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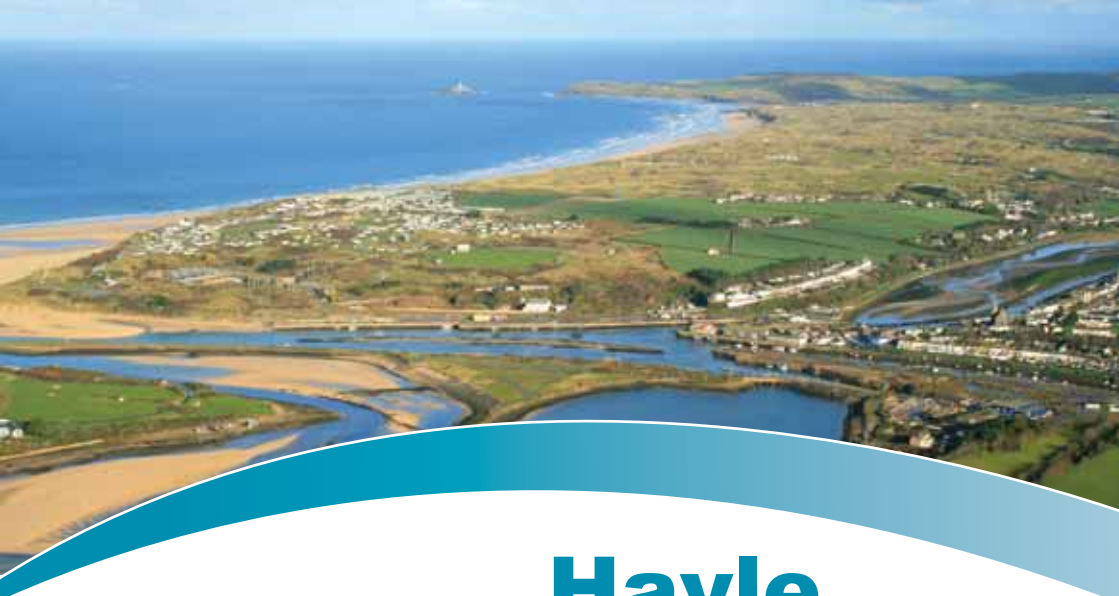
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## Welcome to Hayle

Surrounding a beautiful estuary on the edge of St. Ives Bay, Hayle offers an excellent base for holidays, touring - or establishing a business. Hayle's three miles of soft golden sand, wide variety of accommodation, shops and restaurants and easy access to other parts of the duchy make the town a delightful place to live, work or holiday.

It is the GATEWAY TO WEST CORNWALL...

# Hayle – A World Heritage Site



On 13th July 2006 select mining landscapes across Cornwall and West Devon were inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site - and the Port of Hayle was one of these sites. Why was Hayle selected for this prestigious honour?

It is hard today to imagine the steam, smoke, horse-drawn wagons and an extremely active harbour that characterised Hayle at the height of its prosperity. Between 1820 and 1870 Harvey & Co. and its bitter rival the Cornish Copper Company were at their peak producing a large percentage of the world's steam engines, forging huge castings in their foundries and servicing and supporting the numerous tin and copper mines in the region.

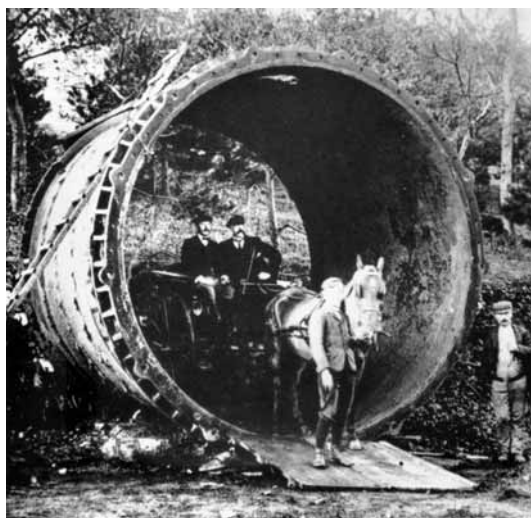
These two companies gave their names to the two parts of Hayle: Copperhouse and Foundry. Hayle's port was once one of the busiest in the world and Foundry Square, where Henry Harvey had his office, was a major focal point in the Industrial Revolution.

Among many other engineering feats, Harvey's Foundry produced the largest steam engine in the world, the Cruquius Engine, which was used until 1932 to drain the Haarlemmermeer in Holland.

