

Good afternoon,

In line with our stated aims of being "**Committed to the preservation and enhancement of..Falmouth**" we do

look at the planning applications every week, and where we think it is necessary, make a detailed comment.

Here are the planning applications for Falmouth for the week beginning 6th January 2020:

- **Work to trees namely 2 x Yew trees - reduce both trees in height within a conservation area**

39 Woodlane Falmouth Cornwall TR11 4RB

Ref. No: PA20/00111 | Validated: Wed 08 Jan 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

- **Works to trees namely G1 - H.Oak x5 crown raise to 3.5m over parking area final height of canopy will be 3.5m from ground level in a conservation area This row of trees has grown to within 2m from ground level of the parking spaces. Pruning will prevent damage to vehicles and trees. Please see photo.**

Flat 1 14 Melvill Road Falmouth TR11 4AS

Ref. No: PA20/00131 | Validated: Wed 08 Jan 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

- **Pre-application advice for a annexe and new bay window and balcony**

Southside Seaholme Court Langton Terrace Falmouth TR11 2NA

Ref. No: PA19/03345/PREAPP | Validated: Thu 09 Jan 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

- **Retention and completion of freestanding timber staircase, partly completed, and retention of gated access in rear boundary wall**

5 Prospect Place Penwerris Terrace Falmouth TR11 2PE

Ref. No: PA19/11043 | Validated: Mon 06 Jan 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

- **Proposed garage and associated site works**

6 Pendarves Road Falmouth TR11 2TW

Ref. No: PA19/10919 | Validated: Tue 07 Jan 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Falmouth Civic Society Event Dates

27th February 2020 - Mike Johnson will give a talk on Admiral Fitzroy.
Admiral Fitzroy. Robert FitzRoy (5 July 1805 – 30 April 1865) achieved lasting fame as the captain of HMS Beagle during Charles Darwin's famous voyage, and as a pioneering meteorologist who made accurate weather forecasting a reality.
Venue Bowling Club, Falmouth - 2.30pm. Members £3 and guests £5 - To include tea/coffee and cake.

27th March 2020 - Our AGM - Athenaeum Club. Kim Conchie, CEO of Cornwall Chamber of Commerce will be the speaker.
www.cornwallchamber.co.uk/meet-the-team

20th April 2020 - Afternoon Visit to United Downs -Geothermal Power Project. Time and details to be confirmed.
<https://www.uniteddownsgeothermal.co.uk/>

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NEWS ITEMS

Closure of footpath at the Liner Development Gyllingvase Beach Cliff Road Falmouth.

Following the closure of the footpath at the Liner Development, the Falmouth Civic Society has written to the Cornwall Council Cabinet Member with responsibility for Highways, Councillor Brown, to seek assurances that:

The closure is temporary and the footpath, bus stop and post box will be repaired and replaced as they were before the closure;
The costs of making good will be borne by the developer in addition to the planning requirement to make a financial contribution to public open space and the Highways Officer will look again at the siting of the temporary bus stop which may be in a dangerous position for road and footpath users.

We understand Falmouth Town Council and Cornwall Councillor Geoffrey Evans are also approaching Cornwall Highways about this issue.

The Dipping Needle Discovery

In July 2019 Edward Gillin of the University of Cambridge found a dipping needle in the cellar of Falmouth Art Gallery.

This dipping needle, an instrument for measuring the Earth's magnetic field, was designed by Robert Were Fox.

Almost every British naval expedition carried similar instruments for magnetic measurements.

A dipping needle is basically a magnetic compass, only instead of the needle sitting horizontally, it oscillates vertically, so as to measure the angle and intensity at which the Earth's magnetic field is acting.

Most of those built in the 19th century were delicate and travelled poorly.

The Fox needle, however was robust, travelled relatively well and was designed to take magnetic readings on rough seas.

The dipping needle, pictured below is still magnetised.



There will be **free parking** in all Cornwall Council owned car parks EVERY SATURDAY from now until the 21st March.

Here's an idea of what Australian fire fighters are up against in terms of distances.

Bodmin Jail

Have you ever visited the 18th century Bodmin Jail. What an interesting place it was to visit.

Things are changing though.

Do you know it is currently being turned into an immersive attraction - a museum, 63 bedroom boutique hotel and bat sanctuary for up to 9 species of bat?

The developers are also working to preserve the often dark and violent history of Bodmin Jail, which was the site of over 50 hangings in nearly 150 years. For instance, the original hangman's noose will be on display as part of the hotel's Dark Walk experience: an exhibition dedicated to the lurid stories of past inmates.



Free Legal Support for Community from University of Exeter Students

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LOCAL EVENTS

Dr Mark Crouse is organising a range of **free walks and talks** around Cornwall.

From Saturday
January 11th onwards - 10a.m. - Walk around the Point - Free - All abilities. -

Meet at the Dell Car Park. Just turn up.

If you have an hour or so to spare, why not consider watching the following on BBCi player.

Natural World, The Octopus in My House - BBC

Two

A professor develops an extraordinary relationship with an octopus when he invites it to live in his home to

learn about it's intelligence.

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blood, not bones and three hearts.

Octopuses have blue

The octopus, called

Heidi, unravels puzzles, recognises individual humans and even watches TV with the family.

It was fascinating.

www.bbc.co.uk › programmes

Finally, an amusing titbit featured in the media this week.