

## SMART Parking 2016 Night Surf Press Release

The 10<sup>th</sup> of June heralded the first day of the SMART Parking Night Surf taking place at Fistril Beach, Newquay. Now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year this event sees some of the best surfers from across the globe compete, in a rare and yearly event, in which competitors get the opportunity to surf in the dark. Friday evening played host to the first rounds of the Adam's Under 16 Boys, The Fistril Beach Under 18 Boys, The Stable Women's Open and the The SMART Parking Men's Open. Local surfer Luke Dillon surfed well securing his place in the final, with the likes of Alan Stokes and Oli Adams just missing out by a few points to make the criteria for the final. Female surfer Georgia Timson also obtained a spot for Saturday's final in the Women's Open.

Saturday saw the second day of the Night Surf take place, after a beautiful day with the sun shining a crowd gathered on the beach, to not only watch a high display of surfing but also catch a cheeky glimpse of the England, Russia game of the 15ft portable screen located in Fistril Beach's car park. The finals of the Night Surf saw some impressive radical manoeuvres across all the categories. As a pushing neap tide brought the surfers closer to the illuminated beach and a supportive crowd. Stanley Norman took the win of the Adam's Under 16 Boys, scoring one of the most impressive waves of the heat. Will Bailey, took his win in the Fistril Beach Under 18 Boy's over favourite Harry DeRoth. Despite her best attempts Georgia Timson couldn't quite take the win over renowned Keshia Eyre, who in the final 5 minutes of her heat slashed her way to the win with the highest scoring wave of the women's category. The final was fought out between one Newquay surfer and three Bude boy's, the competition saw precise, controlled and dynamic surfing manoeuvres take place, with competitors not wearing leashes due to dumping shore break and jumping directly onto the beach. Unfortunately Luke's efforts weren't enough to secure his win, Reubyn Ash in the final moments secured a high scoring wave that was too tough to beat. Jobe Harris claimed third and Reubyn's brother Joss Ash took fourth. To end this exciting and dynamic event as the presentations finished an impressive display of fireworks took to the sky over the headland at Fistril Beach in which competitors and spectators took and seat enjoyed the display and sunk a Korev, who also sponsored this high profile event.