

# Fathom: Falmouth & Penryn Community Plan

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**So...**  
**what do**  
**you think?**

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# Have your say

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**Welcome to this special edition of Fathom. This edition is being used to consult with you about the Falmouth and Penryn Community Plan, the community-led plan that will help shape the future for all the residents of Falmouth and Penryn over the next 15 years.**

In the following pages we detail what is being proposed, we ask for your feedback; and we ask you to prioritise what you want to happen. We appreciate there is a lot to digest and to comment on, but we want your views, and this is a unique opportunity for you to have your say.

Who are 'we'? 'We' are the Community Plan Management Group: this edition and all the work behind the proposals it contains has been undertaken by members of the community, representing organisations and groups that we detail below. This Plan is not led by the Town Councils of Falmouth and Penryn, nor is it written as their agenda for the future: but both Councils are very supportive of the community planning process. Falmouth Town Council has donated this edition of Fathom to help us consult with the whole community, so our thanks to them.

Firstly, a bit about the Community Plan. It is a plan based on public consultation, describing the actions and priorities for Falmouth and Penryn over the next 15 years. Behind the scenes, a lot of people have been hard at work looking at all the issues that they feel the community would want to be addressed; reading relevant reports and studies, consulting with professionals and experts in the respective fields, and holding consultation meetings with them, in order to put together this exciting plan for all our futures.

The Community Plan, with your help, will also prioritise the actions most urgently needed, over a 5 year period, and will point out where, and by whom, we would expect action to be taken – including action by members of the community.

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**A 5 year Action Plan for Falmouth and Penryn.**

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**Longer-term actions and plans for Falmouth and Penryn for the next 15 years.**

## The purpose of the Community Plan

The Community Plan will be used to:

- inform local and regional authorities and government bodies about the wishes and expectations of the community;
- input into the new Falmouth and Penryn Community Network\* alongside neighbouring parish plans, to make sure the local action plan that will emerge from that Network is based on community consultation;
- inform Cornwall Council members of the aspirations and expectations of the community;
- identify local priorities for action;
- provide a platform for community-led projects and as an evidence base for grant applications to help deliver the objectives the plan describes;
- encourage dynamic and engaged communities in both towns.

\* The Community Network scheme has been devised by the new unitary authority, Cornwall Council, to bring together Town, Parish and County Councillors with partner organisations, to address service delivery and regeneration for each area. More information is given in the article on page 13.

## Behind the scenes

The Plan is community-led, supported financially or in kind by Falmouth Town Council, Penryn Town Council, Falmouth Harbour Commissioners, Falmouth Town Forum, the former Carrick District Council, Cornwall Council, Penryn Vision, University College Falmouth and the University of Exeter in Cornwall, and others.

The Community Plan Management Group mentioned earlier was set up by the two communities of Falmouth and Penryn: apart from those organisations above, membership includes neighbouring Parish Council representatives, representatives from Penryn Chamber of Commerce, Falmouth Marine School, National Maritime Museum Cornwall, the Primary Care Trust, Penryn Vision, Devon and Cornwall Police, Beacon Partnership, Older Peoples' Forum, West Cornwall Rural Transport Partnership, Transition Falmouth and others. The role of this group is to oversee the process of community consultation and the preparation of a plan that properly reflects the aspirations of the community.

This is where you come in, so we need to tell you a bit more about how the consultations so far, and therefore this edition of Fathom, have been organised.

## Ten Topic Groups

We grouped our initial ideas into 10 main areas, and then set up 10 Topic Groups, each dealing with a particular aspect of community life. These groups held a series of wider consultation events to unlock the issues and develop the proposals that are presented in this paper. You will see the results of their work in the following pages. We have also included a Parish page setting out the issues raised with us by our neighbouring Parish Councils.

## Getting your views back to us

You will see, within this paper, a separate single sheet, entitled 'Get your views back to us'. On it you will see a list of each of the 10 Topics, with all the proposals numbered so you can comment on each.

We ask you please to pull out the 'Get your views back to us' sheet, and have it in front of you as you read each Topic page in the paper. We then want you to help us prioritise the proposals in the Plan, by ticking one of the three boxes in each case. We are happy for you to fill in the reply sheet as an individual, but you may wish to consider replying as a family or group: please tell us, on the reply sheet, if you do so.

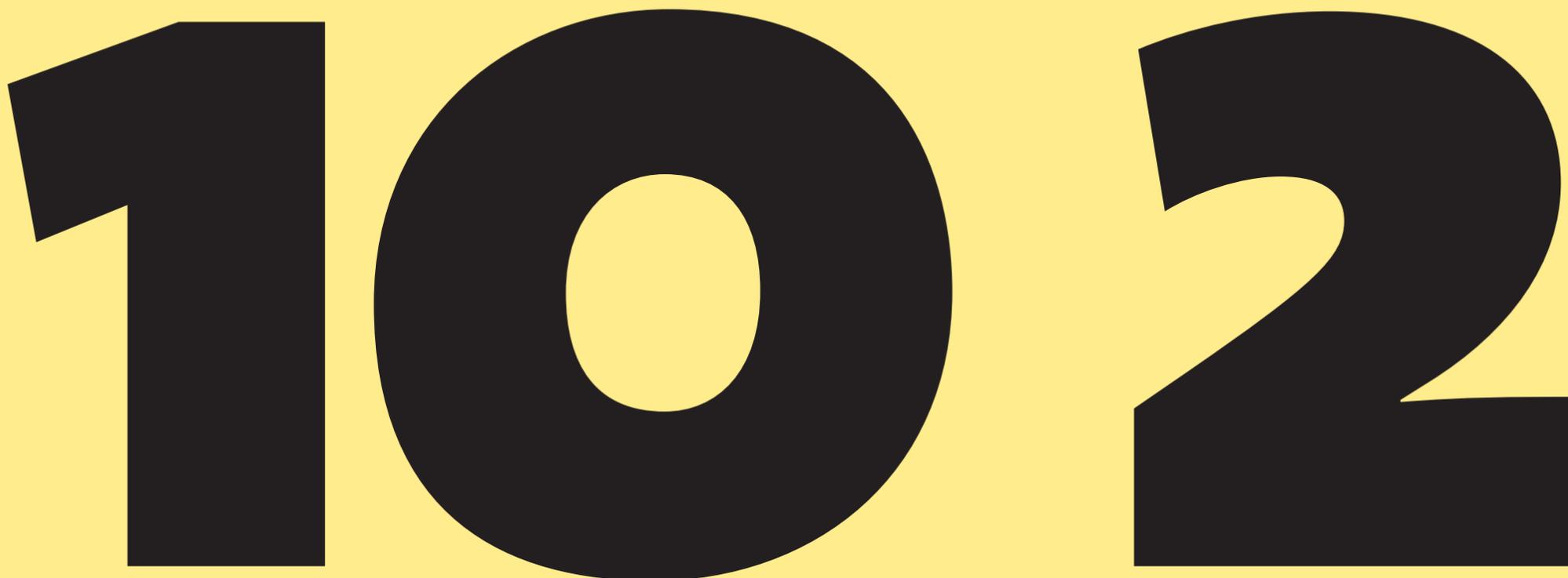
Tick the '5' box if you feel the proposal should be actioned as a matter of urgency within the next 5 years. Tick the '15' box if you feel the proposal should be a longer-term aspiration. Tick the 'No' box if you disagree with the proposal.

