

Community

Spring
2022

STEPS TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

We've made a sustainable start to the year with a host of new initiatives and planet-friendly projects.

- February saw Penryn step up to silver in the Hedgehog Friendly Campus Awards, a reflection of work by the grounds team to create a diverse and welcoming habitat for these shy and retiring nocturnal mammals.
- Sustainability Week in March featured a packed line-up of eco-oriented events to help students and staff live a more environmentally conscious life. Highlights included foraging walks, open forums and conservation volunteering sessions. This annual event is led by the Students' Union in collaboration with Falmouth University and the University of Exeter.
- Last year we maintained an additional 4.5 acres of wildflower meadow and installed signage. These dedicated areas boost floral diversity and provide a foundation for a more biodiverse habitat. Wildflowers encourage more insects which, in turn, support more birds, bats and bees.
- Our Sustainability Café now has an updated 100% vegetarian and vegan menu, as well as an amazing view – come and visit! The campuses' Food and Drink team actively engages with suppliers to reduce the environmental impacts of its operations, using South West suppliers wherever possible.

Refill with us – and reduce packaging

Our Sustainability Café is now running a new local milk refill initiative. Buy a litre of Cornish Trewithen Dairy semi-skimmed milk in their branded glass bottles for £3, then bring back your clean, empty bottle and refill it each time for £1.10.

Call into our Penryn Campus Shop, which has launched a Bring Your Own (BYO) self-service refill section to reduce unnecessary packaging. The new refill range includes a selection of cereals and breakfast food, pasta, rice and snacks.

Our campus shops and cafes are open to all. Visit fxplus.ac.uk for spring opening hours.



Targeting net zero by 2030

The University of Exeter has brought forward its carbon net zero target to 2030.

After declaring an environment and climate emergency in 2019, the University set out a plan to reach net zero before 2050. But, based on support and input from students and staff, this has been accelerated to 2030.

The ambitious new target covers direct emissions (known as Scope 1 & 2) and – crucially – also includes Scope 3 (all other indirect emissions caused by the University’s activities, such as purchases).

“We want to lead the higher education sector in the drive to net zero,” said Exeter’s Provost Professor Janice Kay, co-chair of the University’s Environment and Climate Emergency Board. “To achieve this, everyone must play their part as individuals, teams and colleges, through action in our offices, labs, buildings, working practices, through learning opportunities and even the way we travel to work and study.”

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Students smash charity fund-raising target

A team of students from the Truro Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine Society (PHEMSoc) ran the Falmouth half marathon for West Cornwall Search & Rescue Team in March, beating their £1,000 target to raise nearly £2,000 for the charity. PHEMSoc organises emergency medicine training sessions, teaches lifesaving skills (such as the Restart a Heart initiative) and raises money for lifesaving charities.

Join in BioBlitz 2022 at Penryn Campus

Looking for a fun way to spend the day? Want to learn more about our wonderful Cornish wildlife? Join our knowledgeable staff and students to explore the wildlife around Penryn Campus on Saturday 30 April. The day runs from 7am-10pm, with the main event from 10am-4pm.

FREE and open to all ages, the day is brilliant for families looking for entertainment with an educational focus. Wildlife and charity organisations from all over Cornwall will be joining us with exciting stalls and opportunities to get involved. Activities include nature walks, small mammal trapping, treasure hunts and make your own wildlife with our arts and crafts. Follow @PenrynBioBlitz on Instagram or email bioblitz.penryn@gmail.com to find out more.



Sharing your memories of Falmouth

This year is a special anniversary for Falmouth University; it marks 120 years of Falmouth School of Art. Since 1902, this artistic hub has been the foundation stone of our remarkable creative institution. We're still celebrating art and ideas, creativity and technology in 2022, and harnessing them for the benefit of our students and for the wider community and economy.

Over the coming months, we'll be curating a range of events, activities and content to celebrate this milestone. Keep an eye on our website to find out about the activity that will be open to the community.

Were you a student at Falmouth? From photos of your years in Falmouth town to stories about the vital connections you've made here or inspiration you've taken from other staff or students, we'd love to receive news of any magical moments, memories or thoughts. If you have stories, photographs or artefacts from your time at Falmouth or your connection with the University that you'd like to share, please email 120years@falmouth.ac.uk



Summer Shows are back!

After two years in a virtual format, our Summer Shows return to campus from Saturday 21 to Thursday 26 May. An engaging, inspiring and exciting showcase of some of the country's best emerging talent, these displays offer an unmissable opportunity to enjoy the work of our students before they take their place at the heart of the creative industries. Entry to the exhibitions is free and we would be delighted to meet you on campus. Find out more information at falmouth.ac.uk/falmouth-shows

Don't miss our Summer Shows Community Day at Falmouth Campus on Saturday 21 May – a chance to explore the exhibitions with activities, workshops and entertainment for all the family.



Escape to the wilderness

Netflix is now streaming *The Yukon Assignment*, an epic adventure documentary featuring grizzly bears, icy Canadian waters and gorgeous landscapes.

Following a British father and son as they undertake a 500-mile canoe journey down the Yukon River, the 90-minute film was produced by Falmouth University Television lecturer Charlie Fripp.



Help us keep our beaches safe

Falmouth Town Council and Safer Falmouth are asking for help in keeping Falmouth's beaches safe for residents, visitors and marine life. Problems such as open fires, dog fouling and littering can threaten the public's safety and could lead to the loss of Blue Flag status.

By working together, we can ensure a cleaner and greener environment for everyone. The Sand Safe campaign aims to improve beach safety by promoting three simple rules:

1. No open fires on the beaches
2. Clean up after your dog and adhere to summer dog restrictions
3. Bin your litter and leave only footprints

Please report any concerns about safety on our beaches to Cornwall Council at [Cornwall.gov.uk/report-it](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-it)

An artist's treasure trove

Did you know that the Falmouth Campus Art Shop is open to all? It's a treasure trove for artists and stocks a wide range including notebooks and artist-quality paints, paintbrushes and other materials, at reasonable prices.



If you're interested in studying in Cornwall

Falmouth University:

Take a virtual tour, book a virtual event or come and visit us in person to get a taste of student life at Falmouth. Join us on our next Open day on:

Sat 21 May 10-4pm

Check for updates and book your place by visiting

falmouth.ac.uk/experience

University of Exeter:

We're offering virtual and in-person opportunities to find out more about studying with us and the subjects we offer. Our next Penryn Campus open days are:

Mon 30 May 9-3.30pm

Sat 15 October 9-3.30pm

exeter.ac.uk/studying