

2.0 LOCATION AND LANDSCAPE SETTING

2.1 Location

Trewellard is on the narrow coastal plain west of the Penwith Moors, north of St Just on the B3306 St Just to St Ives coast road between Carnyorth and Pendeen, and about half a mile from the sea. It lies within St. Just parish in the far west of Cornwall.



From the moor land of Carn Eanes there are impressive views of the former mining settlements. This view of Jubilee Place with the entrance to Geevor beyond and the Levant mines, within an improved agricultural landscape, clinging to the cliffs behind shows how important the wider setting is to the Conservation Area

2.2 Landscape Setting

Trewellard Conservation Area is made up of three elements: Lower Trewellard, Trewellard Cross and Hillside with Jubilee Place located to the north. These three places, like most of the mining settlements in this part of West Penwith, are strung out along the main north-south road (B3306) that follows the foot of the steep slopes up to the moors. Important south-east to north-west cross-routes lead from the high moors, over the road to the older agricultural settlements on the plain (Lower Trewellard) and on to the coast. The mines followed the same broadly east-west trends leading from the coast to the moors creating a ladder-like structure to the settlement along the slopes of Trewellard Hill.

To the west of the main road, the landscape consists mostly of the large cleared fields of an improved agricultural landscape with only occasional remains of the once extensive areas of mine waste dumps, and less of the medieval field systems that were once here. Further out on the coastal zone, particularly visible from the high ground to the east, the line of stacks and winding heads set against the backdrop of the sea is still a prominent landscape feature.

The landscape to the east is, in contrast, more enclosed and small-scale, dominated by small hillside enclosures set amongst the long lines of the old mine dumps semi-derelict smallholdings, thick stone walls and tracks leading up onto the moors.

The approach over the moors and into Trewellard down Trewellard Hill is one of the main views and a major delight of the area. The view from the higher moor land is one of the classic images of this part of Cornwall, looking out across the disturbed ground and small fields of old moor-land grazing and mine-working, over the relatively low huddle of roofs, past what is now green farmland, to the disused or ruinous mine buildings along the coast, and with the sea and Scilly beyond. Few buildings stand out in this view - the chief one being the Methodist Chapel, the former Bible Christian Chapel less so, the other major impact being the large agricultural buildings north of Trewellard Manor Farm, reinforcing the current character of the area as now primarily agricultural.



The medieval field systems are incredibly important to the setting of Trewellard and are particularly well preserved towards the moors. The view here looking eastwards from Jubilee Place.