On the back of the 'Get your views back to us' sheet you will find a panel marked 'Your Suggestions'. Please write any suggestions or comments in the panel, using capital letters, so we can be sure to read what you have to say.

Then, you have a number of options. You can post the sheet back to us, or drop it into a number of boxes in shops and Council offices and other locations in both the towns, put there for that purpose. The list of locations is on the 'Get your views back to us' reply sheet. Or you can find the reply sheet online by following the link on [www.falmouth.co.uk](http://www.falmouth.co.uk)

Finally, you can come along to one of our open consultation days which we will be holding from May 18th to 25th inclusive, at the following two drop-in centres; Events Square, Discovery Quay, Falmouth: vacant premises next to The Shed restaurant; and 8-10 Lower Market Street, Penryn.

We appreciate we are asking you to comment on a lot of proposals but they cover most aspects of our community life and we hope you will agree it is a worthwhile use of your time. Thank you.



10 topics, with their proposals listed on the following pages.

2 weeks to respond please, on the reply sheet enclosed: 'Get your views back to us'.

# Maritime

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**Our plan is to maximize the benefits that our remarkable location can bring to everyone in Falmouth and Penryn, whether you are a recreational sailor, a marine-based business, or someone who simply enjoys our water front setting.**

- 1 Increase berth capacity for leisure vessels in Falmouth and Penryn whilst limiting developments to existing mooring areas.
- 2 Increase the provision of good quality fully serviced marina berths within the Plan Area.
- 3 Provide a promenade walkway between Prince of Wales Pier and Church Street Car Park.
- 4 Promote high profile sailing events based in Falmouth.
- 5 Increase in facilities for youth training alongside improved slipway facilities for public launching. Ideally a further facility away from the town centre should be developed. Facilities are to be suitable for use by disabled people so far as possible.
- 6 Promote improved water quality for areas used for recreation, and enhance and protect areas of environmental value, sites of special scientific interest and wildlife habitats.
- 7 Promote dry stacking and racking facilities to increase the capacity for vessel storage ashore.
- 8 Maximise use of rail facilities for sustainable transport of goods and passengers to and from the port.
- 9 Promote development of the port facilities to improve sustainable transport of goods and passengers, initially channel realignment and dredging and then through the Port of Falmouth Development Initiative.
- 10 Encourage and promote the development of the local commercial fishing industry.
- 11 Safeguard waterside sites for maritime use, and protect and enhance public access to the shoreline.
- 12 Limit the encroachment of new development on the shoreline.

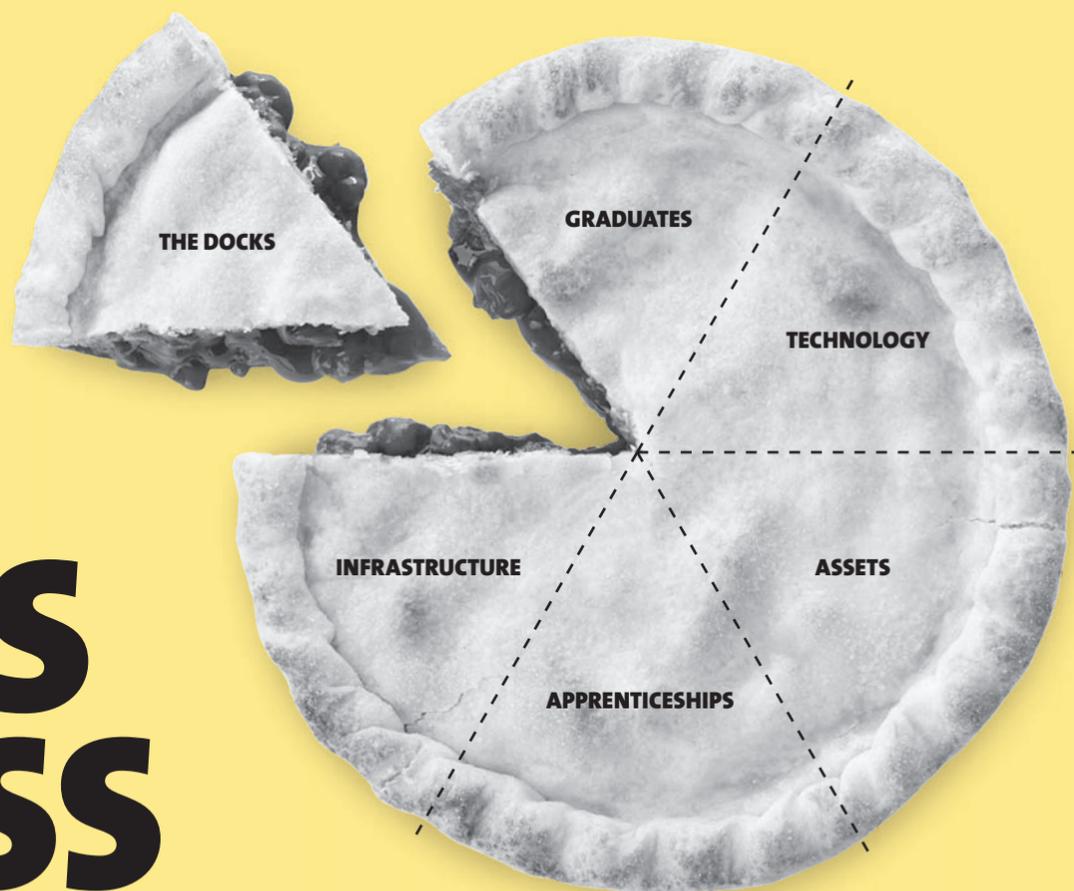
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# JUST ADD WATER

