

Bedruthan to Padstow

Key Features

The headlands along this coast stand above the level of the fields on the plateau inland, due to the hardness of the Greenstone intrusions from which they are formed. Easily eroded shales and slates back the bays and coves between the headlands as at Harlyn Bay, Trevone, Treyarnon, and Mother Ivey's Bay.

Views are open and expansive due to the lack of trees. The views from Stepper Point over the Camel Estuary and towards both the Atlantic and Bodmin Moor are of note.

Character

The landscape pattern is comprised of mainly medium-sized fields of medieval enclosure, supporting a mix of arable land and pasture. The landscape has been tamed by the enclosure of formerly coastal heathland to the cliff edges, and the development of the golf course at Constantine Bay. The hedgerows support Tamarisk trees which survive the salty blasts of Atlantic winds and provide shelter.

Built Heritage

The slate geology is reflected in the character of the housing, stone walls and lanes. Many buildings, whether cottages, farmhouses or Victorian villas, are built of slate. The herringbone pattern of stone walls is typical of the area. Many of the walls contain bracken, ferns and brambles, with attractive grasses and wildflowers.

Many farming settlements in the area have the prefix Tre-, indicating an early medieval origin and this is in line with the field pattern. Modern developments on cliff tops around Constantine, Trevone and Mother Ivey's Bay are highly prominent.

