

Sustainability & Falmouth Harbour Newsletter



Falmouth Harbour are continuously working towards understanding our impacts so that we can start to really contribute positively to the sustainability of Falmouth Harbour and beyond. This newsletter will touch on a few projects we are working on or are relevant to harbour users.

This newsletter will focus on the following:

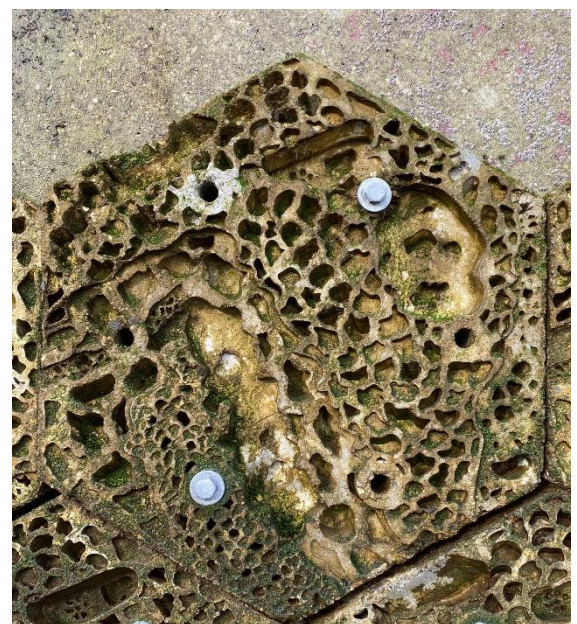
- Seawall tiles
- Falmouth Harbour @ UKs first Seagrass Symposium
- Aqua Super Power Charger
- Washing machine filters

Seawall tiles

The seawall tiles are starting to colonise 6 weeks after installation we are really happy with how this has progressed. Thanks again to Our Only World, Seachangers and the Matthew Good Foundation for funding this project.

University of Exeter students are working to monitor the colonisation of the tiles by recording the species found and their abundance and we are planning on getting Cornwall Environmental consultants back next year to conduct a second survey and assess the biodiversity gain using the intertidal biodiversity net gain metric.

For more information on this exciting project please visit our website.



Falmouth Harbour at UKs first Seagrass Symposium



I was lucky enough to attend the UKs first Seagrass Symposium held at the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth earlier this month. Attended by 150 people in person and 50 online it was great to hear about some inspirational projects both nationally and internationally.

I had a brief slot to talk about Falmouth Harbours' Seagrass projects. For more information on what Falmouth Harbour are doing in relation to seagrass please visit our website.

The aquarium was a fabulous setting and I am now avidly watching the new [BBC Two - Secrets of the Aquarium](#) series to find out what goes on behind the scenes!

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Electric vessel charging



We are pleased to share that we have signed a contract with Aqua Super Power to install a rapid charger on to the pontoons of our marina. We are currently working on the necessary consents for the installation works so are not sure when the charger will be installed at this stage.

The charger and the installation costs are provided to us free of charge from Aqua Super Power. This charger will enable us to rapidly charge our new R63 Rad Propulsion rib which we are receiving through the ZENOW project next year and also will be available to Falmouth Harbour users.

Once we receive an update on progress and installation we will let you know.

Reducing microfibres

We are really pleased to announce we will shortly be installing an Indi[®] filter on the waste pipe on the washing machines in our amenity centre. The [Cleaner Seas Group](#) have developed these filters to capture microplastics that escape into the sea from all of our washing machines every day.

35% of the microplastics in our ocean come from the textiles that we wash in our washing machines which is why Cleaner seas have developed a filter you can fit onto the waste pipe of your washing machine to remove microplastics from the washing machine water which is a lot easier than using a guppy bag!



Great explanation and an interview with the Cleaner Seas group is available from the Generation SeaChange Youtube channel [Spin Cycles and Life Cycles | Cleaner Seas - YouTube](#)

How you can get involved

Falmouth Harbour would like to understand your thoughts on the above information and also on the local Falmouth Harbour environment and how it can / should be sustainably managed. You [can contact Vicki](#) or give the office a call to discuss further.