



The Ussher Society

Geoscience in South-west England

64th Annual Conference

Falmouth, Cornwall



Thursday 14th - Saturday 16th January 2027

First Circular – Call for Papers & Conference Attendance

The Ussher Society is pleased to announce its 64th Annual Conference will be held at the Falmouth Hotel, Falmouth, Cornwall, from the evening of Thursday 14th to Saturday 16th January 2027. This 3-day conference for earth and environmental scientists working in Southwest England and related areas includes two days of presentations, plus a field excursion day. The presentation days will be Thursday & Friday, with oral and/or poster presentations welcome in all areas of geoscience relating to South-west England.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Connecting southwest England's geological past with the geoscientific challenges of the future.

Falmouth and Cornwall occupy a unique position in UK geoscience at a time when the discipline is increasingly focused on delivering the resources and knowledge required for a sustainable future. Cornwall's granites host globally important mineral systems (tin, lithium, tungsten and other critical metals) that are central to the energy transition and low-carbon technologies. Ongoing exploration, mine re-development, geothermal energy projects and advances in subsurface characterisation have placed Cornwall at the forefront of discussions about critical raw materials, responsible resource development and the role of geoscience in achieving net-zero goals. Against this backdrop, Falmouth provides an ideal venue for bringing together researchers, industry specialists and students to explore the latest scientific advances and regional applications.

The geological history of the Falmouth area is strongly interlinked with the evolution of southwest England. The region is underlain largely by Devonian sedimentary and volcanic rocks that were deformed during the late Palaeozoic Variscan Orogeny as continental collision shaped much of western Europe. Subsequent emplacement of the Cornubian Batholith drove extensive hydrothermal activity, creating the mineralised lodes for which Cornwall has become world-renowned.

In addition to the industrial geology the Fal Estuary occupies a deeply incised ria, formed by the post-glacial marine inundation of ancient river valleys, providing one of Britain's finest examples of a drowned coastal landscape and producing the deepest natural harbour in western Europe.

Today, Cornwall continues to serve as a natural laboratory where modern geoscientific challenges intersect with a remarkable geological past, making Falmouth a fitting setting for the 2027 Annual Conference of the Ussher Society. We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to Falmouth and relish the opportunity to re-engage with you.

Provisional Programme

Thursday 14th January

- Conference Registration 08:30 (Conference starts 09:15)
 - Presentations: oral and poster presentations.
 - Scott Simpson Lecture
- Ussher AGM 17:15
- Conference icebreaker drinks 18:15 (drink token included in conference fee).
- The Conference dinner will be in the Falmouth Hotel at 19:30

Friday 15th January

Conference Registration 08:45 (Conference start 09:15)

- Presentations: oral and poster presentations.
- Conference closes at the end of the afternoon session 16:45

