

NATIONAL ARMED FORCES DAY

CORNWALL 2023

TREASURING THE PAST, SEIZING THE FUTURE

Showing our support for the
men and women who make up
the Armed Forces community





“In Cornwall we are proud of our military past, and excited about its future. We have a history of holding major events, as we did last year with the G7 Summit. Falmouth played a huge role in that – hosting the world’s media. Falmouth has the capacity to host such an event and would do so with the support of the rest of Cornwall. That is why, as Cornwall’s six Members of Parliament, we are jointly supporting the bid for Cornwall to host National Armed Forces Day in 2023.”

Steve Double MP
Cherilyn Mackrory MP
Sheryll Murray MP

George Eustice MP
Scott Mann MP
Derek Thomas MP



“Cornwall has always had strong links with the armed forces and retains them to this day, with the three regular bases, numerous reserve forces and cadets and supporting organisations, as well as a strong veteran community. I believe it is most important that the Nation continues to recognise the work of our armed forces and the work they do. For all these reasons, I welcome the idea of holding the National Armed Forces Day in Falmouth in 2023. I believe it has the potential to be a stirring and memorable event in a fitting location.”

Colonel E T Bolitho OBE
Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall



“Cornwall’s bid to host the 2023 National Armed Forces Day event provides the opportunity to not only lead an exciting and memorable weekend of celebrations, but to also establish a lasting legacy which will contribute to a healthy, happy and thriving future for our armed forces community. We hope that our wealth of experience and track record of hosting successful world class events will secure the opportunity for Cornwall to lead this prestigious occasion.”

Cllr Linda Taylor, Leader of Cornwall Council



“Falmouth provides the perfect venue to host the National Armed Forces Day event. Its deep natural harbour framed by Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, spectacular coastline and dramatic maritime heritage would serve as a stunning backdrop to our celebrations whilst our town, with its world class facilities, restaurants and attractions, would offer a vibrant and very warm welcome to visitors.”

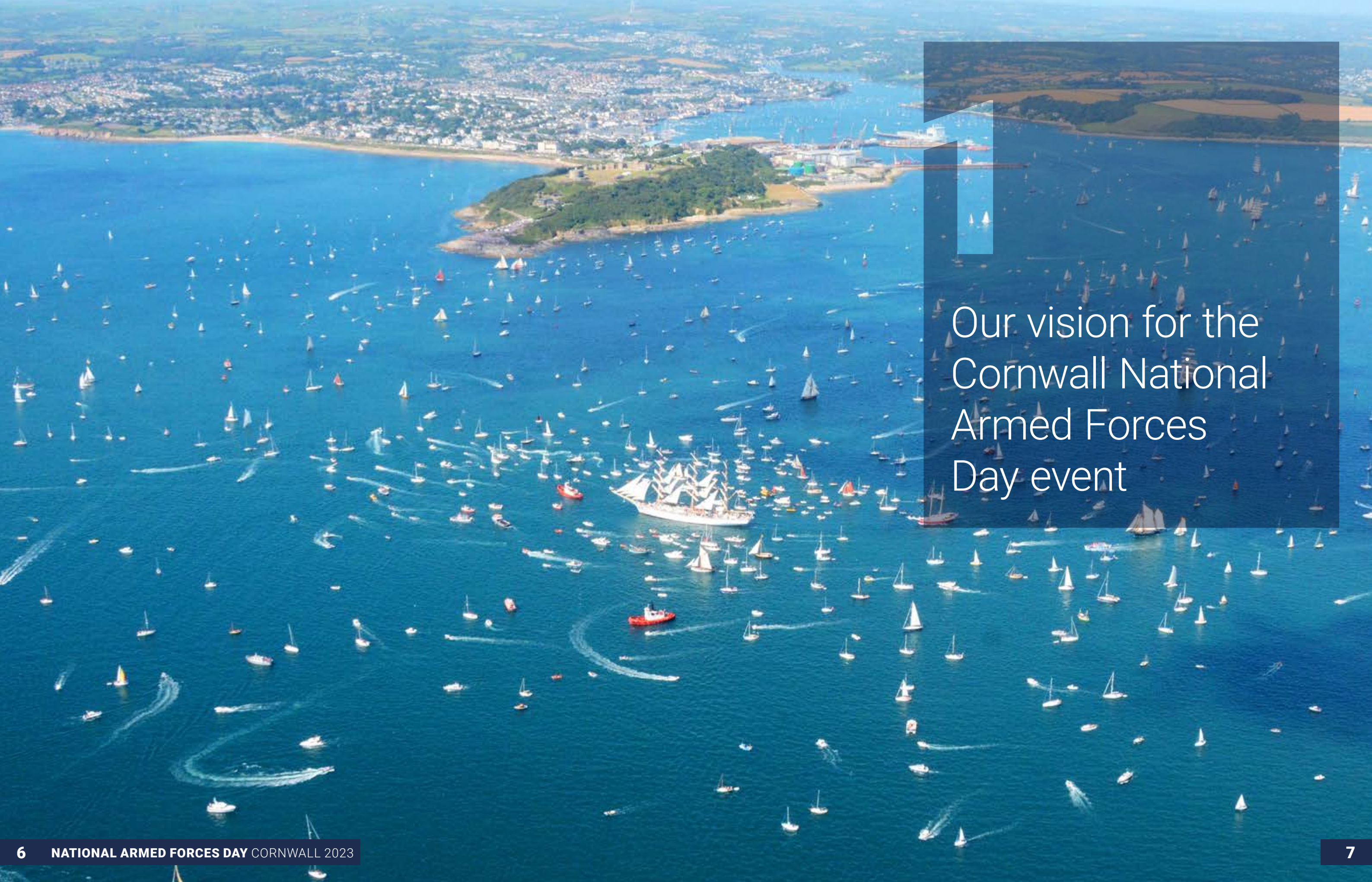
Councillor Steve Eva, Mayor of Falmouth



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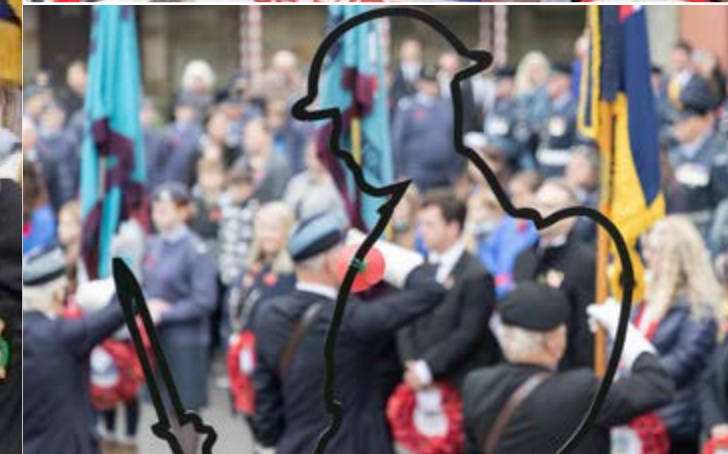
Our vision for the
Cornwall National
Armed Forces
Day event

Treasuring the past, seizing the future

Cornwall's ambition is to make the National Armed Forces Day event 2023 a unique celebration of our armed forces past, present and future - with a programme which both celebrates and builds public support for our armed forces and provides a lasting legacy for the future.

CELEBRATING OUR ARMED FORCES

- A weekend of celebrations showcasing Cornwall's armed forces, centred in the vibrant, scenic and historic setting of Falmouth, and with Cornwall-wide activity across our towns and villages
- A celebration of our wider armed forces community – veterans, cadets, families and the organisations that support them
- Raising awareness of the wider roles our armed forces play in humanitarian and civilian activity
- Thanking our armed forces personally through awards, special events and promotions
- Promoting the Armed Forces Covenant and encouraging the support of our business community



a unique celebration of our armed forces past, present and future

PROMOTING HEALTH, WELLBEING AND POSITIVE LIFE OUTCOMES FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

- Activities to celebrate and engage our veteran population
- Showcasing Cornwall's ground-breaking work to support the health and wellbeing of our armed forces community
- Promoting our opportunities for employment, training and skills
- A national platform to champion the Government's Veterans' Strategy

INSPIRING OUR YOUTH AND EMBRACING THE FUTURE OF THE ARMED FORCES

- A youth programme which engages Cornwall's schools and colleges
- Promoting STEM skills and career opportunities for the future workforce
- Events which bring together our veteran and cadet communities
- Showcasing Cornwall's growth economies – space, marine, green energy –and the opportunities this creates for armed forces and defence sectors

A FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY AND BIODIVERSITY

- Sustainability and carbon reduction a consideration in all activities
- An opportunity to promote the work of Cornwall's armed forces to reduce environmental impact
- Planting schemes to offset the environmental impact of the event and as a lasting memorial



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“Visit Cornwall fully supports the proposal to hold a weekend of events in June 2023 in Falmouth for National Armed Forces Day, especially given the focus on veterans and youth. Falmouth has a great track record of successfully running major events and this event will showcase the town and Cornwall to a national audience.”