To find out more about Hayle's amazing history, pick up a copy of the Discover Hayle map (at shops, the council office or the library) which will lead you to the 51 blue plaques around town. Many of these include the World Heritage Site logo and show you places that have 'shaped your world'.



The more you discover Hayle, the more you will understand its designation as a World Heritage Site.



*The photograph shows the first 12 foot casting for the Cruquius engine. The casting failed and a second had to be made.*

# A Circular Walk Around Hayle

Hayle has two commercial centres, Copperhouse and Foundry. These are named after the Cornish Copper Company, which ran a copper smelter and other works between 1758 and about 1860, and the foundry established by John Harvey in 1779, which finally closed in 1903. Although it is hard to imagine today, Hayle was a major part of the Industrial Revolution when it led the world in the design and supply of high-pressure steam engines.

If you arrive at Hayle railway station, you will be in 'Foundry'. Let's start our discovery in Foundry Square at the Information Panel, which is set in the wall of the enclosed area in front of Lloyds Bank and gives a brief history of the Square. The bank building was constructed in the 1850s and has served as the Foundry Market House, a cinema and a store house before taking on its present role.

In 1838 Henry Harvey built the White Hart Hotel to provide more spacious accommodation than the original 1824 hotel owned by Jane Trevithick, wife of Richard Trevithick, which still stands next door and is now the Freemasons' Hall. Both buildings dominate the centre of the square.

On the opposite side of the road is Barclays Bank, formerly Harvey & Co.'s Emporium, the stately brick façade of the Cornubia Biscuit Factory, renamed Foundry House, and the Harvey & Co.'s Office and Counting House. Inside the building are specially designed cast-iron columns to hold up the floor of the steel-lined Strong Room above. It also has its original Victorian tiled toilets.





*Lady of the Sea by Max Barratt*

The original Hayle Station once stood on the seaward side of the Square. The terminus of the Hayle Railway, opened in 1837, was situated in front of the magnificent viaduct, built in 1852 by the West Cornwall Railway to Isambard Kingdom Brunel's design. The original viaduct, which was made of wooden trestle, stood for 34 years before being rebuilt in granite in 1886. It is said that it is the only viaduct in Britain that a main road passes under twice. Nearby, on the Helston Road, are the Millpond and Rope Walk, now restored as a wildlife area and park.

Now pass under the viaduct and walk up Penpol Terrace, keeping the harbour on your left. Many of the shops on the right-hand side are built in the front gardens of the terrace. This is because Harvey's paid its workers in tokens that could only be redeemed in the company's 'emporium'. When this practice ended, and workers were free to spend their earnings anywhere, there was no room to build shops to meet the demand - except the front gardens.

On the harbour side is a memorial to Hayle-born Rick Rescorla, who died in the September 11, 2001 attacks on the New York World Trade Centre buildings while leading the evacuation efforts. A little further on is a wooden sculpture called "Lady of the Sea", presented to the town in 1993 by renowned local sculptor Max Barrett. Now turn the corner taking a look at the town's original 18th-century jail, on the right, next to the Royal Standard Inn.

Opposite the jail are an old railway bridge and the flood control gate. Leave the main road and cross the bridge with Copperhouse Pool on your right and the estuary on the left. Follow the footpath past the Town Swimming Pool, where you can stop for tea or a dip when the lifeguards are on duty during the summer season. The building between the pool and the harbour is the Customs House, built in 1862 and now home to the Hayle Harbour Company Limited.

From the swimming pool, follow the edge of Copperhouse Pool along King George V Memorial Walk. We have now left 'Foundry' and are heading towards 'Copperhouse'. This beautiful walk is approximately 3/4 of a mile long and was purchased from the G.W.R. and Harvey & Co. to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary in 1935. The gardens were laid out with the help of the Harvey family, but are being constantly improved through the hard work of our local gardeners and the Hayle in Bloom group, which has won several Gold awards in recent years in the South West in Bloom competitions.

*Old Sluiceways installed on King George V Memorial Walk*





The King George V Arboretum, which is laid out parallel to the Memorial Walk, is a very fine collection of specimen trees planted in 1952. It was the gift of the Harvey family to the people of Hayle.

In September 1998 the Memorial Walk was adopted as Hayle's Millennium Project and has been totally upgraded to include subtropical gardens. New street lights and seating have been installed plus decorative lighting for Christmas and summer illuminations along the water's edge.

Part of the road forms the Hayle section of Cornwall's Cycleway and a 'scent and touch' garden has been planted for the blind. All these projects were devised and supported by local community groups and the local Councils.