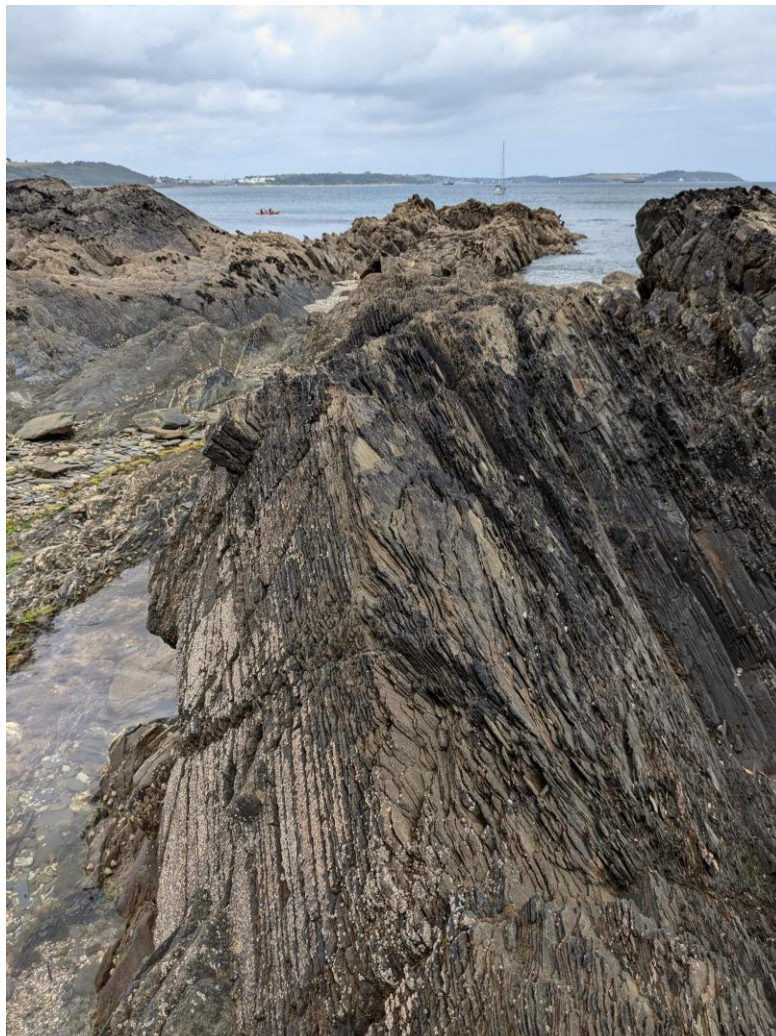
Saturday 16th January

Field excursion.

Details are still being arranged.

Action: Please indicate your interest in participating in the field excursion on the conference booking form.

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Part 2

CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME
The Ussher Society 64th Annual Conference – Falmouth Hotel, Falmouth
Presentation days: Thursday 14th – Friday 15th January 2027

If you wish to contribute to the conference programme, please complete and e-mail this part of the circular to:

Andrew Green (Conference@ussher.org.uk) by **Sunday 6th December**

as an attached MS Word-compatible document.

Confirmation of acceptance will be sent to the author(s) once it has been reviewed and again when the programme is finalised. Abstracts for both oral presentations and posters will be published in the printed conference programme and **if you give acceptance** (see below) will be published on the Ussher Society website as a record of the meeting in our annual Proceedings of the Ussher Society conference abstract volume.

Facilities are now in place for those authors wishing to convert their abstracts into full Journal articles to have them professionally published through our society website free of charge with a quick turnaround time and high print quality. More information will be provided during the AGM.

LEAD NAME AUTHOR:

TELEPHONE/Mobile:

EMAIL (Students please provide a personal email):

I / WE INTEND TO OFFER:

ORAL PRESENTATION ☐ **POSTER** ☐ (please tick which or both)

I / WE PERMIT OUR ABSTRACT TO BE PUBLISHED ON THE USSHER SOCIETY WEBSITE as part of the conference abstract volume (including affiliation / email)
(please tick if you consent) ☐

TITLE:

AUTHOR(S):

Affiliation / ADDRESS (important for abstract volume):

ABSTRACT (MAX 300 WORDS and 1 Figure (can be a collage of several images as you would see in publication))

Part 3

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Note that it is your responsibility to make arrangements/payment for the accommodation you require before, during and after the conference. Please quote **USSHER SOCIETY in any accommodation communications with the hotel.**

The conference venue is the 3 star Falmouth Hotel, Castle Beach, Falmouth, Cornwall, TR11 4NZ. The hotel is set in 5 acres of attractive landscaped gardens and has a prime sea front location. Guests can enjoy some wonderful views over Pendennis Castle and the impressive natural harbour and great sea views from the hotel. This Cornwall Collection hotel is a great venue to meet.

Free car parking is available at the hotel (First come basis). The nearest mainline train stations is Falmouth Docks operated by Great Western Rail. Taxis are available at the stations (about 2 minute taxi drive) or it is a 5min walk from the station to the Hotel.

