Nights

September: Wednesday 18, Friday 20, Saturday 21, Wednesday 25, Saturday 28

October: Saturday 19, Saturday 26

November: Saturday 23

December: Saturday 7

During our late night events, security staff patrol key areas of campus to minimise noise disturbance. Campus Patrol can be contacted on 01326 255875.