



News from Newquay Zoo

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PRESS RELEASE – CORNISH WEEK AT NEWQUAY ZOO: A WEEK-LONG CELEBRATION OF ST PIRAN’S AND CORNWALL’S HERITAGE

Newquay Zoo is proudly celebrating Cornwall’s rich heritage with ‘Cornish Week’, a week-long St Piran’s Day festival running from Saturday 1 March to Sunday 9 March 2025. Visitors can immerse themselves in Cornish-themed activities and delicious local treats to honour the spirit of Cornwall’s patron saint.



St Piran’s Day itself falls on Wednesday, 5 March, but the celebrations will last all week, giving visitors plenty of opportunities to take part in the festivities. The zoo will be adorned with St Piran’s Day bunting and proudly flying the Cornish flag in honour of the occasion.

Dave Folland, Operations Manager for Newquay Zoo, commented:

“As Cornwall’s only zoo, we are thrilled to celebrate St Piran’s Day with a mix of cultural and wildlife-focused activities. This event is a wonderful way for visitors to embrace Cornwall’s history while also learning about the incredible animals in our care.” Throughout the week, visitors can enjoy:

- Cornish-name animal trail – A special trail around the zoo where guests can learn key Cornish phrases while spotting black-and-white (and gold!) animals, paying homage to the iconic St Piran’s flag.
- Delicious Cornish food at Café Lemur – A taste of Cornwall with traditional Cornish pasties, cream teas (jam first!), and homemade Cornish Fairings, perfect for fuelling a zoo adventure.
- Conservation and Cornwall – Discover how Newquay Zoo contributes to conservation efforts both locally and internationally, highlighting the importance of preserving Cornwall’s natural heritage.

Early spring is an ideal time to visit Newquay Zoo, as many of the zoo’s animals, including playful otters, curious meerkats, and cheeky lemurs, become more active. Guests can also enjoy the zoo’s penguins practicing their swimming skills and coupling up ready for nesting season.

All St Piran’s Day activities are included with standard zoo admission or membership. Visitors can also take advantage of Newquay Zoo’s reduced winter pricing, whilst Newquay residents can enjoy an additional 10% off admission with a Love Newquay loyalty card (must be presented on the day of visit).

Whether you’re a proud Cornish local or visiting from further afield, St Piran’s Week at Newquay Zoo offers the perfect way to celebrate Cornwall’s unique culture, language, and wildlife.





Visitor Information:

Newquay Zoo's special Winter pricing offers reduced admission:

- Adults; £17 (normally £19)
- Children; £12.50 (normally £14.25)
- Children under 3; Free
- All prices include Gift Aid donation

- Opening hours: Daily from 10am (closing times vary seasonally - current closing time 4.30pm)
- Free parking in the Cornwall Council carpark adjacent to Newquay Zoo
- Full accessibility
- On-site refreshments and retail facilities

Visitors can book tickets in advance online. Each visit supports Wild Planet Trust's vital conservation work both in the UK and overseas. Gift Aid declarations on ticket purchases provide additional funding at no extra cost to visitors. To book tickets, or learn more about how you can support Newquay Zoo, please visit newquayzoo.org.uk

Notes to Editor

Wild Planet Trust is a conservation charity encompassing Paignton Zoo, Newquay Zoo and three nature reserves - Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve, Primley Park and Clennon Gorge.

Newquay Zoo, established in 1969, is Cornwall's leading wildlife attraction, set within 13 acres of lush, landscaped grounds. The zoo attracts over 140,000 visitors annually and is home to more than 1,000 animals representing over 120 species from around the world. With a focus on conservation and education, Newquay Zoo is actively involved in breeding programmes for endangered species and plays a vital role in the protection of wildlife both locally and globally. The zoo also boasts a range of exciting animal encounters and experiences that allow visitors to learn about the vital work being done to safeguard endangered species.

The Trust leads vital conservation and research projects in the UK and internationally, focusing on animal behaviour, nutrition, enrichment and ecology. Our mission is to Help Halt Species Decline by protecting endangered species and preserving biodiversity for future generations.

Both Paignton and Newquay Zoos are members of the British & Irish Association of Zoos & Aquariums (BIAZA), a prestigious network of over 100 leading zoos and aquariums committed to conservation, education and scientific research. Paignton Zoo is also a member of the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA), participating in vital European breeding programmes.

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