To the right is Copperhouse Pool, which was enclosed in 1788. With its black scoria block retaining walls, it was used as a Storage Reservoir to hold back the water at high tide. At low water this was released, thus scouring out the channels leading towards the sea, allowing large ships to enter the harbour. Scoria is a waste product from copper smelters, recycled as a building material unique to Hayle.

At the end of the walk, crossing the end of Copperhouse Pool, are the Black Road and the two-arched Black Bridge, built of scoria blocks from the Smelting Works in 1818 as part of the access road to Riviere for the Cornish Copper Company's



*Looking from King George V Memorial Walk across Copperhouse Pool*

managers. Cross the Black Bridge and take a look to the right for wading birds, and to the left, in Wilson's Pool, for birds attracted to the thick reed beds of the salt marsh - such as the Pied Wagtail.

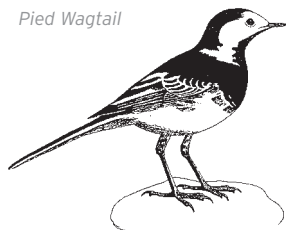
Follow the recently improved (for the 2012 Royal Jubilee) path to the end and Hayle Recreation Ground will be in front of you - across the road that leads to Phillack and on to the three miles of golden sands. The recreation ground has an excellent play area for young children and a top class skate bowl.



It's fun to watch even if you can't join in. Return to the main road and turn right back towards Foundry. You are now in Copperhouse and close to where the Cornish Copper Company's smelters poured smoke into the air. There is little left now to remind us of those industrial days when the Cornubia, the first railway engine to be designed and built in Cornwall, giant links for the Saltash Bridge and countless beam and pumping engines for the world's mines were forged.

Continue along the main road to return to the starting point. On the way you will pass the terracotta frontage of Hayle's old cinema, the War Memorial and, opposite that, the Passmore Edwards Institute, Hayle's village hall. As you continue back towards Foundry you will pass St Elwyn's Church. Prominent on the cliff overlooking the harbour, it was designed and built in 1887 by Cornish architect John Dando Sedding. Continue back down Penpol Terrace until you reach Foundry Square again.

*Pied Wagtail*



Of course, there is much more to explore. From Foundry Square you can take the Helston Road and in only 1/4 mile you will arrive at the Millpond, where you will almost certainly see a wide range of wild life, including our resident swans. This park includes an amphitheatre for outdoor entertainment and a ropewalk - a long straight path where ropes were laid out during their manufacture.

Taking the Penzance Road from Foundry leads to the Plantation on the left-hand side. This pleasant garden boasts fine views from the higher levels - where you will also find an information panel. If you keep your eyes open you will also see the Cunaide Stone, the oldest Roman inscribed stone in Cornwall (ca.533AD). Down at road level there is a mortar from the Crimean War, which was cast at Harvey's Foundry.

For a much more detailed look at the history and natural environment of Hayle, please refer to "Footloose in Hayle," available for download from [www.hayletowncouncil.net](http://www.hayletowncouncil.net)



# History

As the sea levels rose at the end of the last Ice Age and separated Britain from Europe, river valleys flooded and created the two main estuaries in Hayle, protected from Atlantic storms by a system of rocky outcrops that became the base of the sand dune system.

This fortunate sheltered tidal system encouraged human settlement from the Bronze Age and probably before. There is evidence to suggest sailors from Ireland and mainland Europe visited as early as 1500BC, probably for tin trading. In Roman times ships travelled up the estuary as far as St. Erth and by 500AD Irish missionaries had brought Christianity to West Cornwall.

From the Middle Ages the land surrounding what became Hayle was shared amongst six manors and split between the parishes of St. Erth and Phillack. In the 18th century the town was at the forefront of the Industrial Revolution.

The fledgling port fed the mines of West Cornwall with coal and timber, and competing iron foundries at both ends of the town spread into communities: Harvey & Co. in the west with Richard Trevithick, William West and Arthur Woolf as talented engineers and innovators, and the Cornish Copper Company in the east, making iron and chains for Brunel, engines and later copper goods.

The port developed with more quays and wharves. A steam packet shipping service plied between Hayle and Bristol and a very early steam railway was built to link with the Camborne and Redruth mining areas.

In 2006 Hayle's historical role was recognised with its inclusion in the Cornwall and West Devon Mining World Heritage Site. The estuaries are now largely owned by the RSPB and managed as protected reserves and part of the Hayle Estuary and Carrick Gladden SSSI. Unusually they are bordered by roads and trails which give excellent vantage points for viewing the birdlife.