Malcolm Bell, Chief Executive, Visit Cornwall

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About
Cornwall

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Cornwall is one of the most fascinating counties in the UK boasting unique geological and marine features and a rich history and heritage all of its own.

300+ beaches

400 miles of stunning coast path

30 great gardens

1 World Heritage Site

70+ museums

12 areas of outstanding natural beauty

51 award winning restaurants

29 castles

4.5m staying visitors a year

No.1 tourist holiday destination (British Travel Awards)

Surfing
capital of the UK

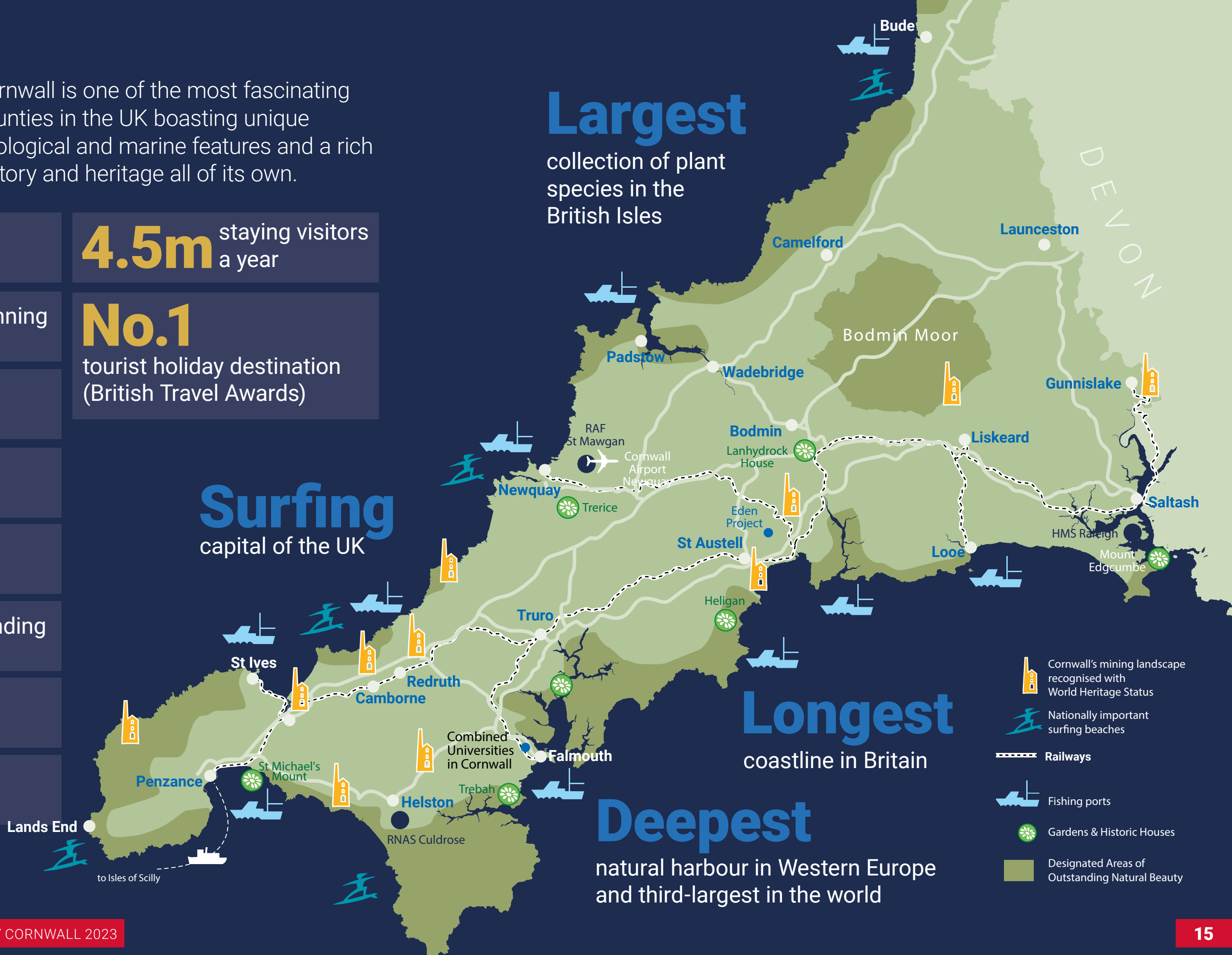
Largest

collection of plant species in the British Isles

Longest
coastline in Britain

Deepest

natural harbour in Western Europe and third-largest in the world



Getting to Cornwall

Cornwall has never been more accessible...

BY TRAIN

Great Western Rail operate high speed services from London Paddington, South Wales and the Cotswolds to Cornwall, including sleeper services from London Paddington. Cross Country Trains operate services into Cornwall from the Midlands, the North and Scotland.

BY COACH

National Express serves Falmouth from destinations throughout the UK. Connecting services to Cornwall are available from Bristol, Birmingham and London.

BY AIR

Cornwall Airport Newquay is one of the fastest growing regional airports in the UK linking Cornwall to major cities across the country as well as internationally. Car hire is available on site.

BY FERRY

Many ferry companies operate daily services to the UK from mainland Europe and Ireland and these terminals are within easy reach of the major motorways leading to Cornwall. Plymouth is the closest port being just across the River Tamar.

BY ROAD

Improvements to the strategic road network in recent years have increased capacity and improved journey time reliability for those travelling into and out of Cornwall by road. The M4, M5 and M6 motorways have made travel to Cornwall simple and straightforward, while within Cornwall itself, the A30 and A38 continue to improve with fast dual carriageways.

PARKING

Falmouth's Park and Float service enables visitors to take a leisurely trip down the Penryn River to Falmouth's Custom House Quay. Ferries depart from the car park every 20 minutes. Park and Ride buses depart from the car park every twenty minutes and go direct to Falmouth's town centre. Cornwall Council will work with Falmouth Town Council, bus companies and railways to ensure the most effective transport arrangements for the duration of the event.



Cornwall Council

Cornwall Council is the largest rural unitary authority in England, administering services for over 568,000 people across more than 1,370 square miles.

5,000 staff will deliver and commission £1.2 billion of essential services over the next financial year, including adult social care, children's services and homelessness prevention. A further £1.3 billion capital investment programme will support economic growth, creating homes and jobs for local people.

Cornwall Council also owns a range of arms-length organisations – the Corserv Group. Amongst other functions, companies in the group run Cornwall Airport Newquay, maintain roads and promote business investment.

The Council is committed to becoming a net carbon neutral council by 2030, seeking to halve carbon emissions

over the next four years and increasing carbon capture by directly funding over 140,000 new trees as part of a growing Forest for Cornwall.

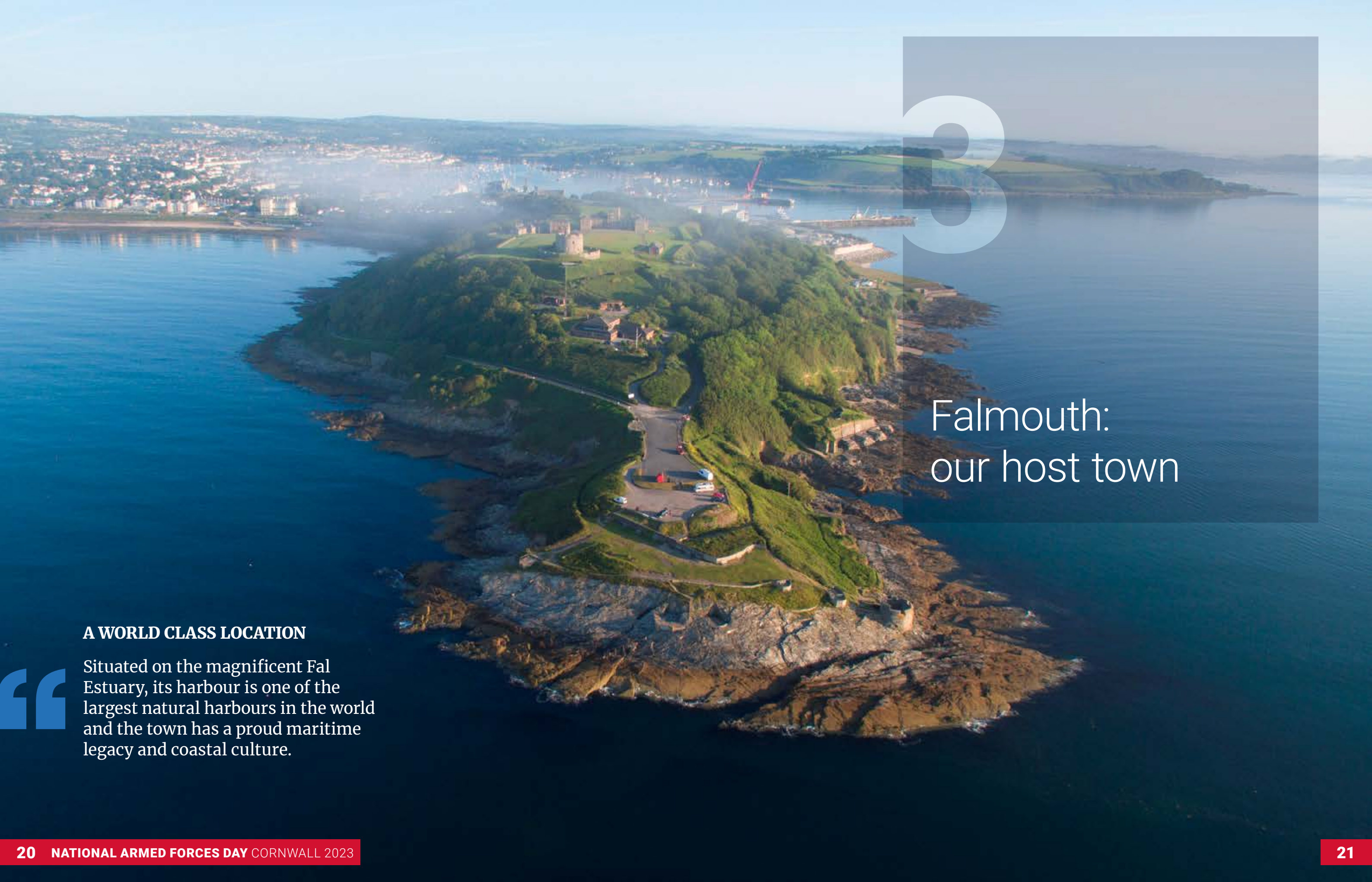
Cornwall Council was the first rural authority in the Country to be awarded a devolution deal by the Government with historic new powers that included control of bus services, adult skills, regional investment and health and social care service integration. This year, Cornwall has been invited as one of nine areas to negotiate an early County Deal providing the opportunity to begin negotiations with the aim of securing further devolved powers and additional investment.