## MEASURES OF SUCCESS



Falmouth and Penryn are well placed to meet the economic demands of the next 15 years or more, particularly if we invest in three key elements to ensure economic success: in new technologies; in our young people as they graduate from apprenticeships and other programmes of further and higher education; and in our maritime assets.

### 1. Investing in technology.

- 1A Achieve new generation, higher-speed, symmetrical 'broadband' internet access by developing existing exchanges.
- 1B Support the development of tele-working in order to reduce work miles travelled as well as to speed and streamline companies' workflows in order to ensure Cornwall remains viable.
- 1C Statistical tools: ensure that businesses in Falmouth and Penryn have web access to statistics on local business success rates, failure rates and other measurables, information useful to promote the Falmouth and Penryn area as an entity to help to procure future funding.

### 2. Supporting and retaining graduates.

- 2A Develop incubator units for graduates seeking jobs locally, to encourage young people to live and work in Cornwall.
- 2B Link the development of incubator homes to that of low cost business units to support those with entrepreneurial flair and aptitude in the fields of new technologies to live and work in Cornwall.

### 3. Apprenticeship schemes.

- 3A Establish closer links between current college apprenticeship schemes and the needs of local businesses and employers now and in the longer-term.
- 4. Travel/transport infrastructure.
- 4A Complete the A30 duelling scheme, to support businesses in the Falmouth and Penryn area.
- 4B Improve local transport facilities to address the needs of workers travelling to and from work within the Falmouth and Penryn area.
- 4C Upgrade the road infrastructure of Commercial Road, Penryn in order to make it more of a business centre. Include traffic management/calming schemes, making the area more pedestrian friendly.

### 5. Supporting our industries and maximizing our assets.

- 5A Identify and develop land for light to heavy industry use, rather than office space.
- 5B Develop Tregonigge Industrial Estate to realize its full potential.
- 5C Restrict waterside development where possible to marine-related business-use.
- 5D Assist the Falmouth Marine School in its potential relocation to a waterside location.
- 5E Develop business support processes to retain and enhance existing business and to promote expansion and diversification.

### 6. A vibrant future for the docks as part of a healthy local business infrastructure.

- 6A Support the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners in order to help achieve their development and diversification plans.
- 6B Support the plan for Falmouth Docks to include a new passenger terminal for cruise liners, the dredging of the deep-water channel to accommodate large cruise liners.
- 6C Support Falmouth Docks to diversify its operation into the marina sector, as the yachting and leisure market is a significant, and growing, employer in the area.

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# Crime & Safety

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For many people in our community, the fear of crime far outweighs the actual incidents of crime. Every member of our community has the right to feel and be safe as they go about their daily lives, and everyone has a role to play.

**1. Reduce the levels of crime and disorder in Falmouth and Penryn over the time scale of the plan.**

- 1A Work with partner organisations to identify and address local issues, hot spots and target areas as highlighted by intelligence and research methods.
- 1B Encourage the community of Falmouth and Penryn to have a voice and make it heard by the relevant agencies.
- 1C Encourage the public to make regular reports to the appropriate authorities with regards to crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 1D Ensure we maintain the current good attendance and engagement by the public in the PACT (Partners And Communities Together) process.

1E Enable the public to stand up against the small minority of the population who seek to commit crime and cause nuisance to the vast majority, by improving the accessibility of the Police, by encouraging them to take responsibility for 'signposting' and redirecting calls to the relevant service organisation.

1F Identify reasons for people committing crime and anti-social behaviour and strive to address issues raised whenever possible, for example provision of drop in centres and youth clubs, and access to sports, art and recreational facilities.

1G Encourage work across generations, highlighting the differences and similarities which age groups can reflect.

**2. Reduce the fear of crime and disorder, and increase the levels of satisfaction in the community about the services involved in reducing crime and disorder.**

2A Positively publicise the outcomes of partnership work on a regular basis, whether that be prosecutions or other means, which in turn will reduce the fear of crime for the community, increase public satisfaction of public services and encourage a feeling of safety.

**3. Ensure that the community of Falmouth and Penryn feel safe when going about their daily lives.**

- 3A Work with relevant departments within the Local Authority on issues such as design of spaces and buildings including appropriate lighting which can be taken into account along with the provision of CCTV cameras where relevant.
- 3B Review awareness of the Out of Hours Patrol Service and whether there is a level of support for its continuation.

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# Housing

**A difficult subject to tackle, due to the conflicting demands of substantial new housing targets, measures to ensure affordability, the need to accommodate an ever-increasing population, and at the same time ensure that the character and integrity of our towns and villages are preserved. We are also in a unique situation as our student population grows, which clearly impacts on our communities. Here are our proposals.**

## **1. New housing development.**

- 1A** Falmouth, Penryn, and the surrounding parishes to collaborate over a long-term housing growth plan, taking account of the opportunities created by the removal of the former District Council boundaries.
- 1B** Lobby for realistic new housing targets and seek innovative planning solutions.
- 1C** Seek a review of planning policy and processes to create a reliable framework of guidance for housing associations and developers.
- 1D** Undertake a detailed analysis of the needs of the community over the next 20 years as a minimum, to inform our planning proposals.
- 1E** Promote self-build, co-operative housing and community build projects.
- 1F** Address changes in work patterns by building live/work units.
- 1G** Consider opportunities to bring empty buildings, homes, and flats over shops into the useable stock.
- 1H** Provide new housing that meets the changing needs of our elderly population, in order to release existing stock that no longer meets their needs.