The sand dune system that separates the estuaries from the Atlantic is known as Towans (from the Cornish for 'sand dunes') and at various times has been the site of mines, extensive explosives works and an imposing and iconic coal fired power station. The Towans are now an impressive backdrop to one of the best loved bays and finest stretches of beaches in the UK, with sunbathing, swimming, surfing, kite surfing, hang gliding and the full range of seaside sports and activities.

Although proud of its heritage, Hayle is also forward looking: the site of the demolished power station has been reborn as the base for the pioneering Wave Hub project for testing wave powered electricity generating devices; Renewable Energy Industry projects have been warmly welcomed and the historic harbour is part way through a multi-million pound redevelopment of retail, leisure and housing. Hayle is a dynamic optimistic town looking to realise its potential as a fine place to live and an exciting place to visit or start a business.

# Visitor Information

## Walkers

Hayle is on the South West Coast Path, which runs from Minehead in Somerset to South Haven Point near Poole in Dorset. At 630 miles long, it is the longest national trail in Britain. Heading west takes you along the beautiful stretch to St. Ives and on to Zennor and Land's End. Heading east takes you along the Towans and the best beach in Cornwall, to Godrevy Lighthouse and on to Newquay. The walks to St. Ives and Godrevy are suitable for the more casual walker and provide plenty of places for sitting and enjoying the view.

If you are more interested in a stroll, do take our two-mile circular walk around Hayle. There are plenty of cafés, pubs, pasty shops and restaurants on the route.

## Beach Lovers

Hayle is renowned for its three miles of golden sands. Stretching from Hayle Towans, along the Black Cliffs, through Mexico Towans, Upton Towans and Gwithian all the way to Godrevy, the beaches are well used but never appear overcrowded due to the expanse of the dune-edged sands.

In 2014 a new Beach Access Path was opened at Riviere Towans, adjacent to The Bluff Inn. This makes access to the beach easier for beach lovers, particularly those with disabilities and families with pushchairs and equipment.

The eastern and western ends of the beaches are served by a number of pubs, cafés, toilets and car parks. Sections of the beach are patrolled by RNLI lifeguards from 10.00am to 6.00pm, May to September - look for the red and yellow flags.







## Bird Watchers

Much of Hayle Estuary is in the ownership of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). It is important as it is the only estuary in the far west and, being well sheltered, provides the first resting place for many migratory birds. In the winter you can see Wigeon, Teal, Shelduck, Dunlin and Curlew, but a visit at any time is bound to yield something of interest. Be sure to visit the RSPB hide at Ryan's Field just outside Hayle, on Chennalls Road, where there is a chalkboard with reports of all the latest sightings. Go to [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk) and look for the entry on Hayle Estuary for the latest information.

To find our recently returned Cornish Choughs you must visit either Lizard Point or the area between Land's End and St. Just. We still have only a few breeding pairs so you will need a little luck to spot them.

## Cyclists

Hayle offers wonderful opportunities for cyclists. Located in a very hilly county, the town is relatively flat making it easy for riders to access the centres of Copperhouse and Foundry and other community facilities. The King George V Memorial Walk forms part of the Cornwall Cycleway and there is a safe cycle route to the rest of the town, taking riders in the direction of St. Erth. For the more adventurous and perhaps fitter cyclist, there are various interesting routes, many of which are quiet byways that provide access to the surrounding coast and countryside.

For more information see: [www.sustrans.org](http://www.sustrans.org)

## Extreme Sports

There has been a surge of interest in extreme sports in recent years and Hayle has been at the forefront of a wide range of beach related sports - especially those where wind plays an important role. There are many surfing operations and independent surfers who favour Hayle's three miles of golden sands for its range of surf and all-tides access. Wet suits and equipment can be bought or hired in Hayle. Windsurfing continues to have a presence, and the waters off the beach provide one of the best training areas for driving a boat in the surf - and we have some of the best instructors.

For a different experience, there is a growing band of beach users who stay on the beach for their wind-powered sports. There are kites often seen on and off the water, driving boards on the water and boards and buggies on the beach. Add to this Land Speedsails (overgrown skateboards with windsurfer rigs) and Blokarts (go-karts with a sail) sometimes doing over 50mph, and things are getting quite busy.



All of these sports hold competitions in the area, and we are fast becoming one of the premier venues for these extreme sports in the UK and even Europe.

## Sports Clubs, Social Groups and Organisations

Hayle is lucky to have in excess of 25 sports clubs within the town, so there is something for everyone. Sports available include running, bowling, archery, cricket, football, rugby, netball, surf lifesaving, tennis, canoeing, judokwai and many, many more.

