

# Community

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2021

## Committed to our community

After a busy summer season, Falmouth University and the University of Exeter in Cornwall are aware of the pressures on the community. As our academic year begins back on campus we are committed to working together to keep each other safe and reduce the transmission of Covid-19.

Peter Cox, Falmouth University Chief Operating Officer, explained, "Both universities have developed rigorous plans with our campus partners to ensure we safely manage a return to on-campus activities and the delivery of as much teaching on campus as possible in this new academic year. We aim to do this, while also making sure we are able to respond to any potential resurgence of Covid-19."



"We will continue to support students with quarantine, self-isolation and where necessary, remote study, as well as encouraging the take up of vaccinations and regular testing."

In addition, the University of Exeter and Falmouth University, along with Falmouth Town Council, are helping to fund two night time marshals to help support positive behaviours in the community in the evenings. The marshals will conduct five-hour patrols of the town's streets from Thursday to Sunday every week until the end of October.

Amie Fulton, Director of Cornwall Operations at the University of Exeter, said, "Throughout the pandemic, our first priority has always been the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and the communities we are part of. For this reason, in addition to the testing we've been offering since last September, the two universities have agreed to co-fund the marshals in Falmouth so that guidance and support could be provided to all those socialising in town at night.

"We have received good feedback about this scheme and are proud to be playing our part in helping combat the spread of Covid-19 within our community."

### Get in touch

If you would like to discuss any community issues, you can call the dedicated line on **01326 370737** or email **community@fxplus.ac.uk**.

## Student wins award for his volunteering work

Jordan Pidwell, a Geography student at the University of Exeter, was presented with the Community Award and the 'winner of winners' Daniel Palmer Award at this year's SU Awards.

Jordan, who has volunteered as a Beaver Scout leader for almost six years, delivered a virtual programme for Scouts across the Truro District during the pandemic so that they wouldn't miss out on any activities, and was recently appointed as the County Youth Commissioner for Cornwall Scouts. He's also helped to raise more than £5,000 for Children's Hospice South West.

## Learn new skills for free

The University of Exeter has a range of free courses for those living in Cornwall, giving people the opportunity to gain a Level 3 or 4 accreditation while learning a new subject.

The first of these courses is Citizen Journalism, which teaches a broad range of contemporary digital journalism skills while encouraging you to uncover the hidden news stories in your area. This course is the ideal first step into presenting, editing, producing, researching and podcasting.

Find out more:  
[exeter.ac.uk/cornwall/events/returntolearning](https://exeter.ac.uk/cornwall/events/returntolearning)



*Eligibility criteria apply. This opportunity is offered by Widening Participation through Skills, part-funded by the European Social Fund.*

## Transforming green deserts into wildlife-friendly spaces

The Making Space for Nature project has been praised for its work transforming recreation grounds, parks, verges and closed churchyards into havens for bees, butterflies, birds and hedgehogs in seven towns across Cornwall, including Falmouth and Penryn.

The project, run by the University of Exeter and Cornwall Council, was recently audited against the national Building with Nature standards – a new benchmark for green infrastructure – and was accredited with the highest level.

The team are looking for volunteers who want to help make their local area better for people and wildlife.

To find out more email:  
[spacefornature@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:spacefornature@cornwall.gov.uk)

*The Making Space for Nature project (Green Infrastructure for Growth 2) is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) with Cornwall Council and University of Exeter providing match funding.*

## Student recognised for her work on landslide susceptibility in Cornwall

Geography student Rachel Poppleton has been awarded this year's Sir Geoffrey Holland Prize, which recognises academic excellence within a field related to Cornwall, for her dissertation on landslide susceptibility in Cornwall.

Rachel said, "Given landslide occurrence is only going to increase with accelerating climate change, and Cornwall is heavily reliant on the coast and tourist attractions for financial income, I'm thrilled to have won this prize and hope that my dissertation helps stakeholders to avoid future economic and personal losses."



## Boost your business

Falmouth University's Immersive Business programme is helping small and medium-sized businesses in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly to reach new audiences and create more engagement with the use of immersive technologies.