**1I** Provide housing suitable for those with physical and mental health disabilities that help promote independent living.

**1J** Work with developers to ensure we build strong communities, with the amenities and facilities fundamental to a proper sense of community.

**1K** Develop brown field and redundant sites to provide affordable housing and community facilities e.g. former Budock Hospital site.

## **2. Housing design and construction.**

**2A** Ensure that any new development maximises opportunities to incorporate eco-initiatives, particularly in the areas of energy efficiency.

**2B** Seek opportunities to create exemplar buildings with regard to sustainability, low life cost, and use of cheap construction materials from sustainable sources.

**2C** Maximise opportunities to redevelop existing stock to meet new demands.

**2D** Support traditional-appearance developments clothing high-tech, high-performance buildings.

## **3. The unique demands on Falmouth and Penryn as university towns.**

**3A** Develop unique solutions and a partnership approach to address the fact that student housing needs differ from those of the indigenous population.

**3B** Develop community-owned student housing schemes.

**3C** Work with the universities to ensure that any new accommodation development is designed to facilitate social integration with the local community.

**3D** Introduce standards and controls for private rented accommodation that properly meets the needs of the landlords and the tenants.

**3E** Address negative attitudes and perceptions through positive community-building initiatives.

## **4. Making communities more connected.**

**4A** Design-out the factors contributing to social isolation arising from large-scale impersonal developments.

**4B** Promote the need for new developments to have safe walking and cycling routes to facilities.

**4C** Build in green corridors and green spaces, such as allotments, on all developments.

**4D** Promote the sharing and joint provision of facilities with universities and the local communities.

**4E** Work to achieve a mix of housing and tenure types and occupancy groups to ensure integration.

**4F** Promote community values through initiatives such as community newsletters and befriending schemes.

**4G** Develop a community facility in Penryn that meets the needs of all sectors of the community.

**4H** Seek solutions to community integration that recognise the transient nature of student tenure.

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**UP YOUR STREET**

# HEAR HERE!

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**This topic is concerned with improving the quality of life for our more senior residents, and making sure that the opinions of older people are sought out, their needs are considered, and their voices are heard.**

**1. Opportunities to participate in an active, healthy lifestyle.**

- 1A Provide greater access to parks and open spaces; and provide facilities for the elderly and less mobile.
- 1B Create opportunities to try different physical exercises, cycling and swimming for 'softies'.
- 1C Introduce concessions for senior citizens participating in adult education classes.
- 1D Set up a garden-sharing scheme so older people can share their gardens with younger people keen to learn new skills.
- 1E Provide help in the home with the use of computers, telephones, television.
- 1F Install technology that is designed for older people to use: (knobs, buttons, dials etc) in public facilities and homes for the elderly.

**2. Older peoples voices should be heard.**

- 2A Older people and access to services should be high on the agenda for the new Cornwall Council.
- 2B Bring the elderly together to address and influence issues that relate to their age and possible disability.
- 2C Older people in residential homes are often unable to attend meetings outside the home. They need visits from the authorities to specifically obtain their views.
- 2D Support the continuation of the Older People's Forum for our area, to help address these and other issues and ensure the voices of older people are heard.

**3. Moving about Falmouth and Penryn.**

- 3A Improve pavements and pavement surfaces to help meet the needs of older people.
- 3B Ensure disabled parking bays either avoid having kerbs, or have dropped kerbs.
- 3C Introduce more disabled parking spaces and ensure they are not abused by other drivers.
- 3D Provide seating for the elderly at bus stops, ideally with a shelter.
- 3E Introduce seating at regular intervals in shopping areas.
- 3F Encourage private shops and supermarkets to provide a resting-place for the elderly.

- 3G Introduce a shoppers' bus service through the main streets of Falmouth and Penryn, to reduce the need to carry bags of shopping for long distances.
  - 3H Introduce points where shoppers can leave their shopping securely until ready to collect.
  - 3I Enable those with mobility difficulties to maintain their independence by extending the bus pass to include the park-and-ride facility.
  - 3J Review the provision and siting of pedestrian crossings with the needs of older people in mind.
  - 3K Improve the accessibility of the ferries to meet the needs of those with limited mobility/wheelchair users.
- 4. Public toilets in Falmouth and Penryn.**
- 4A Identify whether the existing provision properly meets the needs of those with disabilities.
  - 4B Introduce attendants to provide help for those with limited mobility.
  - 4C Improve signposting to public toilets.
  - 4D Introduce a 'friendly shops' toilet access scheme.
  - 4E Establish disabled parking spaces outside public toilets.
  - 4F Ensure branch line railway stations have accessible toilets open to match train timetables.

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# Tourism, Leisure & Culture

We want to celebrate our environment, culture and history for the benefit of all, and ensure that our cultural and leisure facilities support an expanding tourism offer that is so vital to our local economy.

## 1. Falmouth and Penryn as tourism destinations.

- 1A Encourage day visitors to both towns through a well-presented environment and a lively and varied retail and cultural offer.
- 1B Emphasise and develop the maritime strengths of Falmouth and Penryn.
- 1C Promote Falmouth as a venue for visiting liners, tall ships and super-yachts.
- 1D Ensure the public transport system and plans for pedestrianisation help support the needs of the tourism industry.
- 1E Provide information for visitors by retaining and enhancing the Tourist Information Centre.
- 1F Develop an accessible and up to date website.
- 1G Support the creation of a high quality visitor-welcoming atmosphere.
- 1H Improve the marketing of the towns and the promotion of our environmental and cultural assets.