Similarly, Hayle is blessed with great community spirit and there are many social groups and clubs providing for a wide array of interests and activities. There are art clubs, whist drives, youth clubs, musical bands, choirs, Scouts and Girl Guide groups, a twinning association (Hayle is linked with Pordic in Brittany) as well as many charitable organisations, such as the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, British Heart Foundation, and St Julia's Hospice Support Team to name but a few, which are always keen to recruit new volunteers.

Again, you are sure to find something to interest you.



Whether you are just visiting, new to the town or simply looking for a new hobby, please contact the Town Clerk on 01736 755005 or [townclerk@hayletowncouncil.net](mailto:townclerk@hayletowncouncil.net) for contact details for all the organisations in the town.

## Archaeologists

There is much to delight the keen archaeologist in and around Hayle. Whether your interests lie in the Mesolithic or in the 18th-century industrial era, or anywhere in between, there is much to discover here.

Within sight of Hayle is Tren crom Hill, a Neolithic tor enclosure well worth a visit for the view alone - both the north and south coasts can be easily seen, as can St. Michael's Mount. (Map Ref: SW517363, Landranger Map Number: 203.)



Unique in Britain to Cornwall is the underground chamber known as a fogou. A fine example is at Carn Euny, which includes a well-excavated Iron Age village (Map Ref. SW402288). In Hayle you will find the oldest inscribed Roman monument in Cornwall, the Cunaide Stone. It is now mounted in a wall at the Plantation to the western end of Hayle. The adjacent translation is now considered incorrect and should read: "Here in peace lately went to rest Cunaide. Here in the grave she lies. She lived 33 years." The stone was found about 200m away during road construction.

Although copper and tin mines and their distinctive engine houses abound in Cornwall, some of the finest examples can be found on the north coast at Botallack, near St. Just. Here you will find marvellous examples of cliff-edge engine houses and, nearby at Geevor, an underground tour of a real 18th-century tin mine.

In Hayle, be sure to visit the recently restored Foundry Farm, just five minutes from Foundry Square, featuring workshops for local artisans. Nearby are the Millpond and Ropewalk with plenty of information panels explaining the many remaining historic items.









## Hayle Twinning Association

Hayle is twinned with Pordic, on the Côtes d'Armor in Brittany, France. The relationship between the two towns was cemented by the signing of a Declaration of Friendship in May 1997. Right from the start, it was felt that there were strong connections between the two Celtic towns, and this sense of camaraderie has ensured the continuation of this cross-channel friendship. Annual exchange visits occur between the associations. In May the Bretons stay with families in Hayle and the hospitality is

returned in September when visitors from Hayle are made welcome by their French counterparts.

Hayle Twinning Association meets monthly and actively fundraises all year round. Membership is open to all: individuals, couples and families.

See [www.hayletowncouncil.net](http://www.hayletowncouncil.net) for contact details.

*The coast in the vicinity of Pordic*



# Hayle in Bloom



The town of Hayle has been involved with Britain in Bloom South West for over ten years - winning many awards in the process. These have included Gold in the South West Area competition, cups for the 'Best in Class' and Silver Gilt in the National Britain in Bloom competition.

The Hayle Committee is very active and welcomes newcomers at all levels of ability. The town has only a small team of gardeners, so Hayle in Bloom, which has dozens of members, works with them to help in the tremendous task of keeping the town looking its best.

A successful initiative is Adopt-a-Plot, where many of our volunteers take on a specific flower bed or area to weed, plant and tend at many locations throughout the town.

The aim of Hayle in Bloom is to create a very pleasant environment for residents and visitors alike, and the tremendous community spirit we have in our town makes this easy and enjoyable to achieve.



## The Towans of Hayle



The following is taken from our 1961 Town Guide: The language is 'flowery' but the sentiments hold true.

"The word 'Towan' is from our old Cornish language meaning 'sand hill' or 'sand-dune'. The Towans, which extend from Hayle to Godrevy, form a fine, natural contrasting scenic background to the blue waters of the bay.

The play of light and shade on the waving grasses of the higher sand hills is particularly attractive when viewed from inland. This great natural landscape has been designated as an 'Area of Great Landscape Value'. At Godrevy, the Towans are included in the National Trust ownership which extends along the cliffs beyond Hell's Mouth.

A walk across the Towans in the early morning is an exhilarating experience; the extremely fine short grasses and the tiny flowers form a natural carpet with a luxurious 'pile'. The scent of the bruised wild thyme and camomile fills the air as you walk; innumerable larks rise from the grass ahead as you approach, and as they climb into the blue sky they fill the air with their song.

