

Porthcurno Studio Partners with Fishy Filaments to Bring New Life to Discarded Fishing Nets, Subsequently Cleaning Our Oceans

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Cornish-based Porthcurno Studio have set down beacons of hope across harbours in Cornwall, determined to spread awareness and reduce the impact of marine plastic pollution. The lights, 3D printed by J-Supplied 3D utilising Fishy Filaments are created from 100% recycled fishing nets from vessels operating out of the Port of Newlyn.

These five lights, measuring 1-meter-tall, showcase the possibility to recycle normally unwanted materials such as discarded fishing gear. The lights can be found between 4pm-10pm at Plymouth (Mon 7th June), Brixham (Tues 8th June), Newquay (Wed 9th June), Padstow (Thurs 10th June) and Megagissey (Fri 11th June). On its final day, the 11th of June, all five lights will come together at Mevagissey Harbour and be positioned across the boats at the port, providing an inspiring spectacle. The event dates accompany and complement the 2021 G7 Summit also taking place in Cornwall, where discussion is generated on the most pressing challenges including climate change. Named a 'Beacon of Hope', the lights represent the remaining hope to aid cleaning our oceans. 'Myself, Mike, and the Porthcurno team are deeply passionate about making a positive impact on our environment and local community. We hope this small gesture will help raise awareness of a global problem, that can be solved if local communities band together and work towards change' – Martin Jewell, CEO of Porthcurno Studio.

The project lines up with Porthcurno Studio's company goal whereby creating and selling sustainable homeware while working with small charities and initiatives, they are able to unite a passion for our oceans and their sustainability. Currently, more than 640,000 tonnes of commercial fishing waste enter the ocean every year, as stated by the United Nations. According to a report from WWF, 5.7 per cent of all fishing nets are lost around the world each year which in turn affects a number of species and harms valuable marine habitats. While the UK has no current policy or initiatives regarding the disposal of fishing nets, Porthcurno Studio brings new life to these nets which would have otherwise been dumped into our oceans, incinerated or sent to landfill.

Additional information about the Harbour Lights as well as the Porthcurno Studio brand can be found through the company's website and social media pages. Porthcurno Studio's Harbour Lights project <http://www.porthcurno-studio.co.uk/beacon-of-hope>. Facebook: [facebook.com/porthcurnostudio](https://www.facebook.com/porthcurnostudio). Instagram: [@porthcurnostudio](https://www.instagram.com/porthcurnostudio).