Full details of the accommodation are available at: www.falmouthhotel.co.uk

Ussher Society Conference 2027 Room Rates

We have negotiated the following special rate with the hotel:

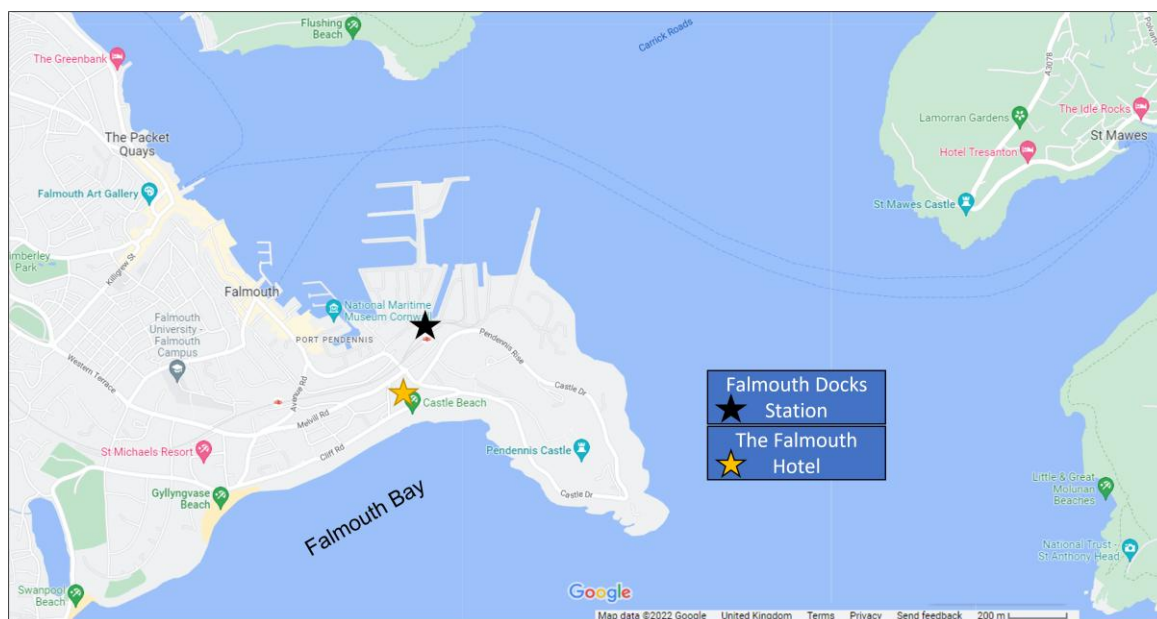
10% off the best available rate at the time of booking

To book with this special discount call up directly to the hotel reception or reservations team and mention the **Ussher Society Conference**.

Demand for rooms is likely to be high so early booking is strongly recommended. The hotel can be contacted on **01326 312671**.

Alternative accommodation can be found in Falmouth e.g. The Lerryn Hotel or Merchants Manor Hotel & Spa.





Part 4

CONFERENCE BOOKING

Please ensure the return of the conference booking form and payment by:

Friday, December 11th 2026.

Note: Several bursary funds are available to contribute towards the cost of full-time students wishing to attend the meeting to present an oral paper.

(contact Andrew Green using Conference@ussher.org.uk for details).

Conference Coordinators 2027: Andrew Green / Charlie Moon

Please return conference forms and payment to:

Email: Conference@ussher.org.uk

Address: Andrew Green, 65 Lane Field Road, Bideford, Devon, EX39 3RD

Please address payment to **"Ussher Society Conference"**

BACS payment to:

Sort Code: 40-20-30

Account No: 91039059

Ref: *Your 1st initial+Surname+E26 e.g. AGreenE26*

Cheque payment to: *Ussher Society Conference*

Ref on cheque back *Your 1st initial+Surname+E26 e.g. AGreenE26*

Your name (1st initial+Surname+E26), e.g. AGreenE26, as BACS Ref is important for us to monitor payments.

CONFERENCE BOOKING FORM

The Ussher Society 64th Annual Conference – Falmouth Hotel, Falmouth
Thursday 14th – Saturday 16th January 2027

NAME:

Member of Ussher Society: YES / NO

Name (& Affiliation) for Conference Badge:

ADDRESS:

Telephone / Mobile:

Email:
(Personal if student)

I wish to register for the conference as follows (please tick where appropriate):

Members' Subsidised Rates:**

@ £20.00

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Full Conference / Non-Members' Rates:

Both conference days @ £70

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Thursday 14th January only @ 42.00

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Friday 15th January only @ £42.00

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Full-time Student Rates:

@ £30.00

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****Subsidised Conference Rates apply for
current fully paid members only**

**Complete the membership form on the next
page to become a member.**

***If you have questions regarding your
membership status please email:
secretary@ussher.org.uk***

**N.B. Registration includes morning/afternoon tea/coffee and lunch at the
conference venue.** Vegetarian and gluten free options will be provided for.