EMPLOYER
RECOGNITION
SCHEME

GOLD AWARD

The Council is committed to becoming a net carbon neutral council by 2030



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Falmouth: our host town

A WORLD CLASS LOCATION

Situated on the magnificent Fal Estuary, its harbour is one of the largest natural harbours in the world and the town has a proud maritime legacy and coastal culture.



Falmouth: our host town

A VIBRANT TOWN

Alongside exceptional sailing waters, Blue-Flag awarded family beaches and a bustling waterfront marina, it offers a vibrant centre with a diverse mix of specialist outlets, high street stores and art galleries, together with an abundance of hotels, cafes and restaurants. It also has Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty along the Helford and Fal Rivers, water sports including gig rowing, kayaking and diving and boat trips running from the pier and quay. It is home to the National Maritime Museum, Falmouth University, University of Exeter Penryn Campus, a Marine College and the world-renowned Camborne School of Mines.

A STRONG NAVAL PRESENCE

Falmouth has had historical links with the Royal Navy stretching back several centuries. The deepest natural harbour in Western Europe and the third-largest in the world, Falmouth is now home to some of the Navy's largest vessels. The Falmouth Dockyard hosts regular visits from Royal Navy, Royal Fleet Auxiliary and NATO vessels with the Resident Naval Officer, a unique and important assignment, maintaining excellent relationships between Falmouth, industry partners and the Royal Navy.



LEADING CREATIVE DESTINATION

As well as being a beautiful visitor destination, Falmouth is at the forefront of the region's artistic and marine excellence. Combining a fascinating maritime heritage with a modern creative edge, Falmouth is building a name for itself as one of the South West's leading cultural and event destinations.

BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN THE UK

Falmouth has been listed as the best place to live in the UK in the prestigious Sunday Times Best Places to Live Guide. Falmouth has a fantastic sense of community spirit with an active and engaged local population and countless local groups and clubs keen to support the town's activities.



**SEE WHAT WE HAVE
TO OFFER**



Falmouth: by air, land and sea

SEA

Falmouth is situated on the magnificent Fal Estuary on Cornwall's south coast. Its maritime legacy and coastal culture is a huge part of the town's charm.

Strategically located at the Atlantic entrance to the English Channel, Falmouth has held the start and finish of many a transatlantic voyage and regularly hosts local, national and international sailing events. The port is famous for welcoming Tall Ships to its waters, whilst Falmouth Bay and Carrick Roads offer first-class sheltered waters for sailing.

The port has the third-deepest natural harbour in the world and offers wharves for visiting cruise liners, and a variety of marina and berthing facilities for yachtsman. Falmouth Harbour provides a natural amphitheatre for public viewing, distributing large crowds thus making it easy for everyone to see and enjoy the race fleets. These are also extremely well supported by a flotilla of spectator boats.

Falmouth Docks provide a wide range of services to commercial shipping including dry docks, bunker barges, cargo handling, lay up berths, casualty moorings and underwater services. Deepwater lay-up moorings for vessels up to 219 metres in length are also available. Areas can be safely designated for public use to visit moored vessels and provided excellent viewing opportunities for the visiting Tall Ships.

Falmouth has two good beaches within walking distance of the town centre - Gyllyngvase Beach with its fine sand and clean, safe water and Swanpool, named after the adjacent lake.

From Falmouth's piers, boat trips and ferries provide easy access to the River Fal, St Mawes and the Roseland and Cornwall's county town Truro. Local boat services could be used to transport visitors between event venues.

AIR

Falmouth's coast provides a safe over sea flying zone for air displays with excellent vantage points from the town's white sand beaches and miles of South West Coast Path that extend to and from the town.

The Pendennis Headland provides fantastic views across Falmouth Harbour and along the Cornish coast with the picturesque Pendennis Castle providing a stunning backdrop to air displays.

Our annual Falmouth Week celebrations regularly host displays by the Red Arrows providing the town with extensive experience of managing their requirements including access to an experienced flight display director.

The Helipad at Falmouth Docks provides a secure point of arrival for VIP guests.





Falmouth's event would be hosted across a series of well connected venues across the town which are experienced and well equipped to host major attractions:

LAND

PENDENNIS

Pendennis Castle, built on the Pendennis Headland circa 1540, forms the Cornish end of a chain of castles built by Henry VIII and offers spectacular views of the Fal Estuary and Falmouth Bay. The Castle Keep, roof and outdoor chemise can be hired for VIP viewing areas. An ancient cannon is often fired to officially start races. Pendennis Point is situated below the castle, with outstanding views of the bay and regularly used by the public and media as a prime viewing area.

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM CORNWALL

The Museum holds the country's finest collection of small craft and presents a vivid tribute to Cornwall's long and proud seafaring history. The museum has an honoured association with Sir Robin Knox-Johnston who is a Trustee and displays Sir Ben Ainslie's gold medal winning Laser and Finn dinghies. Associated with the museum is an open air events square, which is regularly used for festivals and entertaining large crowds. The museum also offers state of the art facilities and venue hire options including use of the Sunley Lecture Theatre, a superb venue for presentations, conferences and film showings.

DISCOVERY QUAY (EVENTS SQUARE)

Discovery Quay (Events Square) is a vibrant part of Falmouth's waterfront. It was developed 10 years ago and now offers a great mix of shops, businesses, cafés and restaurants. The Quay also houses the National Maritime Museum Cornwall. It is one of the key open air arenas in Falmouth and as such, plays a key role in helping to host Falmouth Week, Falmouth Sea Shanty Festival, Falmouth Spring Festival and Falmouth Oyster Festival.



Falmouth Town Centre offers a series of open arenas with historic and scenic backdrops to events:



THE MOOR

A focal point of the town, surrounded by many important buildings including the Passmore-Edwards municipal building containing the library and award winning Falmouth Art Gallery, and the Methodist church.

MARKET STREET AND CHURCH STREET CAR PARK

This area was the bustling heart of Falmouth in the 19th century. Many of the buildings survive from that era and there are numerous blocked up opeways on the seaward side. In 1810, Bell’s Court was the scene of the Falmouth Mutiny, when the men who worked on the Packet service mutinied over pay levels and trading laws. The Falmouth Town Team has imaginatively made use of the fantastically sited Church Street car park, transforming it over the past two years into a brilliant events venue with a varied cultural and music programme. With the stunning backdrop of Falmouth Harbour and its world class marine offer, the site would be utilised to create a memorable National Armed Forces Day venue in the heart of Falmouth.

