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Mysterious Sea Creature at PK Porthcurno

If you have visited Porthcurno valley recently you might have been surprised to spot a strange creature in the gardens of PK Porthcurno, Museum of Global Communications. Don't be alarmed! It's only Morgy, the Giant Communications Squid!

Morgy is the newest member of a family of fantastical sea creatures devised by artists' collective 'Moradavaga'. Based in Italy and Portugal, Moradavaga (from the Portuguese words for "vague address") formed in 2006 and is an award-winning partnership of two artist-architects: Manfred Eccli (Bolzano, Italy) and Pedro Cavaco Leitão (Porto, Portugal). They specialise in using playful, low-tech devices to explore complex ideas like communications and connectivity.

Morgy is a giant interactive communications tool which works in much the same way as the tin-can phones that our grandparents used to play with. He is designed to be played with in pairs or groups – you simply speak, sing or shout into one of the eyes or tentacles and then listen out for a response from your friends at the other end!

The arrival of Morgy at PK Porthcurno was originally planned for 2020, for the 150th anniversary of the first submarine telegraph cable landing on Porthcurno beach. This cable, known as the *Red Sea Line*, connected Britain with India and marked the beginning of Porthcurno's rich history of global communications. Morgy was inspired by the sea creature in Jules Verne's *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* which was published in 1870 – the same year

that first cable landed at Porthcurno. Unfortunately, the pandemic meant that PK Porthcurno had to postpone their anniversary plans, but happily, two years later, Morgy has arrived.

Kay Dalton, Learning and Participation manager at PK Porthcurno says:

"We are so happy to have Morgy here at PK. He is an amazing new addition to our outdoor visitor experience and fun for everyone to explore communications in a playful way. It is wonderful to see families and groups of school children buzzing with excitement when they first see him!"

Morgy is staying in Porthcurno for the summer of 2022. Look out for the giant red squid making himself at home within gardens at the front of the museum. Morgy has been created from fully recycled materials and will be recycled when he leaves Porthcurno.

Follow the signs when you visit the museum and find him for yourself, he's hard to miss!

Photographs:

All photos by PK Porthcurno. Please contact us for high-res versions.



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