## 2. Improving our leisure facilities.

- 2A Develop sports hubs which maximise the opportunities for joint working and sharing of facilities centred around Falmouth School, relocating the Football Club and possibly the Sports Club; and on Penryn Community College, Rugby Club and St Gluvias Cricket Club.
- 2B Explore provision of better access to conventional swimming facilities close to the centres of population.
- 2C Improve the facilities for water sports activities and the access to beaches and the waterfront.
- 2D Develop and add to our network of open spaces, playgrounds and gardens.
- 2E Develop and enhance a network of signed walking trails and cycleways.
- 2F Develop a harbourside walkway/cycleway along the waterfront in, and between, the two towns.
- 2G Ensure the waterside walk from Swanpool to Prince of Wales Pier is accessible to all.

## 3. A stronger and more varied cultural offering.

- 3A Develop trails exploring our historic and cultural environment and linking the two towns.
- 3B Consider a new centrally-located open access community-university arts and performance space.
- 3C Improve promotion and coordination between existing publicly-accessible centres offering diverse ranges of art and performance.
- 3D Develop an active events programme building upon and reflecting the assets and history of the towns, and the needs of its residents.
- 3E Create a lively year-round programme of events that celebrate our historic maritime culture.

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# Students

Consultation events have been held at the Falmouth Marine School, at the University College Falmouth (UCF) Woodlane Campus in Falmouth, Tremough Campus in Penryn (which it shares with the University of Exeter), and Dartington Campus in Devon to enable students to air their views on what they think could be done to enhance Falmouth and Penryn in the next five years, and to unlock their ideas for the future. Eight clear themes emerged.

## 1. Travel.

- 1A More buses and longer hours of operation so that students can visit other parts of Cornwall more easily.
- 1B Public transport routes expanded with regular services between outlying parishes and the towns, and eco friendly buses that allow surfboards or bikes on board. Such improvements would help to reduce their reliance on cars.
- 1C Increase the number of bike lanes, to enable the students to embrace green travel.
- 1D Ensure well-lit footpaths and clearer signage.
- 1E Make train tickets available for purchase at stations.
- 1F Make water transport more accessible, more frequent and more affordable.
- 1G Make all public transport more affordable.

## 2. Private sector accommodation.

- 2A The standard of private sector accommodation should be subject to a more thorough accreditation scheme, one of which has been started by UCF and the University of Exeter in consultation with the local council.
- 2B The current scheme should be extended to improve quality across the board, particularly in relation to properties let by agents.
- 2C Address the severe lack of accommodation for student couples and students with children, as well as a lack of lodgings for younger and international students, who may prefer to live with families.

## 3. Community engagement.

- 3A To enable students to take part in events and festivals, the Town Councils' websites could publish a list of the opportunities and committees that exist, to encourage student integration into the towns' activities.
- 3B Provide on-line access to information on opportunities for part-time jobs, work experience and other community-led initiatives so that they can increase their participation in local life.

## 4. Health.

- 4A Work with local health providers to remove the difficulty experienced by students in finding doctors to register with, particularly in Falmouth.
- 4B Ensure students are able to access NHS dental care whilst resident in the community.

## 5. Retaining identity.

- 5A Preserve the unique identities of Falmouth and Penryn, and seek a happy medium between the towns' quirky independent businesses and corporate chains.
- 5B More emphasis to be placed on shopping and sourcing locally, and more markets of greater variety.

## 6. Leisure.

- 6A A 25m public swimming pool and bigger and better gyms.
- 6B Introduce community events on the beaches for the benefit of all.
- 6C Increase access to water sports facilities.
- 6D Celebrate our marine environment by creating an aquarium.
- 6E Provide more public seating areas to maximise enjoyment of our wonderful views.

## 7. Culture.

- 7A The towns to embrace UCF's expansion into performance. Suggestions include a larger space for public performance and exhibitions that could also be used as a club venue, and dedicated areas for street performance and the display of art.
- 7B Local authorities to support students in helping them overcome the bureaucracy of arranging performances for the public to enjoy.
- 7C Celebrate diversity in all its forms from multiculturalism to the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender scene, and increase the availability of specialist foodstuffs and products such as Kosher food and Afro Caribbean hair products.

## 8. Environmental issues.

- 8A Introduce greater emphasis on sustainability and initiatives such as the banning of plastic carrier bags, more recycling facilities/schemes, more beach cleans and more conservation groups as students are keen to protect the beautiful natural surroundings they live in.

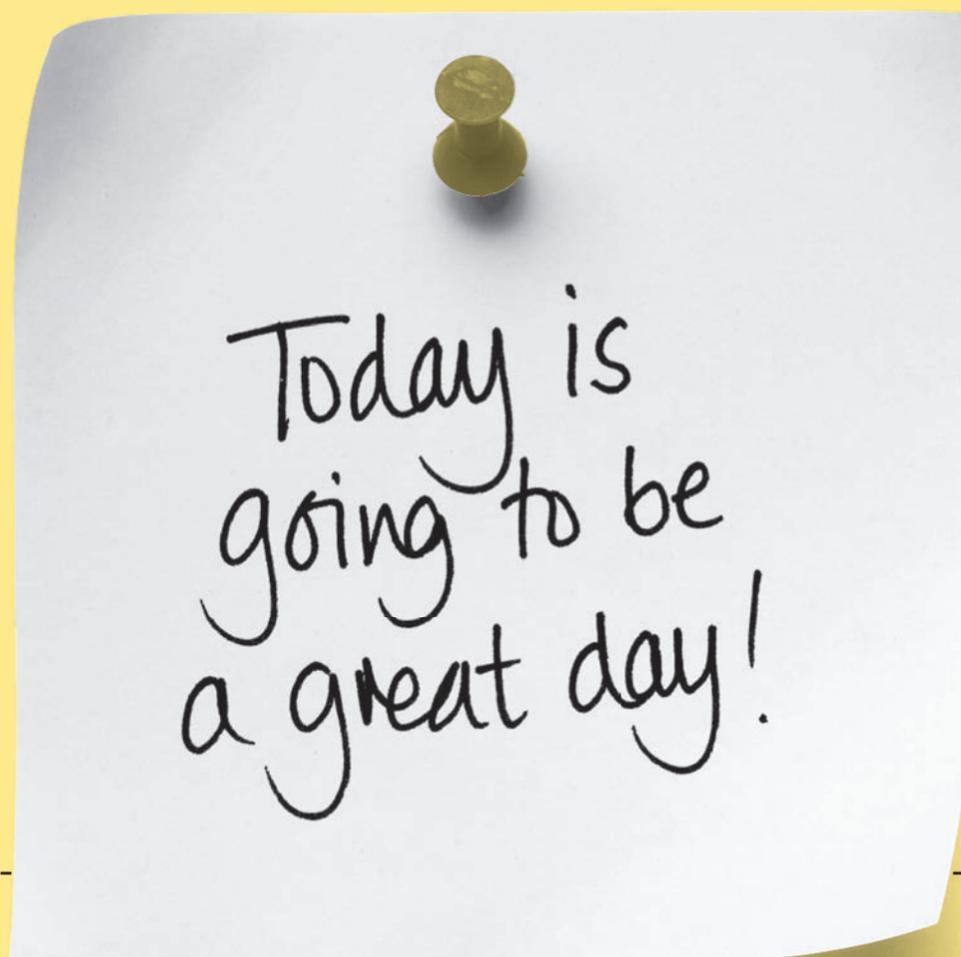
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# THE LEARNING CURVE