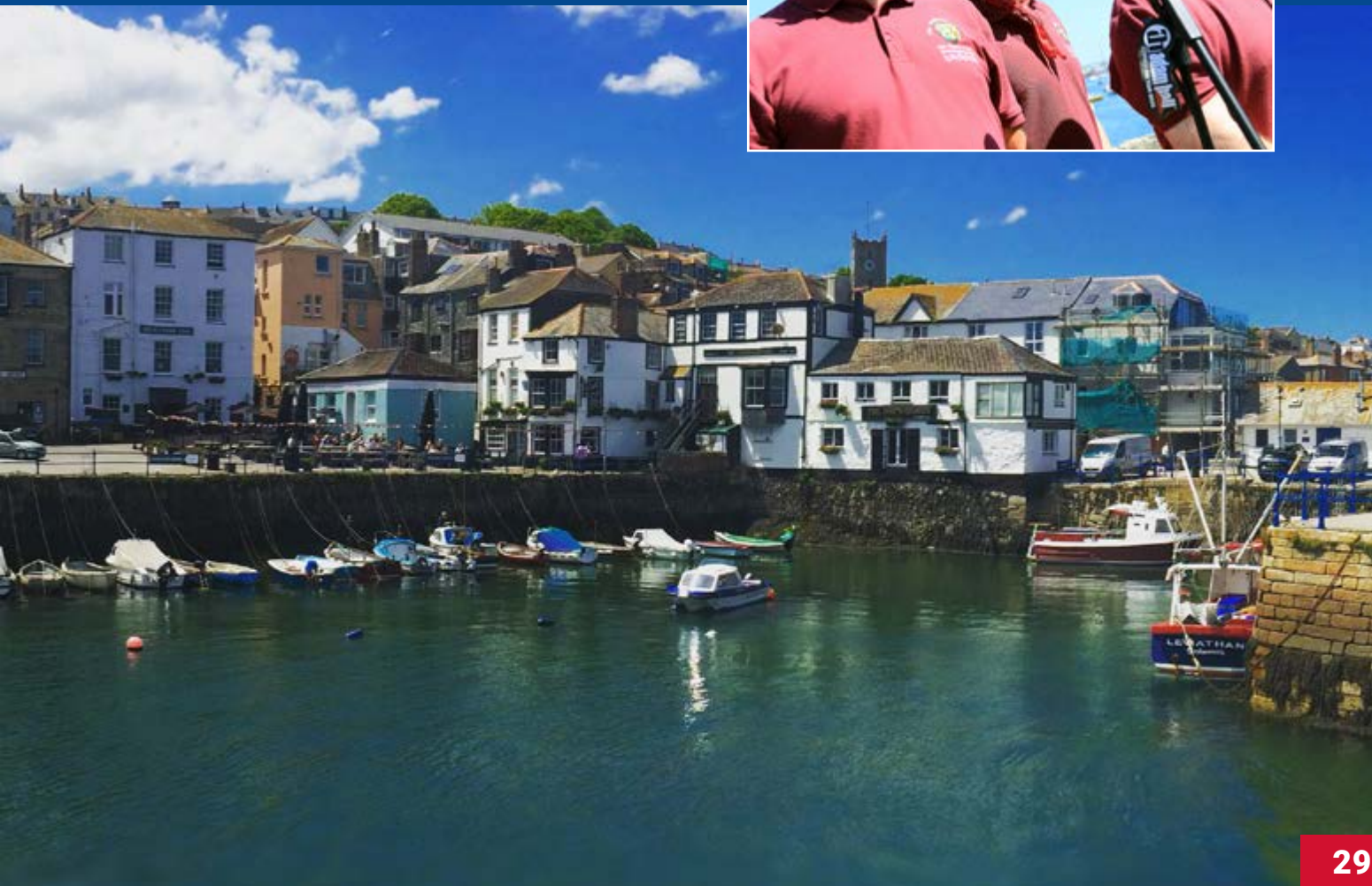
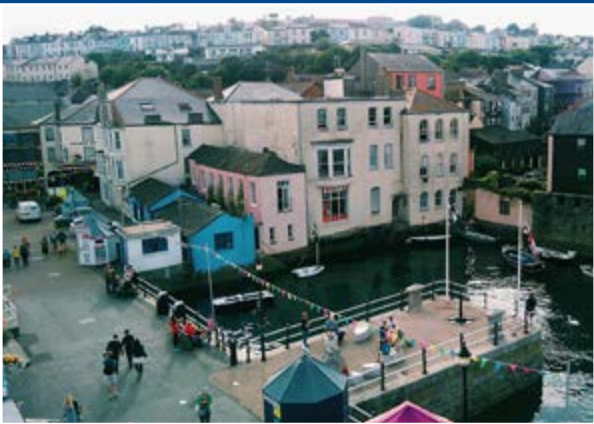
CUSTOM HOUSE QUAY

These quays were the commercial heart of Falmouth for nearly 200 years. The vertical quay walling is a major heritage asset and in years gone by, schooners unloaded cargoes of coal and stone here. Visitors can access boat trips around Falmouth’s stunning harbour from here and the site is also utilised to creative effect, as a key venue for the town’s major festivals.

PRINCE OF WALES PIER

The Pier in Falmouth is a central hub for year-round ferry services as well as seasonal tripping boats going up the River Fal and to the Helford Estuary. It is also a tourist attraction in its own right, with events that take place on it, and home to the memorial to Operation Chariot remembering the raid by British forces on St Naziare, one of the most daring, courageous episodes of World War II.

The Pier was built as an extension to the existing Market Strand granite quay. The foundation stone for the pier was laid by the Prince of Wales (who later became King George V) on 20th July 1903. The Earl of Kimberley opened the pier in 1906.



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Our experience
and expertise



G7 Cornwall
United Kingdom 2021



Our experience and expertise

Over three days in June 2021, Cornwall hosted the G7 Summit with the challenge of delivering England’s biggest, most complex security event of the year whilst ensuring minimal disruption to residents and Council services - working across multiple venues, in total secrecy and within a very demanding four month timescale.

The Summit was the headline event in the UK’s Presidency of the G7 – putting the spotlight on Cornwall for the whole world.

The G7 leaders from UK, US, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan, plus invited guest representatives from Australia, South Korea, India and the EU, gathered in Cornwall for the first global Summit since the start of the pandemic.

2,000 delegates	1,000 media	150 delegate flights	28 tonnes of additional rubbish collected
24 aircraft	3,000 protestors	150 delegate flights	70,000 affected households directly engaged
2,000 support staff	5,000 police	8m of airport upgrades	48 road and footpath closures

“An outstanding, seamless event.”

Boris Johnson



The itinerary included dinner with the Queen and other senior members of the Royal Family at the Eden Project and a very successful wide range of fringe events including the Cornwall Schools’ Eco Conference, the Sustainable Growth Conference, a G7 Kernow Cultural Programme, Co-creating Cornwall’s Future, led by the voluntary sector and the Y7 event for young future leaders.

An event of this scale required complex and meticulous planning, particularly in relation to security, road and traffic management, community engagement and communications. Falmouth’s National Maritime Museum provided the International Media Centre for the Summit hosting journalists and other media professionals from the UK and across the world.



“I want to thank the police, everyone who helped organise this summit and all the people not just of Carbis Bay (who certainly helped us put the carbs into Carbis Bay), but all the wonderful people of Cornwall for their hospitality. It’s been a fantastic summit and I know that all the other delegations would want to express their thanks as well.”

Boris Johnson



TOUR OF BRITAIN GRAND DÉPART

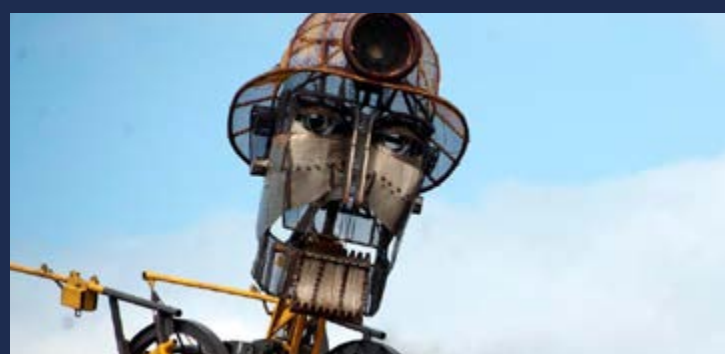
In September 2021, Cornwall provided the location for the Grand Départ of the Tour of Britain seeing cyclists (including a team of veterans and UK armed forces personnel) travel 170 kilometres through the Cornish countryside, starting at Penzance and ending in Bodmin.

The event attracted 180,000 in person spectators, 60% of whom were from outside the area. Post event feedback showed that the event made visitors feel happy, proud and inspired with 83% describing the event as a 'very good experience'. It resulted in £6.9 million net visitor expenditure and the Tour had a 423,000 daily audience figure on ITV4.



OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

The Olympic Flame arrived at RNAS Cudrose in the early evening of Friday 18 May at the start of its 70 day journey through the UK putting Cornwall in the spotlight for both the arrival of the Olympic Flame and the first day of the Torch Relay. A Community Task Force involving a wide range of Council services (including traffic management, emergency management, waste and environmental management, communications, Cornwall Sports Partnership, localism, culture, health and safety and licensing), and Devon and Cornwall Police was formed to co-ordinate the plans for the event. The event attracted 188,500 spectators (35% of Cornwall's population) and 1 billion viewers worldwide. The successful management was recognised nationally.



