



As the weather starts to improve and we begin to approach the end of the Summer term, and this academic year, I am pleased to be able to share a busy few month's activities with you and provide an update on some key areas going forwards.

Firstly, I am really pleased to be able to share an update with you in this edition on the signing of the 'Safety of Women at Night Charter' launch event which took place in March at Reed Hall on Campus. It was a wonderful opportunity to highlight some of the partnership working going on in the city with local Council members, Devon and Cornwall Police and charity partners as well as to agree and cement some of the key areas we want to work on together going forwards to ensure everyone feels safer in Exeter

I am also looking forward to our graduation ceremonies in June and July. For those that don't know, we are staggering graduations over a number of weeks this year to ensure our students of 2020, 2021 and 2022 all have the opportunity to walk across the stage and receive their degree certificate. I can assure you that normal arrangements around security, parking and people-flow management are in place to ensure everyone has a safe and well organised time when visiting Exeter.

Finally, I just wanted to update you that although Government guidance around Covid-19 has changed, it remains important to us to ensure staff and students are supported to minimise any chance of spread amongst themselves sand the wider community. We continue to work closely with Public Health Devon and will assess our guidance to our staff and students regularly throughout the coming months.

Thanks for your support over the last busy few months.

Mike Shore-Nye Registrar and Secretary

Keeping Exeter safe for all

A new safety charter for Exeter has been introduced, designed to tackle crime and prioritise the safety of women across the city centre at night. We led the Exeter Safer Women at Night (SWaN) project, working with our local partners in the Exeter Community Safety Partnership, to create the charter, based on the results of a local safety survey.

Local organisations and businesses including pubs, bars, cafes and entertainment venues, are signing up to the charter to help ensure that Exeter is welcoming, safe and secure for everyone to enjoy.

We hosted an event to celebrate the introduction of the new charter in March, attended by our local partners including the Devon and Cornwall Police, Exeter City Council, the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, CoLab Exeter, More Positive Me and SPACE Youth Services.

You can find more information on the city's other safety initiatives and follow the latest updates from the Community Safety Partnership at facebook.com/SaferCentralExeter







Student Community Warden Update

The Student Community Wardens have enjoyed getting involved in a range of community projects and initiatives throughout term two.

On March 19th, the Wardens worked with local residents to help spruce up Queen's Crescent Garden, using some tools that were kindly loaned by the University Grounds Team. The dry sunny weather helped to make it a very productive day and it was a pleasure to collaborate with so many St James residents.

Just before the Easter break, the Wardens conducted a large-scale litter pick along busy walking routes throughout the city. The Wardens cleared around 132lbs of waste and they are planning a further series of litter-picks in term three. If you would like to join forces with us on future litter-picking sessions please contact the Wardens on the email below.

The Wardens will spend the majority of term three working with students who are preparing to leave private accommodation. Special moving out 'packs' will be delivered by the Wardens as part of the 'Students on the Move' scheme.

Do you have an idea for a community project or campaign?
Do you require some funding for a community project?
Please contact the Student Community Wardens with
your thoughts and ideas: communitywardens@exeter.ac.uk

'Students on the Move' 2022

The 'Students on the Move' scheme is coordinated by the Community Liaison Team throughout June and July.

The primary aim of the scheme is to help students depart their premises at the end of their tenancy as cleanly as possible, with minimum disruption to the wider community. The scheme acknowledges that students are unlikely to leave their premises on the correct bin day. We are delighted that the scheme is back to full capacity this year. Some elements could not take place last year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The key areas of the scheme include:

- Two additional grey waste collections (paid for by the University)
 each week during June and July
- Distribution of British Heart Foundation bags for recyclable items
- Additional information regarding how to dispose of bedding/ furniture
- Coat donations for 'CoLab' who then distribute clothing to those in need
- Targeted glass collections for students without access to a vehicle
- Food collections and transport to local foodbanks
- Two 'Community Clearup Days' for 12 keys streets in the St James Ward (details to be circulated to participating streets soon)

Please be aware that some refuse may appear to be placed out on the wrong collection day from June onwards – but it could already be earmarked for our special collection scheme. As properties tend to be cleared/redecorated in July, it is important to stress that some roadside material could belong to Landlords/builders. If there are any addresses that you have concerns about, please let us know communitywardens@exeter.ac.uk







New patron Prof. Mark Kermode urges you to visit

Professor Mark Kermode and filmmaker Carol Morley have become the first patrons of the University's Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, and they recommend a visit for anyone who loves film and the moving image.