# Health & Well-being

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Here, our overall aim is to improve health for everyone within the community. We also want to reduce health inequalities between different wards in Falmouth and Penryn, so everybody has the same chance of getting and staying healthy. We've organised our proposals under three headings. Tell us if you agree with our proposals.

## 1. Emotional health and well-being.

- 1A Make sure everyone knows where and how to get support.
- 1B Work with local employers to tackle stress in the workplace.
- 1C Work with schools, children's centres and elderly people's groups to raise issues concerning mental health early.
- 1D Reduce feelings of isolation felt by some members of the community.
- 1E Ensure that support concerning worklessness, debt, accessing benefits and work advice is available, and well-publicised.
- 1F Reduce the stigma of mental illness by ensuring inclusion in the community and through education.

## 2. Physical health and well-being.

- 2A Encourage wider use of cycling and walking by an increase in safe routes and improved facilities.
- 2B Work with leisure and recreation providers to make sure their facilities meet the needs of all sectors of the community.
- 2C Introduce a healthy-eating campaign and support local food-growing schemes such as increased provision of allotments and community gardens.
- 2D Work with employers to promote healthy workplaces and healthy working practices.
- 2E At a local level, find out if our young people know where to go for sexual health advice, support for drug and alcohol abuse, and support to stop smoking, and feel able to use it.

## 3. Stronger communities.

- 3A Support projects that connect young people and the elderly.
- 3B Work with local retailers and publicans to limit access to alcohol and cigarettes by young people.
- 3C Promote voluntary work schemes and increase volunteer involvement in our community.
- 3D Undertake a community 'expertise audit' in order to help community groups.
- 3E Ensure that those with physical and /or mental disabilities are properly included in community decision-making.
- 3F Encourage local accessibility to clinics and medical services at Falmouth Hospital and GP surgeries.

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# Transport & Access

**Our primary objective here is to make our towns and the surrounding area more pleasant places to live, shop, work and move about in safely.**

## **1. Improve the general environment and make it more user friendly in the main shopping streets.**

- 1A** Progressively increase the level of pedestrian priority during the shopping day.
- 1B** Encourage use of buses to travel between residential and shopping areas by: improving reliability of bus services, day tickets/financial incentives, 'real time' information at bus stops and by SMS to mobile phones.
- 1C** Provide means of moving pedestrians (escalator, elevator or bus) on steep hills between Quarry and Moor in Falmouth and between Commercial Road and Town Centre in Penryn.
- 1D** Develop new contour cycle and walking routes, with cycle parking, between main destinations in and around the towns, clearly signposted. Integrate with public transport ie cycles on trains, buses and ferries.
- 1E** Promote greater use of the Truro – Falmouth branch railway line by key user groups (students, visitors, pensioners and commuters) to expand provision.
- 1F** Provide shopper-friendly car parking on the periphery of Falmouth, linked by very cheap or free Hoppa buses through main shopping streets.
- 1G** Introduce financial incentives for local residents to use bus, rail and ferry services.

## **2. Improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists on the streets in the towns.**

- 2A** Maximise pedestrian priority in main shopping streets with no cycling in these areas during the priority periods.
  - 2B** Reduce Commercial Road (Penryn) shopping area speed limit to 20mph, to enable safe removal of the cycle lane and provide a riverside walk, pavement/vehicle parking lay-bys, safe crossing points, a roundabout to slow traffic, and measures to reduce risk from climate change.
  - 2C** Reduce Dracaena Avenue (Falmouth) speed limit to 30mph as far as Ponsharden.
  - 2D** Improve pedestrian and vehicular safety at the junction of Avenue Road and Melvill Road.
  - 2E** Improve pedestrian and vehicular safety at the junction of Trelawney Road and Killigrew Street.
  - 2F** Provide safer crossing points at the top end of the Moor in Falmouth.
  - 2G** Improve footpaths and crossings between Station Road and the town centre in Penryn.
- ## **3. Reduce the number and size of vehicles in the centre of the towns – particularly the main shopping streets.**
- 3A** Optimise rising bollard operation and road signage to fully enforce traffic order during the day and minimise inconvenience to authorised vehicle drivers.
  - 3B** Close Church Street Car Park as soon as alternative shopper friendly car parking is available, and redevelop site with no car parking at all.
  - 3C** Use very cheap or free disability compliant Hoppa buses to and fro through Falmouth town centre during the day and reinstate 'through' town bus service.