THE MAN ENGINE

To mark the 10th anniversary of the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape being added to the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites, we worked with the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site Partnership on an exciting summer-long set of inspirational events and experiential happenings entitled 'Tinth'.

The key event was a two-week awe-inspiring journey of The Man Engine – a monumental moving, steaming 'beast' which made its way from Tavistock to the far western tip of Cornwall visiting 21 locations in total. The event attracted an audience of 150,000.

FALMOUTH INTERNATIONAL SEA SHANTY FESTIVAL

One of the biggest maritime music festivals in Europe, the thousands of visitors to the town enjoy hundreds of hours of free shanty performances in numerous venues. The music, singing and camaraderie epitomises Falmouth's terrific community spirit. The last live Shanty Festival in 2019 was attended by 65,000 people.



FALMOUTH WEEK

A major attraction for locals and visitors with origins dating back to 1837, Falmouth Week has evolved not only into a major sailing competition in the South West but also an opportunity for sailors, locals and visitors to enjoy the extensive daytime and evening entertainment programme. The event also includes a military presence from the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force with the Red Arrows display team being a key highlight.

FALMOUTH OYSTER FESTIVAL

One of Cornwall's biggest and best loved specialist food festivals and now in its 21st year, the award-winning annual festivities celebrate the start of the oyster dredging season, the native Fal Oyster and the diversity of Cornish seafood. Over 40,000 visitors enjoy four days of cooking demonstrations, food sampling, live music, craft stalls and working boat racing.

FALMOUTH CLASSICS

Falmouth Classics features three days of racing and a spectacular Parade of Classic Boats and the Small Classic Boat Parade. Since it began, in 1987, Falmouth Classics has steadily grown to be one of the largest Classic sailing events in the UK.



FALMOUTH TALL SHIPS REGATTA 2014

Falmouth welcomed over 47 sail training vessels from around the world including 12 of the magnificent square-rigged Tall Ships. A four day entertainment programme attracted over 197,000 visitors, generated an economic boost of £20.9 million for Cornwall and won Gold Event of the Year at the South West Tourism Awards. Falmouth has held the most Tall Ships Regattas of any UK port. The Tall Ships' sixth visit to Falmouth in 2021 was unfortunately postponed due to the global pandemic.

JP MORGAN ASSET MANAGEMENT FINN GOLD CUP 2012

This major sailing event attracted the world's best sailors to Falmouth including four-time Olympic gold medallist champion, Sir Ben Ainslie.



PENDENNIS CUP

Organised by Pendennis Shipyard every two years, this regatta showcases modern and classic super yachts in four days of competitive racing complemented by an exciting shore-side event programme.

FALMOUTH ARMED FORCES DAY

Hosted by Falmouth Town Council in 2013, the event attracted 15,000 visitors and included the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, displays by the Royal Navy Commandos Team and Search and Rescue teams; performances by the Royal Marine Band and Military Wives Choir; HMS Brocklesby and RFA Lyme Bay on view at Falmouth Docks; together with a veterans' parade and a wide range of community activities.

“Falmouth prides itself on its ability to plan and execute world-class events under the media’s spotlight and has built an enviable reputation for delivering major high profile festivals.”

Cllr Steve Eva, Mayor of Falmouth

PLYMOUTH ARMED FORCES DAY

Plymouth has been the main location for the region's annual Armed Forces Day event with Cornwall's armed forces playing a key role in the City's activities. The Leader of Plymouth City Council has given formal support to Cornwall's bid to host the National Armed Forces Day event in 2023 and stands ready to share knowledge and expertise from Plymouth's events.

CULDROSE AIR DAY

Culdrose Air Day was one of the Cornwall's major annual events, running for 67 years until the final one in 2016. Hosted and organised by RNAS Culdrose, the Day typically attracted over 20,000 visitors and provided a focal event for Cornwall's armed forces.



ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW

The Royal Cornwall Show is one of the major public events in the South West, attracting an annual attendance of around 90,000 people over a three day period. Cornwall's armed forces play an active role in the event as part of wider civil engagement and to promote recruiting for regulars, reserves and cadet forces across the South West.



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Increasing public support for, and appreciation of, all those who serve and have served in HM Armed Forces is at the heart of our programme.

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Our proposed event



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SHOWCASING OUR ARMED FORCES

Cornwall's armed forces stand ready to bring their full support to the event, bringing considerable expertise in event management from previous national and regional Armed Forces Day events. Falmouth provides a stunning and practical location for air, sea and land based displays which could include:

- Flying displays over the seas beyond Pendennis Point – Red Arrows, helicopter and parachute display teams
- Waterborne displays in the Fal Estuary - naval assets moored in Falmouth Bay. Falmouth Docks providing opportunities to see vessels close hand
- Displays by veterans and armed forces charities - windsurfing, sailing, surfing, gig racing
- Parades involving local units, cadets, reserves and veterans
- Displays of beach landing and air sea rescue
- A land village showcasing all of our armed forces including promotion of careers
- A spotlight on the wider role of our armed forces in protecting and supporting communities at home and overseas - humanitarian assistance and disaster relief; big screens providing link ups to Cornish deployed units around the world; recognition of the key role that our armed forces played during the pandemic

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our Community Link Officers will work with our local councils and communities across Cornwall to signpost and support activity across our towns and villages.

Our ideas include:

- Planting schemes – woodland schemes, memorial wildflower meadow, poppy planting
- History trails around Cornwall to highlight buildings and memorials
- Beacon fires from high points could reflect the warning signals of old and link into modern day equivalents
- Routes of Remembrance with tri-service wreaths being transported to key locations
- Community based challenges such as cleaning up local memorials
- Key landmarks illuminated



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YOUTH PROGRAMME

A key feature of our event would be a youth programme, built upon the very successful engagement of young people as part of the Cornwall G7 'Inspire a Generation'. This would provide an opportunity to raise awareness of the armed forces and complement our work in promoting STEM subjects and related careers. Our youth programme could include:

- Working with young people so that they can shape the Armed Forces Day programme by designing, delivering and evaluating the activities.
- Involvement of the 'Y7 News Group' – a bunch of intrepid young people who were trained for the G7 in journalism and production techniques.
- A schools' challenge, building on the success of the Lego League run in partnership with RNAS Cudrose and local industries, and aimed at developing STEM skills with Cornwall's armed forces going into schools to support the delivery.



SUPPORTING OUR ARMED FORCES

Our event would be an opportunity to bring together the many services, organisations and charities across Cornwall that support our armed forces. We would use the event to promote the help and support that they can offer, for example through:

- A conference during the wider Armed Forces Week - Transforming Support for our Veterans - reflecting the themes of the national Veterans' Strategy Action Plan: 2022 to 2024. This would be an opportunity to showcase Cornwall's work on social prescribing and mental health, to share learning nationally and inform best practice with local and national speakers.
- Exhibits as part of the Land Village to promote the work of Cornwall's armed forces charities and support organisations.
- Promotion of the Armed Forces Covenant with sign up events to encourage local businesses to get involved.
- Activities in partnership with Invictus Games.



A PERSONAL THANK YOU

THE CORNWALL BIG BREAKFAST EVENT

Cornwall's Breakfast Clubs play an important role in supporting and engaging our veteran community. A Big Breakfast event as part of the weekend would provide the opportunity to bring veterans together, forge new friendships and access support and help where needed. Cornwall's celebrated celebrity chefs would be invited to work alongside chefs from our armed forces to make a truly memorable occasion.



CORNWALL ARMED FORCES AWARDS

Our programme includes the inaugural Cornwall Armed Forces Awards dedicated to showcasing the achievements of our local armed forces community, veterans, reservists and cadets. This exciting, high profile event would gather members of Cornwall's armed forces community, business leaders and veterans to honour the winners, celebrate their achievements and allow Cornwall to show its appreciation.



SPECIAL ARMED FORCES OFFERS AND DISCOUNTS

Through working with Cornwall Chamber of Commerce and the local business community, our weekend also aims to provide a personal thank you to all of our armed forces in the form of special offers and discounts in shops, restaurants and venues across Cornwall.

A LASTING LEGACY FOR CORNWALL AND OUR ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY

Our aim is for the event to serve as a lasting legacy for Cornwall and its armed forces community – a springboard for increasing the visibility and recognition of our armed forces; an opportunity to inspire future generations and establish a thriving future for Cornwall's armed forces; a moment in time to create a lasting memorial to those who have served and protected Cornwall; and a chance to bring about meaningful improvements to the health and wellbeing of veterans and other members of the armed forces community. We hope this would include:

- Improved visibility of armed forces charities and organisations and how to access their support
- Increased engagement of our veteran community
- Commemorative planting schemes as lasting memorials
- Younger people better engaged with Cornwall's armed forces and opportunities to pursue careers in the sector
- Cornwall's economy contributing to the future prosperity of the armed forces through its investment in space, engineering and technology sectors

CORNWALL'S FUTURE ECONOMY

Cornwall's distinctive natural resources have the potential to deliver sustainable economic growth benefiting the region and the UK as a whole. Cornwall Council is working with partners to develop deep geothermal power, extract rare lithium and increase our floating offshore wind generation. Projects such as these will create more high quality jobs in engineering, research and technology for the next generation of Cornwall's school leavers.