Professor Mark Kermode, leading film critic and an honorary professor at the University of Exeter, said:

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The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is an absolute treasure trove and I am thrilled and honoured to become a patron. Anyone with an interest in cinema should visit the museum which will take you on a journey to the birth of the moving image and beyond. There is so much to see — and it's such great fun! I love it!

You can visit the Bill Douglas Cinema Museum in The Old Library on Prince of Wales Road – 10am to 5pm daily, admission is free. Find out more at www.bdcmuseum.org.uk/visit



Targeting net zero by 2030

When the University declared an environment and climate emergency in 2019, we set out a plan to reach net zero before 2050. But, based on support and input from our students and staff, we have brought the target forward to 2030.

The ambitious new target covers direct emissions and – crucially – also includes all other indirect emissions caused by the University's activities, such as our purchases. We're proud to be working with many local suppliers who share our passion for the environment and care about their impact. We're working with our suppliers to help them cut their own emissions as much as possible.

Cutting our emissions is only part of our climate action. We are also driving change locally, nationally and worldwide through cutting edge research on all aspects of the climate crisis. We have over 1,000 research and education specialists working on the environment and climate.

To find out more about our mission to reach net zero by 2030, visit www.exeter.ac.uk/sustainability or email climatemergency@exeter.ac.uk





Let us welcome you this summer to the beautiful gardens and grounds on your doorstep. Our campuses are open to everyone all year round to visit, explore and enjoy.

To help you make the most of all the glorious features of our stunning Green Flag campuses, our website includes all sorts of guides, trails and activities for your visit. Try Streatham's Jubilee water walk or sculpture trail. At St Luke's, which is fairly flat and accessible, enjoy a horticultural walk or biodiversity trail around the grounds.

Take a moment, stay a while, enjoy the gardens and all the wildlife that chooses to live and visit these wonderfully varied and biodiverse grounds. There are plenty of places to get food and drink or bring your own picnic, but please no BBQs or bonfires and please take your litter home with you. Dogs are welcome on leads. Please respect our grounds and enjoy your visit. We'd love to see you.

Find out more on our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/grounds

You can also hear more about our grounds in the Exeplore podcast 'Grounds, gardening and green fingers' available on Spotify and Apple podcasts.

Term dates

Summer Term

Monday 2 May - Friday 17 June

Autumn Term

Monday 26 September – Friday 16 December

Spring Term 2023

Monday 9 January - Friday 31 March

Resident Liaison Group

The Resident Liaison Group meets once a term with resident group leaders, councillors and other community partners to discuss a range of community topics and queries.

To find out more about the format of these meetings, please contact Community Liaison Manager, Rory Cunningham: r.j.cunningham@exeter.ac.uk

Key links and contacts

University of Exeter Covid-19 mini-site:

exeter.ac.uk/coronavirus

DfE guidance – Higher Education COVID-19 operational guidance:

gov.uk/government/publications/highereducation-reopening-buildings-andcampuses/higher-education-covid-19operational-guidance

If you have any questions please contact us via coronavirusenquiries@exeter.ac.uk

Estate Patrol

01392 723999 e.patrol@exeter.ac.uk

The University's Estate Patrol team can assist with noise disturbances from student premises (if direct contact is not possible). Please note that Estate Patrol cannot investigate disturbances in parks and other public spaces. These concerns need to be passed to the police for investigation.

Please note that the university does not have jurisdiction to explore noise concerns with student households when the academic year has ended. Noise concerns should be reported to the council if direct contact with tenants is not possible **exeter.gov.uk**/ **clean-safe-city/anti-social-behaviour/noise-complaints**

We have prepared communications for students who may choose to stay until the end of their summer tenancy – with links to the official noise advice outlined in the Student Community Guide. The Student Wardens are also conducting some door-to-door research to explore approximately how many students will stay on after the end of term. This research will help target our communications more effectively.

For general daytime queries relating to students living and socialising in the community please contact the **Community Liaison Team**: **communitywardens@exeter.ac.uk** / **01392 723721**.

The Community Liaison Team provide peer-support to students living in private housing. They also conduct follow up visits to any student addresses that Estate Patrol interact with out-of-hours.

The Community Wardens can also make initial contact with student households regarding waste management and storage.

Rubbish and Waste

If you have concerns about persistent rubbish or waste issues connected to a property, you can also report details to the council via: **exeter.gov.uk/clean-safe-city**

PC Alex Banks

PC Banks is our Neighbourhood Beat Manager (NBM) for the University, Duryard, Pennsylvania and Stoke Hill. You can contact her by emailing **exeterneighbourhood@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk** or **call 101 and ask for PC Banks 3329**.