

2.0 LOCATION AND LANDSCAPE SETTING

2.1 Location

Nancherrow and Tregeseal are in the extreme west of the County within the upper Kenidjack Valley, about a quarter of a mile north and north-east of St Just and about a mile from the valley's outfall into the sea at Cape Cornwall. They are both within the parish of St Just, in Penwith District.

2.2 Landscape Setting

Nancherrow and Tregeseal are small villages sitting in the relatively deep and steep sided valley to the north of St Just.

Known by various names along its length, it is here referred to as the Nancherrow Valley (or just 'the valley') for ease of reference. It is the largest of a small number of deep, sheltered stream valleys along the coast of the Penwith peninsula that run westwards (or north-west) from the moors over the coastal plain to the sea.

The villages are approximately 80m above sea level, tucked beneath the steep hill that rises to St Just to the south. There are many trees marking the stream's course while, above the valley, the land is more open, whether fields or moor land.



Taken from the lane where Tregeseal meets Nancherrow this photo illustrates St Just's close proximity

More than most other industrial settlements in the St Just area, Nancherrow and Tregeseal are sheltered and inward looking, but with an intimate connection with St Just emphasised by the views and vistas across the valley. Typically seen from the eastern approaches to St Just, the roofscape of the cottage rows is seen among the trees of the valley bottom

against a backdrop of the mining and farming landscape.

On the northern valley slope is a series of large 'polite' houses in mature grounds taking advantage of the south-facing aspect with a picturesque series of walls, terraces and garden buildings, surrounded by prominent trees, many of them evergreens. Beyond them are scattered farms on the higher ground. The most prominent buildings on the ridgeline now are the large agricultural barns at Higher Tregeseal, Highfield, Tregeseal Hill, and Busvargus.



The position in a valley bottom is no better appreciated than when approaching Nancherrow from St Just. Properties on the elevated No Go By Hill are clearly visible with properties set closer to the valley floor still nestled behind dense vegetation



Properties on Tregeseal Hill form a distinct group within the landscape.