A team led and funded by the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership, working with Cornwall Council, secured a partnership with Virgin Orbit in 2018 – leading to Cornwall's selection as the site for the UK's first horizontal launch Spaceport.

The UK Space Agency has committed investment of £7.8 million towards the cost of creating the required airport infrastructure at Cornwall Airport Newquay. The first British satellite launch in 50 years could take place from Cornwall in 2022. A burgeoning Aerohub enterprise zone surrounds the Spaceport, and the Council's strategic investment in the Spaceport could create nearly 500 jobs a year, adding £25 million to the local economy. There is also a growing space cluster at the Goonhilly Enterprise Zone: a world class space asset with a long history of global firsts.



Outline programme

LEAD UP TO THE EVENT

- Transforming Support for our Veterans Conference
- Commemorative planting schemes involving veterans and cadets
- Youth Programme to involve young people across Cornwall
- Schools' events – Lego Challenge



FRIDAY NIGHT

- Gala dinner event and the inaugural Cornwall Armed Forces Awards ceremony

SATURDAY

- Veterans Big Breakfast involving local celebrity chefs and military chefs
- Opening flag raising ceremony
- Routes of Remembrance wreaths arrive
- Parade through Falmouth involving Cornwall's armed forces, veterans, cadet forces and reserve units
- Inspection and presentation of medals and speeches
- Air displays – Red Arrows, helicopter and parachute displays, historic aircraft
- Waterborne displays - Naval assets, sea landings, windsurfing, sailing, surfing, beach landing, air sea rescue, Military Gig Club Regatta
- Battle of Britain display (we would seek to include if possible and work to identify multiple en route locations)
- Naval assets moored at Falmouth Docks for public viewing
- Video links by big screen to Cornish deployed units around the world
- Last Night at the Proms event featuring military bands (we would seek involvement of The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines if possible), choirs and Cornish brass bands

SUNDAY

- Thanksgiving and celebration service of the armed forces
- Closing parade
- Hand over to 2024 Armed Forces Day host
- Beat the retreat / decamp
- Sand Sculptures
- Routes of Remembrance wreaths depart
- Last Post – Beacon Fires
- Key buildings across Cornwall illuminated in red to close the weekend including military units headquarters, military equipment and gate guardians across the County



WEEKEND WIDE EVENTS

- Land village – interactive exhibition showcasing Cornwall's armed forces and support organisations
- Entertainment area – food, music, family activities
- Naval assets moored in Falmouth Bay

COUNTY WIDE EVENTS

We will work with Cornwall's Town and Parish Councils and our armed forces organisations and charities to establish a programme of activity across Cornwall. We have already identified a wide range of ideas and opportunities which include:

- A campaign to restore and clean up local memorials
- A 'Letters to Tommy' programme
- Sand art on Cornwall's beaches
- Pebble portraits
- RAF dog sculpture trail
- Ribbon of Poppies – encouraging communities to grow poppies whether in small planters, village patches or memorial meadows
- Cookery lessons for veterans to build skills - and filmed as an ongoing resource
- Wreaths of remembrance with wreaths undertaking journeys to key memorial sites
- Sporting events – community 'Invictus Games'
- Illumination of key buildings
- Heritage events and displays
- History trails
- Routes of Remembrance - a downloadable "roundel" to write in the names of loved ones who have served and display in windows
- A campaign to support the Commonwealth War Graves Foundation's charity volunteer programme encouraging local people to 'adopt' a war grave in their area and care for it with support from the commission, under their 'Eyes On Hands On' project
- Activity with military museums across Cornwall to showcase their work
- Signposting and showcasing military remains in Cornwall, from the wrecked submarines at the base of Pendennis to the Dragon's Teeth at Widemouth



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Budget

FUNDING THE EVENT

Cornwall Council has agreed a budget to underwrite the projected costs of the event. We would seek to offset this cost through private sector sponsorship and income generated through ticketed events such as the Last Night of the Proms concert, food and drink concessions, and other commercial activities.

We envisage offering tiered sponsorship packages providing opportunities for both large scale organisations and smaller local businesses. We have already had positive initial conversations with potential sponsors and have well established links with Cornwall Chamber of Commerce and the local business community. Falmouth Business Improvement District (BID) has a proven track record in attracting sponsorship for previous events.

Cornwall has a strong history of genuine partnership working, with our organisations, groups and communities coming together to support local priorities. Already there is significant interest and support for Cornwall to host the National Armed Forces Day event with many organisations offering in-kind support to make the weekend a resounding success.

Project management	£46,000
Traffic management	£35,000
Road management	£25,000
Schools programme	£35,000
Licencing and insurance	£34,000
Health and safety	£10,000
Toilets/waste	£20,000
Venue/marquee	£20,000
Catering	£15,000
Emergency services	£25,000
Stewards/marshals	£25,000
Sound/visual equipment	£30,000
Infrastructure	£35,000
Accommodation	£5,000
Marketing and comms	£30,000
Contingency	£10,000
Total	£400,000

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Governance

We have established robust and efficient governance arrangements from our experience of hosting other major events, most recently including the G7 Summit and the Tour of Britain Grand Départ. We would adopt a similar approach for the National Armed Forces Day event which would include:

PROGRAMME BOARD

Led by a strategic director of Cornwall Council and chaired by our Armed Forces Member Champion.

The Board would drive the project programme and ensure delivery and will have overall responsibility and authority to guide planning and delivery of the National Armed Forces Day event. This will involve:

- Regular meetings with workstream leads, delivery partners and stakeholders
- Formal recording of programme decisions, risks and actions
- Receiving information from and reporting progress to Ministry of Defence NAFD Team

Includes programme manager, chair of event planning group, finance lead, communications lead, town council lead and armed forces lead.

EVENT PLANNING GROUP

To provide tactical co-ordination of Cornwall Council services and partner organisations in support of the planning of the National Armed Forces Day event.

Involving: Safety Advisory Group, emergency services, waste and environmental services, highways, localism service, children’s services, public health, armed forces, veterans, communications, RNLI, coastguard, Cornwall Airport Newquay and port health.

Event working groups will be established for specific strands of activity.

LEGACY BOARD

To ensure the best legacies for Cornwall from the National Armed Forces Day event; decide how we best engage others in delivering the best event and direct and coordinate task and finish projects to deliver desired objectives.





Marketing and
communications

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Effective communications and engagement will be critical to the successful delivery of the National Armed Forces Day event.

Cornwall Council and Falmouth Business Improvement District (BID) will bring their extensive collective experience to managing marketing and communications, working with Visit Cornwall and other partners.

In the last year, the Cornwall Council communications and engagement team has successfully partnered with Government and a wide range of stakeholders, including military units across the South West, to deliver communications to support both the G7 and the first stage of the Tour of Britain to local, national and international audiences. Our approach during the G7 was to ensure that all residents, no matter what their age and location, could be part of the debate – positioning G7 as an event for everyone.

We have well established links with local print, digital and broadcast media and we are confident in our ability to work with partners to develop and deliver great content that will tell the story of National Armed Forces Day as an event for everyone to share in and to promote public support for, and appreciation of, all those who serve and have served.

Cornwall Council has an in-house communications and engagement team which includes news and content, marketing and design as well as a digital engagement platform which will all be deployed to tell the story across multiple channels, using key local stakeholders to share our content.

In addition, we have strong links with Visit Cornwall and local area networks which will enable us to promote the activities outlined in our plan with a

strong joint communications approach, attracting both local residents and visitors, by ensuring clear, consistent and timely communications of the programme. Our media campaign would include a countdown to help build public awareness and interest.

The Falmouth BID is a not-for-profit business-led initiative delivering a host of exciting projects for the town. Marketing is its number one priority and the BID Team has led a very successful marketing campaign for Falmouth including a new brand identity, digital resources including the Falmouth App, high quality promotional films and a successful social media campaign. The Falmouth BID has helped to fund all the main festivals for Falmouth and has delivered smaller schemes to drive additional footfall to support businesses. In 2016 it took the top prize as winner of the Great British High Street Coastal Community Award in recognition of its collaborative approach, innovative partnerships, strong marketing and events delivery.

Cornwall Council holds the Gold Employer Recognition Scheme award and enjoys close links with Cornwall's armed forces and the many organisations that support the sector. Our Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Board brings together key representatives and serves as an effective means of co-ordinating information and communications across our local armed forces community. We are also actively involved in regional networks which will help us to work closely with other South West councils in co-ordinating and promoting the event.