The programme, which comprises a state-of-the-art immersive facility and a tailored support programme, collaborates with businesses to develop new products, experiences and tools, as well as expert technical advice and academic research.

To find out more, get in touch via:  
[immersivebusiness@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:immersivebusiness@falmouth.ac.uk)

*Immersive Business is a two-year programme part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund, led by Falmouth University in collaboration with the University of Exeter.*

## Talent on show

Following the success of last year's online Falmouth Showcase, Falmouth University has once again turned to technology to highlight some of its best graduate talent.

While the pandemic has prevented the annual Summer Shows from taking place for a second year running, the Showcase includes work from across the University, spanning film, photography, music, illustration and more.

To view the inspiring collection, and to find out about the students behind each piece, go to:  
[showcase.falmouth.ac.uk](http://showcase.falmouth.ac.uk)

## Falmouth students soar at

## New Blood awards

Falmouth's Creative Advertising and Illustration students have once again excelled in the globally recognised D&AD New Blood Awards, which provide students with the exposure and opportunities needed to get a head start in the creative industries.

This year, Creative Advertising teams picked up an impressive six Pencil awards in the categories of White, Graphite and Wood, while six Illustration students were highlighted by D&AD as 'ones to watch' in the New Blood Festival Portfolio Picks.



Lily Stock, Illustration student

## Live events at AMATA

After becoming a livestreaming hub as part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Digital Showcase during the summer, AMATA, the Academy of Music & Theatre Arts, is once again delighted to be hosting live events at Penryn Campus.

There will be a packed calendar of events throughout the rest of the year, including monthly comedy nights, as part of the National Comedy Network in partnership with Avalon, while theatre and dance highlights include The Fight by Prodigal Theatre; Surge by Tom Dale Dance Company and Frankenstein: The Musical by Living Spit.



For more information, or to book, go to:  
[amata.org.uk/whatson](http://amata.org.uk/whatson)

### Visit us

As the world continues to open up, don't forget that our campuses are here for you to explore and enjoy. Take a walk around the grounds and visit Falmouth's sub-tropical gardens or discover the orchard, Italian terraces and 18th Century lime avenue on the Penryn Campus.

You can also get a membership to our library and gain access to a wealth of books, digital resources, magazines, specialist materials and journals.

The Sports Centre, which includes a gym, four-court sports hall and a fitness studio, is open from 6.30am-10pm Monday to Friday, and 8.30am-6pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Become a member or pay as you go to take benefit of all the facilities, along with weekly classes ranging from yoga and Pilates to circuits and kettlebells.

For more information on the Sports Centre, go to: [fxplus.ac.uk/facilities-shops/sports-facilities/](http://fxplus.ac.uk/facilities-shops/sports-facilities/)



### Upcoming student nights

We will be holding student nights on the following dates in September on the Penryn campus:

- **Sunday, 12 September:**  
**until 2am**
- **Saturday, 18 September:**  
**until 3am**
- **Friday, 24 September:**  
**until 1am**

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

### If you're interested in studying in Cornwall:

#### Falmouth University

Take a virtual tour of Falmouth University:  
[falmouth.ac.uk/experience/virtual-experience](http://falmouth.ac.uk/experience/virtual-experience)

#### Open Days

Visit the website to find out upcoming open days and campus tours:  
[falmouth.ac.uk/experience/open-days-visiting-us](http://falmouth.ac.uk/experience/open-days-visiting-us)

#### Exeter University

Take a virtual tour of our Penryn Campus:  
[exeter.ac.uk/study/campuses/penryn](http://exeter.ac.uk/study/campuses/penryn)

Visit the website to find out more about upcoming open day events:  
[exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit](http://exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit)

### Get to know your neighbours

You may have new neighbours this September. You can use this slip to say hello to them.

Just cut off this slip and put it through their letter box as a Covid-safe way to introduce yourself.

Hello!

We are your neighbours at .....

Our names are .....

You can contact us at .....

We look forward to getting to know you!