



# About Cornwall

# It's an exciting time to be in Cornwall



## *Shape the future of one of the UK's most ambitious and distinctive places.*

Home to a globally renowned natural environment, a world-class renewable energy sector and cutting-edge digital infrastructure, Cornwall is helping to shape the society of the future. We are tackling the key challenges of climate change and social injustice through more localised support and through smarter use of technology, underpinned by a superfast and reliable broadband infrastructure.

**We've got a strong transport network that puts you in easy reach of key destinations in the UK and beyond by road, rail, air, and sea.** Cornwall Airport Newquay – which is owned by Cornwall Council – is the fastest growing regional airport in the UK, connecting more than 400,000 people a year to UK and international destinations.

In Cornwall, we are proud of innovation, and being a national leader in technology. Our universities keep us at the forefront of research and fresh thinking, with campuses of Exeter and Plymouth universities based here, along with Falmouth University.

We're also a leader in space - Spaceport Cornwall is the first licensed spaceport in the UK, building on the expertise and facilities we already possess at Goonhilly Earth Station, the University of Exeter and Truro and Penwith College.

We are well known for our strong cultural heritage, which has enabled us to have a thriving cultural scene. From the Hall for Cornwall theatre in Truro, the Tate Gallery in St Ives and the Eden Project, to renowned festivals such as Boardmasters and Tunes in the Dunes, there is something for everyone in Cornwall.

Our burgeoning live music scene and unique food and drink sector are testament to Cornwall - a beautiful place generates creativity; we are a pull to those who think innovatively.

Of course, Cornwall is also known for its tourism - we welcome five million visitors every year. With wild moorland landscapes, a long and varied coastline, beautiful beaches and attractive villages,

### **Cornwall has much to offer to nature enthusiasts.**

Extensive stretches of Cornwall's coastline, and Bodmin Moor, are protected as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

**We have high-quality schools with a rich range of extra-curricular options.** Our Children's Services are rated as Good by Ofsted, with Outstanding features. Six universities and colleges offer higher education at 13 campuses around Cornwall.

**We are also a safe and friendly place,** with crime rates in Cornwall amongst the lowest in the UK.

Cornwall has a distinct cultural heritage and identity, dating back centuries, that we are extremely proud of, and can be seen through our extensive usage of the Cornish language across the Council. We are a very welcoming place and would love you to come and become a part of the richly diverse communities of Cornwall.