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Cornwall's military history



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Cornwall has the longest coastline of any county in England. It also has both the southernmost and westernmost points. For these reasons it has been the forefront of attacks and threats by enemy forces.

When in 1529 King Henry VIII severed the nation's ties with the Catholic Church and became head of the Church of England the allied forces of France and Spain became a real threat. This resulted in the building of Pendennis Castle at Falmouth 1539 – 1545, and St Mawes Castle on the opposite side of the estuary, built 1540 – 1545. Both castles were still in military use during the First and Second World Wars as the headquarters of Falmouth's defences.

In the late 16th century, under threat from the Spanish Armada, the defences at Pendennis were strengthened by the building of angled ramparts. During the Civil War, Pendennis Castle was the second to last fort to surrender to the Parliamentary Army. Falmouth subsequently received a Royal Charter from King Charles II.

The Napoleonic wars of 1803 – 1815 resulted in the use of these fortifications once more. Wars and the fears of wars against the French during the latter half of the nineteenth century provided sufficient reason to increase the amount of Cornish fortifications built to

defend the naval base of Plymouth. These included Tregantle, Scraesdon, Polhawn, Cawsand and Picklecombe.

CORNWALL'S COUNTY REGIMENT

In 1782 the 32nd Foot Regiment became the 32nd (Cornwall) Regiment of Foot and so began the history of this famous county regiment. The Regiment fought at Waterloo, the Second Anglo-Sikh War and during the Indian mutiny at Lucknow. In 1881 the extensive reformatations of the British Army (Cardwell Reforms), resulted in the formation of the Duke of Cornwall's Light infantry with its depot at Bodmin. (Victoria Barracks being originally built for the Cornwall Militia in 1859). The regiment now consisted of two Regular battalions, a Militia battalion and two Volunteer Battalions. Indeed, every town in Cornwall had volunteers at this time from most walks of life ready in case of French invasion.



WORLD WAR I

During the First World War nine battalions of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry were raised. Soldiers of the regiment fought throughout the war on the Western Front, as well as in Italy, Greece and the Middle East. Soldiers also served in India and Egypt. Cornwall lost more than 6,300 soldiers, sailors and airmen during the war and a handful of women, who were mostly nurses. Every community except one village, Herodsfoot, near Liskeard was to lose someone. With advancement of mechanisation the aeroplane was now part of both attack and defence. An airship station was located at Mullion from 1916 until the end of the war. It became the busiest station in the country and was originally called 'Lizard Airship Station'. A very large establishment was dominated by two large airship sheds. The airships were used to patrol the shipping lanes against U-boats.

The National Explosives Factory near Hayle, originally built for the Cornish mining industry later became a major supplier of Cordite MD to the Royal Navy which also operated extensively out of the county during the war.

WORLD WAR II

Once again the geographic location of the county resulted in the need to defend shipping from U-boats and watch for any enemy activity. Eight airfields were in use during the war. Coastal defence and monitoring the western approaches were key to the war effort. As in the First World War the threat of the U-boats was real and extensive.

Defence of the Cornish coastline was of paramount importance with Cornwall's strategic locations such as Falmouth docks being defended by barrage balloons and anti-aircraft units. Falmouth was bombed extensively during the war as were other locations such as Bodmin and St Ives. On the home front Home Guard, ARP, Women's Land Army and many other civilian units all contributed to the war effort. 31 people were killed in Falmouth by German bombing. It was also the launching point for the famous Commando raid on St Nazaire. An anti-submarine net was laid from Pendennis to St Mawes, to prevent enemies entering the harbour.

The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry increased to seven battalions. However, only four served overseas, in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, North Africa and Italy. The 2nd Battalion were part of the retreat to Dunkirk and took part in the evacuation.



D-Day saw thousands of Allied troops embarking from secret locations along the Cornish coast. At Padstow, Prideaux Place was commandeered by Company B of the U.S. Army's 121st Engineer Combat Battalion. At another big house in the area, Lanhydrock, near Bodmin, tons of ammunition was hidden in the surrounding woodland. From embarkation points at Mount Edgcumbe, along the Fal River and Trebah on the Helford, the troops and their equipment left for France and the uncertainty of reaching the Normandy beaches alive.

In July 1944, during the Battle for Caen, part of the larger Battle of Normandy, 'Hill 112' acquired the name "Cornwall Hill" after Cornish soldiers of 5th Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry suffered 320 casualties. Following the end of the Second World War Bodmin existed as a garrison town until the '60s. The present day 'Rifles' trace their history back through the Light Infantry Regiments.

It is a matter of record that Cornwall's contribution to the Second World War involved the men and women of all three Services and changed the county in ways that can still be seen today. From the nationally significant Spitfire pens at the former RAF Perranporth (home to Poles, Czechs and French servicemen, many of whom are still here, buried in the county) to humble plaques on south coast beaches and harbours

that mark where Allied units of all shapes, sizes and colours stepped off to D-Day in June 1944. Many never returned.

The same geography that on 4 November 1805 saw the arrival of HMS Pickle in Falmouth with news of the victory at the Battle of Trafalgar and of Nelson's death, saw RAF Trebalzue, the forerunner to the present RAF St Mawgan, as vital landfall for transatlantic ferry missions that brought US bombers and transports needed to prosecute the war in Europe. By 1943 one of the busiest airfields for transit aircraft in the UK, over 16,000 movements were conducted in 1944, including flights including to North Africa and the Far East. For many years aircraft operating from Cornwall were the only way to take the fight to occupied mainland Europe. Regular harassing of occupied airfields in France also included pivotal support to the St Nazaire raid (mentioned above) from RAF Predannack. Sunderland Flying Boats from Falmouth fought relentlessly at range in the Battle of the Atlantic, dangerous work with many aircraft lost at sea, and many lives were saved by the rescue launches of the RAF Marine Branch based in Falmouth (and commemorated at the Water Sports Centre). One of the least-recognised contributions to all endeavours was made by the Photographic Reconnaissance Spitfires that flew from RAF St Eval, capturing the images that shaped the D-Day Landings.



AND BEYOND

At the end of the war Cornwall was again the stepping-off point - this time for homeward-bound US Forces. And yet the US association did not cease, as geography again made RAF St Mawgan the landing point for the US Integrated Undersea Surveillance System, and the controversial storage of nuclear weapons for use by RAF, US and Dutch maritime air forces.

Of perhaps greater controversy was the role of RAF Nancekuke, which played a key part in early UK biological weapon trials and in developing the protective equipment used in the clean-up in the Salisbury poisoning attack.

Now re-named RAF Portreath, its radar looks far into the western approaches to warn of increasing penetrations of UK airspace by Russian aircraft. Events in Ukraine show that readiness still matters. Cornwall remains home to regular and reserve units of all three Services, who continue to uphold the counties proud association with the armed forces.

Daniel Brinson, *Bodmin Keep*
John Bessell, *SSAFA*



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forces today

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3,090 Royal Navy/Royal Marines	140 Royal Air Force personnel
140 Cornwall Army Reserve personnel	39,000 veterans living in Cornwall
£5.184bn MoD expenditure in South West	
32,500 jobs supported	20%* identified as having a connection to the armed forces
2,022 children from armed forces families are attending Cornish schools	

* In our Autumn 2021 residents' opinion survey, 20% of respondents identified as having a connection to the armed forces

RAF ST MAWGAN

RAF St Mawgan is the only RAF station in the South West, delivering crucial operational training for over 5,000 personnel per year across the whole of Defence. The station has around 400 personnel as well as around 500 personnel in over 75 units across the South West. RAF St Mawgan is home to the Defence SERE (Survive Evade Resist Extract) Training Organisation, HQ of the Plymouth and Cornwall Wing Air Cadets, 505 (Wessex) Sqn RAuxAF reserve unit and Robson Resilience Centre South West. In addition to being a globally recognised centre of excellence for SERE training, a key supporter of cadet activity and recruitment in Cornwall, RAF St Mawgan plays a key role in supporting veterans and their associated charities.

Beyond its role as a specialist training establishment, RAF St Mawgan plays a key role in defending the western approaches to the British Isles. Located next to Cornwall Airport Newquay and Cornwall Spaceport, the station will play a role in supporting the UK's space launch programme over the next decade. Combined with the station's commitment to becoming one of the first carbon neutral establishments across Defence, RAF St Mawgan is well poised to support the projection of regional businesses involved with space and sustainability into the next decade.



THE ARMED FORCES IN CORNWALL





RNAS CULDROSE

Home to the Royal Navy's maritime Merlins, Culdrose – just outside Helston on the Lizard Peninsula – is one of the largest helicopter bases in Europe. With 3,000 personnel, it is one of the biggest single site employers in Cornwall, pumping £100 million into the local economy every year. This busy air station supplies skilled aviators, engineers and flight deck crews to protect Royal Navy ships and submarines, above, on and below the waves. RNAS Culdrose includes engineering and Merlin training facilities and the School of Flight Deck Operations which trains students in the art of managing aircraft movements and tackling aircraft fires.