Conference Dinner on Thursday 14th January – @ £43 for 3 courses and coffee

I wish to book the Conference Dinner for person(s) @ £43.00 = £

Please complete the pre-order forms in: **Part 5**

I make payment for £ to "Ussher Society Conference" - by BACS / Cheque (attached)
Please mark to indicate

Signature: Date:

Please tick if you require a receipt: (provided at conference registration)

Field Excursion

I am interested in participating on **Saturday 16th January 2027: YES /NO** for
person(s)

USSHER SOCIETY

Application for Membership



Title

Surname Forenames.....

Address for correspondence

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Post Code.....

Phone/Mobile (incl area code).....

Email

Email Personal (for students).....

Category of membership (and annual subscription) - please tick:

Ordinary (£30) ☐

Student (£15) ☐

University:

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Name of Supervisor:.....Date

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Signature of Supervisor:.....

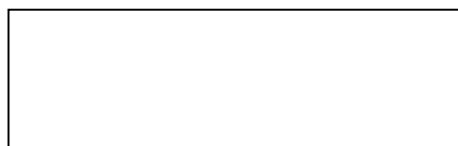
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Either: 1) Set up a standing order with your bank to come out on the 1st of January each year.
The Ussher Society: Account – 91039059, Sort code - 40-20-30 (HSBC Bank) and email the completed application to Secretary@ussher.org.uk & Treasurer@ussher.org.uk

or
subscription should be made payable to **The Ussher Society**.

2) Send the completed application with cheque payment to the Treasurer:

**Mr D. Roche,
Ussher Society (Hon Treasurer),
47, Rivermead Road
Exeter, Devon
EX2 4RH**



I give the Ussher Society permission to use my contact details, for Ussher Society use only, as detailed in the Ussher Society Privacy Policy.

Ussher Society Falmouth 2027

Please see Ussher Society Privacy Policy on our website: <http://ussher.org.uk/membership>

Part 5

CONFERENCE DINNER #1

The Conference Dinner will consist of a pre-order 3-course meal and coffee.

STARTERS

1) Leek, Potato & Spinach Soup (VG)

2) Honey Roasted Ham Hock
Celeriac Remoulade, Apple Puree, Pickled Celery

3) Oak Smoked Salmon
Pickled Cucumber, Fennel

MAINS

4) Slow Braised West Country Beef Steak
Buttered Mash, Thyme Jus

5) Oven Baked Cornish Hake Loin
Cannelinni Bean, Tomato & Vegetable Cassoulet, Basil Pesto

6) Coconut & Cashew Curry (VG)
Basmati rice, Pickled Chillies

DESSERTS

7) Berry Eton Mess (V)
Meringue, Chantilly Cream, Berry Compote

8) Banana Sticky Toffee Pudding (VG)
Salted Caramel Sauce, Vanilla Ice Cream

9) Bramley Apple Crumble (V)
Vanilla Custard

Tea, Coffee and Chocolate Mints
V = Vegetarian VG = Vegan or adaptable for vegan

Name: _____

Dinner Course	Select dinner option number
Starter: 1, 2 or 3	
Main: 4, 5 or 6	
Dessert: 7, 8 or 9	

Part 5

CONFERENCE DINNER #2

The Conference Dinner will consist of a pre-order 3-course meal and coffee.

STARTERS

1) Leek, Potato & Spinach Soup (VG)

2) Honey Roasted Ham Hock
Celeriac Remoulade, Apple Puree, Pickled Celery

3) Oak Smoked Salmon
Pickled Cucumber, Fennel

MAINS

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DESSERTS

7) Berry Eton Mess (V)
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8) Banana Sticky Toffee Pudding (VG)
Salted Caramel Sauce, Vanilla Ice Cream

9) Bramley Apple Crumble (V)
Vanilla Custard

Tea, Coffee and Chocolate Mints
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Name: _____

Dinner Course	Select dinner option number
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