On a sunny morning the view from the Towans across the bay to St. Ives is indescribably lovely, with the town clustering around the harbour and the hills rising behind - the whole is reminiscent of a view of the Riviera coast on the Mediterranean.

The island of Godrevy with its lighthouse is in close view and every detail stands out in the clear air.

Sunbathing can be practised here to perfection in the many sunny hollows scalloped out of the grassy sand-dunes.

It is interesting to see how the marram grasses bind the loose areas of sand together until the finer grasses finally take hold. The result is that there is little or no sand in the air even in a fresh breeze and a picnic is a sheer delight under these conditions.

The South West Coast Path follows the line of the sand hills but, in order to avoid the 'ups and downs' most people walk along the firm sands of the beach at this point."



# Villages

## Gwinear and Gwithian

Gwinear lies on high ground south-east of Hayle and is composed of scattered farms and houses. There is archaeological evidence that farming in this area goes back to at least the 2nd century BC. Gwinear was the son of an Irish pagan king and is reputed to have been slaughtered together with his companions by the Cornish pagan king Theodorick.

Silver and copper mines and related industries were important in the 18th and 19th centuries, but as elsewhere in Cornwall these industries have now declined. In those days, it was a thriving mining community and one of the first steam engines ever built was installed at the Herland mine in 1758. The churchyard contains the tomb of John Harvey, founder of the famous Hayle Foundry.

Gwithian Churchtown lies almost at sea level, with its nearby beach popular with families, surfers and a variety of recreational activities. In medieval times this was an important settlement but always subject to shifting sands which buried the ancient oratory. The later church, pub and historic chapel form the centre of the small hamlet.

A large area of the original dunes now comprises St. Gothian Sands Nature Reserve which leads to Godrevy Head and its famous lighthouse, dating from 1859. The extensive towans, seaward of the village, are worth exploring, including an area which was once the site of the National Explosive Works (closed 1919).

## St. Erth

St. Erth was also an important point on the north/south travel route through the duchy with ships sailing up the river to the village before their goods were carried overland to Marazion. In the centre of St. Erth is the Star Inn, an old coaching inn dating to the 14th century. St. Erth provided clay which was used to fix miners' candles on their hats to work underground, and sand which was used in the local foundries - it contained clay and was very malleable for the moulds.

The village takes its name from St. Erc, one of the many saints who brought Christianity from Ireland, and the church dates from 1215, although it is claimed there is a site of an earlier one nearby.



## Angarrack

On the eastern outskirts of Hayle (follow the signs from the Loggans Roundabout), this village is noted for its outstanding railway viaduct, built in 1852. A tin smelting works was established here in 1704, the remains of which have been converted into a house and can be seen in the village centre. Coal was landed at Hayle and taken by mule to Angarrack until a railway was built (1837) with a static engine hauling the trucks up the steep incline commemorated by the aptly named Steamers Hill. It is at the bottom of this hill that you will find the 18th century Angarrack Inn. In recent years the village has become well known for its Christmas lights.

## Phillack

A small 'village' between Hayle and the dunes, this ancient Christian and Celtic site is remarkable for its Norman Church (restored 1856), originally established by St. Piala in the 6th century. The inscribed 'Chi-Rho' embedded in the south porch dates from the 5th century and makes this one of the earliest Christian outposts in Cornwall. There is also an ancient well.

The pub near the church, which dates from the 18th century, is traditionally named the Bucket of Blood. Its name and smuggling heritage is witnessed by the story that a customs officer was murdered and thrown down the well from where the unsuspecting landlord drew up a bucket of bloody water.



## Places to Visit



*Heartlands at Pool*

**St Ives** is famous for its clear light and is home to the Tate Gallery. There are numerous things to see and do in this quaint fishing village: beaches, restaurants, boat trips and galleries. As parking is limited, the frequent bus service and the scenic park and ride rail service from St. Erth are alternatives. The railway line follows the coast with wonderful views of the Bay.

**Penzance** is a busy market town and birthplace of the famous scientist Sir Humphry Davy. It is noted for its promenade, art deco outdoor bathing pool, shops, restaurants and indoor pool and sports centre. Penlee House Gallery and Museum has a remarkable collection of paintings including many from the Newlyn School of artists. Penzance is also the departure point for the Isles of Scilly by ferry.

**St Michael's Mount** is connected to the ancient borough of Marazion by a tidal causeway and is home to the iconic castle (National Trust).

