



Devon for Europe

Most campaigning on the EU, whether for or against, has been relentlessly negative. Here, as an antidote, are ten things we in the South West love, or ought to love, about being in the EU.

Ten things to love



1. Clean beaches

Remember when our beaches were too polluted for swimming? Directives and legal action by Brussels forced a clean-up. Today, seven out of the UK's ten best beaches are in the South West.

2. Cornish pasties

Thanks to their "Protected Geographical Status" under EU law, Cornish pasties can only be made west of the Tamar using specified ingredients and methods. The many small businesses that make and sell this tasty regional speciality are protected from cheap imitations mass-produced elsewhere.

3. Hard-working staff

Employees from other EU countries are vital to our economy and public services. They pick our daffodils and spuds, work in our hotels and restaurants, and staff our NHS hospitals and care homes. Most of them pay tax to HMRC.

4. High-speed broadband

Cornwall is at the forefront of national connectivity, thanks to £50 million in EU funding. Improved Internet access has created an estimated 2000 new jobs, many of them in rural areas.

