

Artist Description of Essence of Padstow

I have used the Old Customs House wall as the backdrop for this graffiti based painting.

Top left represents all the German tourists who come to pay homage to Prideaux Place, the home of Rosamunde Pilcher films and television series. Winde uber dem Meer, Winds across the Sea, was a 2007 film. The stag head indicates the herd of deer kept at Prideaux Place.

Just popping out of the window is a reminder of the renowned National Lobster Hatchery.

The Chough is on the window with his pasty to celebrate Chough Bakery and their award winning pasties.

We cannot have Padstow without the RNLI emblem as a thank you to both the crew and the team of fundraisers.

Below this is the well known Kernow flag, flag of Cornwall, and Paul Ainsworth. Then a dripping ice cream cone to represent all our summer visitors. Taking central stage is Rick Stein, and just underneath Prawn on the Lawn.

The bicycle leaning on the telephone box is representing the popular Camel Trail and the huge numbers that ride their bikes along it.

This picture could not be complete without reference to the famous May Day celebrations. The traditional Obby Oss, and the words from the song in the foreground, are shown along with beer bottles and the Golden Lion, the historic home of the Oss.

The newspaper mentions the popular Christmas Food Festival held in December while every year swimmers take part in the charity swim from Padstow to Rock in support of the Marie Curie charity. The Blue Paw Prints represent every breed of dog that seem to visit, along with their owners, all year round.

And finally my own Tag... the black faced sheep !

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