**Mousehole** is a typical Cornish fishing village clustered closely around its harbour.

**Helston**, home of the famous Furry Dance, is an attractive town with a boating lake and museum.

**Camborne, Redruth & Pool** is Cornwall's largest conurbation, with useful shopping centres and was an important mining area, with many remaining mining features. Heartlands in Pool is part of the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site and is Cornwall's 'first free cultural playground on a grand scale'.

**The Lizard** is Britain's most southerly point with a prominent lighthouse.

**Land's End** is England's most westerly point with attractions, displays and a hotel. It is also home to the famous End-to-End signpost showing directions to John O' Groats.

**Falmouth** is a larger town with a sea front, beaches, extensive dockyards and also provides access via river boats to the Fal, Helford and St. Mawes. Falmouth is home to the National Maritime Museum.

**Newquay** is Cornwall's major tourist destination and famous surfing centre.

**Truro** is Cornwall's principal town with shops, a Cathedral and the 'Hall for Cornwall' Theatre.

**Isles of Scilly.** This cluster of Islands, 28 miles WSW of Land's End, is reached by ferry - 2 hours 40 minutes from Penzance; or 15 minutes by Skybus from Land's End or from Newquay. Other islands are reached by ferry from the principal town, Hughtown on St. Mary's, including Tresco with its fantastic tropical gardens.

### Other attractions to visit close by:

**Paradise Park** - Hayle's own award-winning visitor attraction. Suitable for all weathers with the indoor JungleBarn providing great fun for all ages.

**Flambards** - Helston. Cornwall's largest theme park.

**Godrevy** - Site of the Lighthouse made famous by Virginia Woolf in her novel *'To the Lighthouse'*. This headland is owned by the National Trust and affords a glorious view of the whole of St. Ives Bay, a safe swimming beach, a coastal footpath and a place to relax.

**Trencrom Hill** - The site of an Iron Age hill fort, the climb to the top of the hill provides views up the Cornish coast as far as Trevoze Head. From the hill you can see both the north and south coasts and the glorious countryside which surrounds the area. Take the B3111 to St. Ives, follow the signs towards Lelant Downs and then Trencrom. Car parking is available on the south and north sides and admission is free (National Trust).

### Coastal Footpath

Hayle stands on the famous coastal path which stretches from Minehead on the north coast right the way round to Dorset on the south coast. Sections along the North Cliffs (take the B3301 towards Portreath and park on the cliffs) and the stretch between Lelant and St. Ives (take the B3074 to Lelant and park near the church) are particularly beautiful.

### Hell's Mouth

Located half way between Hayle and Portreath on the B3301, if you stop here you will find spectacular views and cliffs.

### Further away:

**The Eden Project** - St. Austell

**Trebah Gardens** - Constantine

**The Lost Gardens of Heligan** - Mevagissey



Godrevy Lighthouse, Gwithian (inspiration for Virginia Woolf's *'To the Lighthouse'*).



## Day Tours from Hayle

The following are suggested routes by road which visit interesting places and provide some wonderful views:

1. The road along the coast from St. Ives to Land's End (B3300) is twisting but very interesting. Stop along the way in Zennor, explore Gurnard's Head, visit the Geevor Tin Mine or enjoy the views at Cape Cornwall (St. Just-in-Penwith). Consider parking at Sennen Cove and walking along the coastal footpath for a mile each way to Land's End.
2. Drive through the village of St. Erth across the peninsula to Marazion. You can walk across the causeway to St. Michael's Mount or take the boat if the tide is in. Return to Hayle along the A394 and then the B3302, stopping at the beaches of Perranuthnoe or Praa Sands with its golf course or visit the fishing port of Porthleven.
3. The coast road in a north-easterly direction (B3301) takes you through Gwithian, Portreath (once an important port), Perranporth (a fabulous beach) and thence to Newquay, Cornwall's premier seaside town.
4. The Lizard Peninsula, England's most southerly point, is marked by a small town, a lighthouse and a lifeboat station. Make your way there through Helston and visit the villages of Mullion or Kynance Cove on the coast or Lizard village for the serpentine shops.
5. From Penzance take the Newlyn road, perhaps stopping to explore the port or the quaint village of Mousehole nearby before making your way to the small harbour of Lamorna Cove. Finally you will reach Porthcurno with its beach, Telegraph Museum and the marvellous Minack Theatre carved out of the side of the cliff.
6. The Roseland Peninsula is further afield but well worth a visit. Take the King Harry Ferry from the Trelissick Estate (off the A39) near Truro, visit the Church on the River Fal at St. Just-in-Roseland before reaching St. Mawes. Here you will see the Tudor Castle, with its twin (Pendennis) across the water above the important maritime town of Falmouth, (home of the National Maritime Museum); this can be visited from St. Mawes by foot passenger ferry or by road on a separate trip.