- 3D** Discourage use of car parks in the centre of towns, by introducing further gradation of parking charges with low charges for 15 minute stays.
  - 3E** Establish a transshipping facility with rail access outside Penryn to allow large lorries to unload onto smaller vehicles for local deliveries. Restrict size of lorries allowed into town centres and villages.
  - 3F** Establish effective and coordinated transport hubs at both ends of Falmouth town centre (Moor and Grove Place/Dell) with 'shopmobility' available.
  - 3G** Ensure that the integrated needs of pedestrians, cyclists and businesses are met by transferring ownership and management of car parks to the local council.
  - 3H** Promote car-sharing to schools, university and business users.
- ## **4. Improve car parking arrangements to encourage use of car parks on periphery of town centres.**
- 4A** Modest increase of capacity of New Street car park.
  - 4B** Build multi-storey car park / supermarket / affordable housing at Quarry with hoppa bus link to town / Dell.
  - 4C** Improve and enlarge Penryn car parks and provide better access from them to centre of town.
  - 4D** Introduce resident parking permits in residential areas around town centres subject to provisions of 4E.
  - 4E** Provide a) very long-term low cost commuter parking facilities with secure cycle storage and b) commuter park and ride on bus or train routes to towns.
  - 4F** Reduce private parking spaces accessed from pedestrian priority areas in Falmouth wherever possible.
- ## **5. Helping to ensure a prosperous economy.**
- 5A** Develop the arterial highway to the docks; including increasing the clearance at Bar Road railway bridge to facilitate high-sided vehicles.
  - 5B** Reinstatement a rail extension to Falmouth docks, along with new branch line halts.
  - 5C** Encourage pedestrian ferry use and short / medium distance freight transport by sea.
  - 5D** Improve the direct link to the A30 from Treluswell and insist that the planned changes to A39/A393 junction facilitate this.
  - 5E** Provide free 'wi-fi' access to local and shopping information via new technologies when available.

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# Young People

# BRIGHT YOUNG THINGS

I CAN  
SHAPE THE  
FUTURE  
...

CHOOSE  
LIFE



BE SEEN!  
BE HEARD!

We want young people to help us shape the future of the area, so that they feel safe, feel proud of where they live, feel they have a voice; and enjoy all aspects of living here. We want them to see a good future here for themselves. This is what we plan to do and we want your views please.

## 1. Ensuring the quality of your social life.

- 1A Ensure that the places where young people live and spend their leisure time are safe, by working with the police, the local authority, and other partners.
- 1B Increase opportunities for young people to meet each other socially.
- 1C Create opportunities for young people to meet with other age-groups to share experiences and knowledge.
- 1D Provide greater access to the waterfront.
- 1E Increase the range of leisure and sporting activities available to young people.

## 2. Looking after your health needs.

- 2A Ensure that all young people know how and where to access information and get help with physical, mental and sexual health problems.
- 2B Make sure that young people feel able to use those facilities in confidence.
- 2C Work to provide a dedicated young people's health centre.

## 3. Feeling valued, and proud to be part of our community.

- 3A Involve young people more in local decision-making, and ensuring their opinions are sought.
- 3B Provide greater opportunities for young people to be involved in voluntary projects designed to increase their involvement.
- 3C Create opportunities for young people including the student population to work together on a variety of projects.
- 3D Tell young people more about the work of the Youth Council, and encourage them to join in.
- 3E Create a 'youth voice' for the local media, press and radio.
- 3F Set up a Youth Information Centre.

## 4. Getting out and about.

- 4A Ensure young people are able to get around easily on public transport, by ensuring the services take their needs into account.
- 4B Ensure young people have the information they need, when they need it, about the public transport services locally.
- 4C Negotiate discounted travel packages for young people.

## 5. Planning a future in the area.

- 5A Ensure young people are clear about education and training available to them in the area.
- 5B Encourage local employers to offer work experience schemes and 'taster' sessions to help young people make decisions.
- 5C Establish a directory of local employers willing to offer holiday work.
- 5D Ensure young people are able to get clear, concise information when looking for accommodation in Penryn or Falmouth.

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# Neighbouring Parishes

Whilst the majority of our neighbouring parishes are all working on, or have, their own Parish Plans, they want to see these issues addressed through the Falmouth and Penryn Community Plan, as being of concern to us all.

## 1. Traffic and transport in the villages.

- 1A Seek longer-term solutions to address the negative impact on surrounding villages of traffic going into and out of Falmouth and Penryn.
- 1B Improve highway maintenance in the villages.
- 1C Create a network of footpaths and cycle paths to link towns and parishes, and the Tremough campus.
- 1D Increase the number of carriages on trains at peak times to meet the needs of commuters.
- 1E Ensure that the timetables for buses and ferries serving Mylor, Flushing and St Mawes meet the needs of workers and young people too.
- 1F Provide an effective and frequent public transport service between Falmouth and Penryn and the villages.
- 1G Develop the public transport infrastructure to address the demands of the Tremough campus.

## 2. Housing and accommodation in the villages.

- 2A Seek longer-term solutions to the need to accommodate the growth of student numbers, whilst minimalising impact on surrounding villages.
- 2B Seek viable and longer-term solutions to the provision of affordable homes in Mawnan, Mylor and Flushing.
- 2C Address the housing spread and development of municipal/industrial facilities that are encroaching on Budock.

## 3. Retaining facilities and local distinctiveness.

- 3A Ensure the retention of local facilities and a sustainable village centre in Mawnan and in Budock.
- 3B Ensure that Budock is able to retain its own identity and not be seen as an extension of Falmouth.
- 3C Support the protection of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Mawnan.
- 3D Address the lack of youth facilities in Mawnan, and limited transport access to facilities in the towns.

## 4. Working with our partners.

- 4A Falmouth and Penryn Town Councils and the Parish Councils to establish an area forum in order to work collaboratively on matters of common interest.
- 4B Establish a liaison group between the Universities and the Parish Councils to address matters of common concern and interest, and identify emerging issues for joint action.
- 4C Collaborate to tackle problems of rubbish and fly tipping generally around the area.