HMS RALEIGH

HMS Raleigh is the largest Royal Navy training establishment in the South West, made up of a 239 acre main site, a maritime training centre on the River Lynher, and satellite bases for leadership and team working exercises on Dartmoor and the Rame Peninsular.

The seven schools on site provide a broad spectrum of training, ranging from the submarine school, to damage control and board and search, which also train members of the Royal Marines, Royal Fleet Auxiliary and the Royal Navy Reserve.



NAVAL REGIONAL COMMAND WALES & WESTERN ENGLAND

The Resident Naval Officer is based at Falmouth Dockyard with a key role in coordinating the relationship between Falmouth, industry partners and the Royal Navy.



232 PORT SQN (BODMIN) - 165 PORT & MARITIME REGT RLC

165 Port & Maritime Regt RLC delivers a number of specialist maritime roles. Port operators train in order to load and unload ships of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary that carry stores and equipment for British forces on operations overseas. The regiment specialises in unloading ships and getting stores ashore where no established port exists. Mariners and marine engineers train to pilot and maintain a fleet of inshore vessels such as the combat support boats and Mexeflote powered rafts.

The Regiment works alongside its regular counterparts 17 Port & Maritime Regiment RLC. Vehicle specialists train to maintain a full spectrum of licences to ensure the safe and efficient movement of vehicles in transit. Operational hygiene specialists to deliver essential showering and laundry services to units - in particular hospitals - in the field and on operations around the world. The Regiment also has opportunities for chefs, human resource specialists and combat medical technicians who provide support to personnel while training and deployed in role. Members of the Regiment have assisted with the recent hurricane season disaster relief operations in the Caribbean and others are currently deployed in the Falkland Islands.

D COMPANY - 6TH BATTALION THE RIFLES

Reserve service in 6 RIFLES allows individuals to work outside the regular Army and yet commit to being a Rifleman part time. Training takes place over periodic weekends throughout the year, training nights during the week and for a consolidated two week training camp each year. Attendance at any specific training event is voluntary to take account of an individual's civilian commitments. Reserve Riflemen are paid for the training they undertake and can earn a financial bonus at the end of each year. The training is varied, based upon the sort of skills all people need and includes: military training, adventurous training, fitness training and sport, together with overseas travel.



C DETACHMENT (TRURO) - 243 (WESSEX) FIELD HOSPITAL

243 (Wessex) Field Hospital provides a reserve deployable field hospital and individual trawls in support of other units. 243 Field Hospital also delivers unique Continuing Professional Development opportunities through access to academic courses including a BSc in Clinical Leadership, accredited clinical training and military leadership training. There are also opportunities for non-clinical support staff including mechanics, human resource specialists, chefs and various other professions.

Our active charity sector includes:



ACTIVE PLUS CIC

Veterans Inspiring People uses the skills and experience of wounded, injured, sick and retired military veterans to help people and businesses unlock their potential.

BATTLING ON

A multi-award-winning organisation based on a 124-acre farm in the Tamar Valley, helping veterans to improve their mental wellbeing.

BODMIN KEEP

Cornwall's Regimental Museum stands as a testament to our soldiers, their families and communities and is a member of Cornwall Museums Partnership National Portfolio Organisation consortium, funded by Arts Council England.

BUDE SURF VETERANS

Provides an opportunity for military veterans, blue light services and their families to socialise, surf and support one another and to provide help to integrate back into civilian life.

CORNWALL AVIATION HERITAGE CENTRE

Based at the Aerohub, Cornwall Airport Newquay in a fully functional, ex-Royal Air Force hardened aircraft shelter hangar with exhibits including jets from the 1940s to 1980s and V-bomber training aircraft.

CORNWALL AT WAR MUSEUM

Located on part of the old WW2 airfield RAF Davidstow Moor with displays representing the Royal Navy, British Army and the RAF from 1914 to the present.

CULDROSE MILITARY WIVES CHOIR

Based at RNAS Culdrose in Helston brings women in the military community closer together through singing. The choir includes serving personnel, wives and partners, veterans and veterans' spouses.

EPIC GIGability THE VETERANS CORNISH PILOT GIG ROWING CLUB

Provides a sport pathway for all service veterans towards a healthier, fitter lifestyle and improved wellbeing. Able members actively engage with less able members to mentor and support, demonstrating there should be no barriers to enjoying sport and that "every person is capable".

FALMOUTH & PENRYN VETERANS BREAKFAST CLUB

Meets once a month and provides a venue for veterans and serving personnel to meet in an informal atmosphere over breakfast. Breakfast clubs stretch from Penzance to Torpoint, Bude to Penwith, Newquay to Par - in total around 12 clubs operate in Cornwall.

FALMOUTH BRANCH THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

Involves current and former naval service personnel, relatives and supporters of the naval service. Membership consists of all arms of the service, general, submarine, fleet air arm, royal marines and WRNS. Its motto - Unity, Loyalty, Patriotism and Comradeship.

HELP FOR HEROES

Believes anyone affected by their military service deserves to live a secure and healthy life with purpose. It provides a range of physical and mental health assessments, treatment, and support to those who have suffered a life-changing injury or illness during, or as a result of, their service.

NEWQUAY SURF VETERANS

A group of veterans, family of veterans and friends as well as serving armed forces personnel who support each other and enjoy spending time in and around the water. Hosts a weekly breakfast club.



**PROJECT NOVA /
RFES THE FORCES CHARITY**

Exists to provide life-long, life-changing support, job opportunities and training to service leavers, veterans, reservists and their families, irrespective of circumstances, rank, length of service, or reason for leaving.

**RAFA COUNTY AND
RAF ST MAWGAN BRANCH**

Promotes through the comradeship engendered by its members, the welfare by charitable means of all serving and former members of our armed forces, their spouses and dependants, together with the widows, widowers and dependants of those who died whilst serving or subsequently.

SSAFA CORNWALL

Supports both the regulars, reserves and veterans of all three Services and their families, no matter how long they served or in what capacity. This lifelong support relieves need, suffering and distress in the armed forces community in Cornwall, helping one and all to maintain their independence and dignity. Through the support of the people of Cornwall, volunteers help to assess how best to help those in need, and to mobilise the support and raise the funds that change lives.

SPITFIRE HERITAGE TRUST

A Cornwall based charity which uses the Spitfire and its story to inspire and motivate young people. The Trust is engaged in the strengthening of links and the development of programs that create opportunities, educate, celebrate and give thanks to our Commonwealth family of nations, and to our shared values that transcend culture, religion and gender.

SURF ACTION

Promotes good mental health through personal development, education, employment and empowers its service users to lead healthy, fulfilled and independent lives; to become valued and active members of their community. Core to achieving this is the use of the Blue Gym concept and involving service users in shallow water surfing and other high intensity water sports.

THE BLACK DOG WALKING CLUB

A free community walking club by the Veterans Charity to help cope with anxiety, depression, isolation and loneliness, PTSD and stress.

THE POPPY FACTORY

Supports veterans with health conditions on their journey into employment, helping them overcome any barriers.

THE RIPPLE POND

The only UK charity to exist solely to support the adult family members of physically or psychologically injured British armed forces personnel and veterans.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The largest armed forces charity in the UK providing support to all members of the armed forces community through life, and leads the nations in Remembrance. It supports the delivery of welfare services and the membership and fundraising activities of the Legion’s branches and clubs throughout Cornwall.

THE VETERANS CHARITY

The immediate needs support charity for veterans who find themselves battling hardship and distress. Founders of the Routes of Remembrance (Poppies to Paddington) and a new Veterans Hub based in West Cornwall.

TURN TO STARBOARD

Uses sail training to help serving and retired armed forces personnel, and their families readjust after operational tours and assist them in meeting the unique demands placed on them by service life.

WAVE PROJECT

The world’s first ‘surf therapy’ course funded by a Government health service and founded in Cornwall.

WE ARE WITH YOU

Supports people to make positive behavioural changes, primarily with alcohol and drug misuse, and mental health. With You for the Armed Forces Community is the veteran specific element of the organisation supporting over 800 veterans, members of the armed forces and family members annually and is the only bespoke support package.

WILD ART CORNWALL

Provides therapeutic intervention, opportunities to learn or develop creative skills such as sculpture for serving members of the armed forces, veterans and their families.





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Supporters of
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Brigadier Jock Fraser MBE ADC RM,
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RAF St Mawgan

Lieutenant Colonel R G Williams RLC,
Commanding Officer 165 Port & Maritime
Regiment RLC

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Chief Executive, Visit Cornwall

Councillor Nick Kelly,
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Chair, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly
Local Nature Partnership

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Chair of NHS Kernow Clinical
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Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committee

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Spitfire Heritage Trust

Mick Stevens,
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Glasshouse Media and Events

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Help for Heroes

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Turn to Starboard

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Battling On

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