## Quick Directory

### LOCAL POLICE/EMERGENCY SERVICES

HAYLE POLICE STATION, Sea Lane, Hayle.  
NON-EMERGENCY Tel: 101  
EMERGENCY Tel: 999  
Email: hayle@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

### DOCTORS

BODRIGGY HEALTH CENTRE,  
60 Queensway, Hayle, TR27 4PB  
Tel: 01736 753136  
Fax: 01736 753467

### HOSPITAL (full 24 hr casualty/accident and emergency department)

ROYAL CORNWALL HOSPITAL,  
Treliske, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3LJ  
Tel: 01872 250000

### HOSPITAL (24 hr Urgent Care Centre)

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Tel: 01736 874000

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CAMBORNE/REDRUTH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL  
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Barncoose, Redruth, Cornwall, TR15 3ES  
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Boots the Chemist,  
1-3 Penpol Terrace, Hayle  
Tel: 01736 753072

Boots the Chemist,  
44-46, Fore Street, Hayle  
Tel: 01736 752189

Bodriggy Pharmacy,  
60 Queensway, Hayle, TR27 4PB  
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### HAYLE DAY CARE CENTRE

Hayle Day Care Centre,  
Commercial Road,  
Hayle, TR27 4DE  
Tel: 01736 755000

### HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

Hayle Community Centre,  
58 Queensway,  
Hayle TR27 4NX  
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Email: townclerk@hayletowncouncil.net

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Parish Council Office, 8 Penhale Road,  
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## **PENWITH CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU**

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## **PENWITH HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

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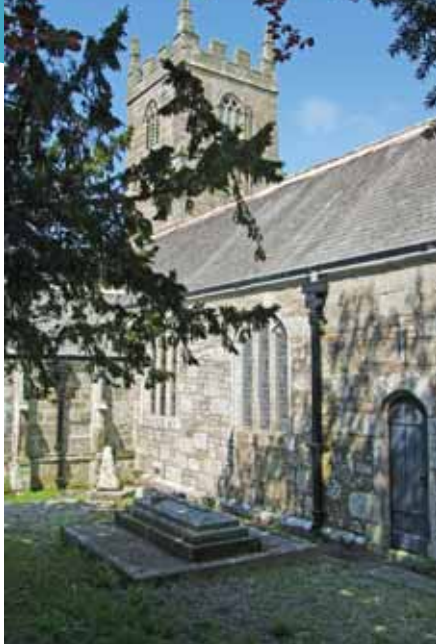
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St. Erth Methodist Church  
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51 Commercial Road, Hayle  
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## Relocate to Hayle



Hayle has a thriving business community and a wide variety of commercial interests. Retail outlets range from small, independent shops to large, quality chain stores. In manufacturing, there are live-work units for one person and foundries producing precision castings employing dozens. Hayle hosts a huge selection of service businesses, ranging from artisans to high-tech. Infrastructure is good in Hayle with complete coverage for broadband, direct access to the A30 by road and direct rail connections to London and throughout Britain from Hayle and St. Erth stations. 29 miles from Newquay airport, it is 14 miles from Land's End airport.

Manufacturing and wholesale companies are located in two business parks, and sites are available for new enterprises both there and elsewhere in Hayle. New businesses also receive enthusiastic support from local government and organisations such as the Cornwall Development Company ([www.cornwalldevelopmentcompany.co.uk](http://www.cornwalldevelopmentcompany.co.uk)), Cornwall Pure Business, and Business Link Devon and Cornwall.

Now is a good time to consider Hayle. It is the base for the exciting Wave Hub project, a test-bed for renewable energy from ocean waves and is being targeted as a focal point for renewable energy. A major regeneration of the harbour area is well underway, with the infrastructure of one half complete and ready for further development, including renewable energy industrial space. Current plans call for Hayle to grow faster than any other town in west Cornwall.

The continuous improvement in the quality of life in Hayle is also an attractive element for all ages. Thanks to a £4.2 million regeneration grant, numerous upgrades have been made to the historic fabric of the town, from new Cornish granite in Foundry Square and a spruced-up Copperhouse to restoration of some of the old foundry buildings, creating working space for small companies. Local businesses also benefit from an active Hayle and District Chamber of Commerce and community groups such as Hayle Lions and the Hayle Rotary Club.



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