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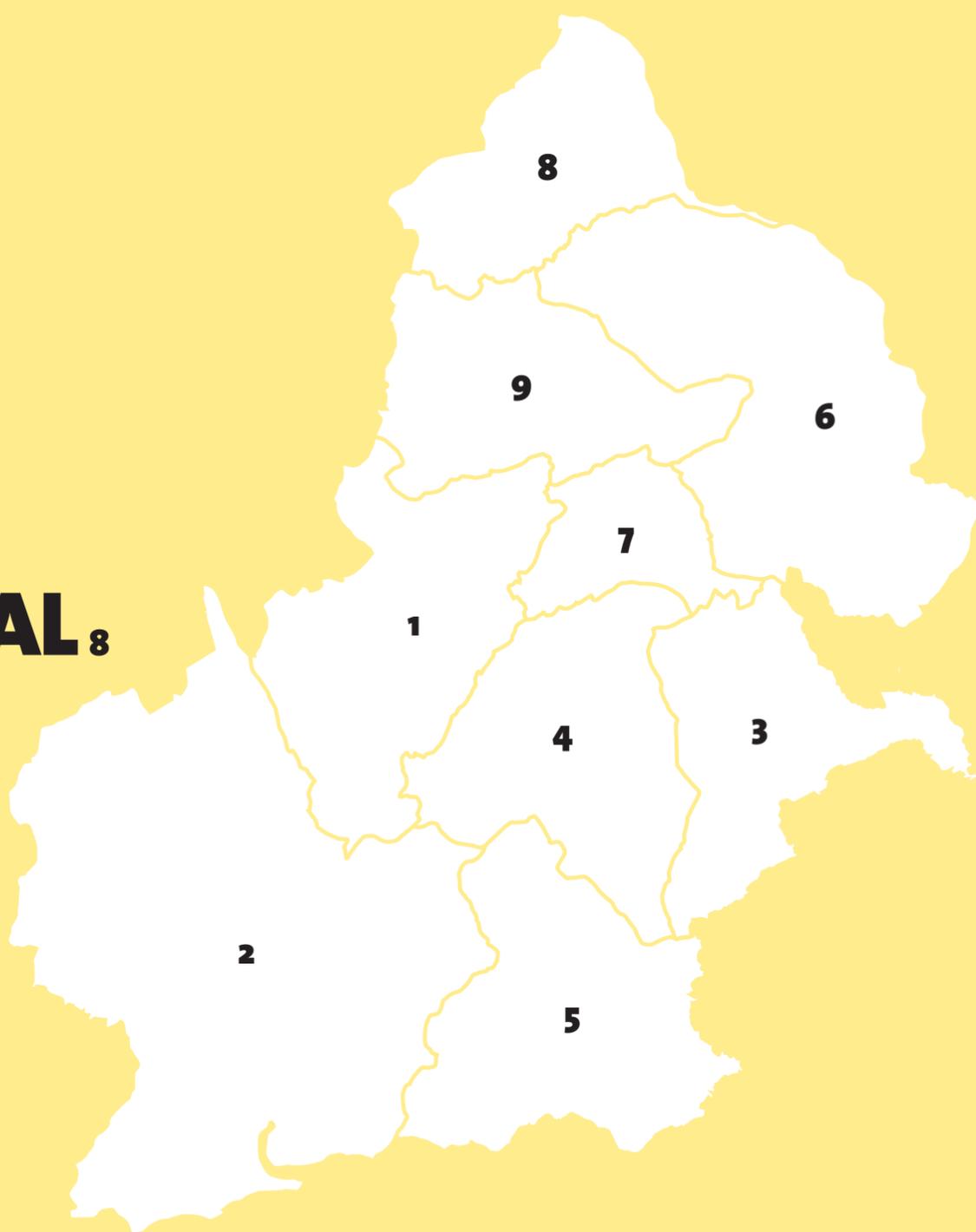
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# Our Community Network

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**BUDOCK**<sub>1</sub>  
**CONSTANTINE**<sub>2</sub>  
**FALMOUTH**<sub>3</sub>  
**MABE**<sub>4</sub>  
**MAWNAN**<sub>5</sub>  
**MYLOR**<sub>6</sub>  
**PENRYN**<sub>7</sub>  
**PERRANARWORTHAL**<sub>8</sub>  
**ST.GLUVIAS**<sub>9</sub>



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**By the time you receive this edition of Fathom, you will know that the district and county councils have merged to form a single authority, Cornwall Council.**

One of the aims of Cornwall Council is to make it easier for you to access services and get involved by influencing the decisions that affect your community. With this in mind, the new council has set up a number of community networks across the county, with support from dedicated staff to help bring services closer to the people that live and work there.

Falmouth and Penryn form part of the network that includes the nine parishes of Falmouth, Penryn, Perranarworthal, Constantine, Mawnan, Mylor, St Gluvias, Mabe and Budock.

A first step in making the council more local has been to increase the number of places where you can go to access public and community services. Penryn has a new One Stop Shop in the Town Council offices to add to the established One Stop Shop in Falmouth (Church Street). A number of partner organisations already use these venues and we want to build on this so in future you will be able to get services from lots of different organisations in one place.

Thursday, 4 June is election day. That's when the people of Cornwall go to the polls to choose the 123 people to represent them on the new unitary council. Make sure you are registered to vote so that you can play your part! Polling stations are open from 7am to 10pm on election day. Maybe you would like to be a councillor yourself – contact us to find out more and see the guide on our website [www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk).

When your local councillors are in place we will set up community network meetings, bringing councillors and the community together to develop future aspirations and priorities for the area, in part using the parish and community plans where they exist, to help inform that process.

This is just a brief overview of the changes. There is more information in the Council Guide delivered to your home with your council tax bill. Also have a look at our newly designed website at [www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk) which we hope you find much easier to use and search. Over the coming months we will be developing this website to make it even more useful for you. You can also visit the one stop shops for more information and advice.

If you want to know more about community networks you can e-mail me at this address: [ssharples@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:ssharples@cornwall.gov.uk)

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