

Falmouth's Charter for the Future

We, the members of Falmouth's Town Forum, offer the following thoughts and ambitions to the people of Falmouths around the world to commemorate the occasion of the 350th anniversary of the signing of the Royal Charter in Falmouth, Cornwall on 5 October 1661.

CONNECTED: At the Western edge of the country but at the centre of the universe, Falmouth will strengthen its connections with the wider world through the development of its creative and maritime sectors and the digital economy.

GLOBAL: From the Packet ships at the hub of England's 17th Century

communications industry to the international reputation of Falmouth's universities and maritime industries, Falmouth will continue to project its unique spirit outwards to the four corners of the globe.

DIVERSE: Falmouth's population has been transient from its 16th Century

beginnings, embracing a range of cultures and faiths to create a vibrant community. Falmouth will continue to celebrate its cultural diversity, respect difference and encourage its constituent parts to live in harmony.

DISTINCTIVE: From the deep blue waters of the Carrick Roads and Falmouth Bay to its verdant countryside and stretch of majestic coastline, Falmouth will preserve its natural environment for the benefit of everyone

who lives, works and visits here.

AUTHENTIC: Falmouth is a genuine working port with a purpose and will protect its unique identity, celebrate its individuality and preserve traditional skills that have developed over centuries.

ENTERPRISING: From the privateers of yesteryear to the innovators of the future, Falmouth's entrepreneurial spirit will inspire initiatives that will secure prosperity for generations to come.

RESILIENT: From marauding pirates and the Civil War to the economic and social challenges that lie ahead, Falmouth's courage in the face of adversity fuels its determination to identify innovative solutions to external threats and seize opportunities.

CREATIVE: By nurturing the talents of the people who live, work and study here, Falmouth will continue to develop the vibrant cultural hub that it has become and support

creative and emerging businesses.

SUSTAINABLE: From natural energy and carbon reduction to green travel and affordable housing, Falmouth will continue to seek solutions to sustain its future prosperity.

AMBITIOUS: Falmouth will continue to make its presence felt at a national level by progressing schemes and influencing policies that are designed to maximise its assets.

ACTIVE: By maximising opportunities on sea

and on land, Falmouth will encourage its community to participate in sporting activities and international sporting federations to hold events in the port.

PROUD: Falmouth will promote a sense of

civic pride and respect among its population and continue to commemorate the heroic part that it has played in England's story and its illustrious maritime heritage.

**⌘ ⌘ Remember: 5 October 2011,
International Falmouth Day ⌘ ⌘**