

# The Bodriggy Wastrel



Picture dates from around 1900

The East Looe or Pool of the Hayle Estuary once stretched as far as Angarrack.

From the early 14th century, silt and gravel was washed down the Angarrack River by the tin streamers gradually creating the estuarine mudflats, or Wastrels.

Over time these Wastrels began to infill the East Looe, leaving marshy ground and beaches, when all but the highest tides were failing to reach the upper end of the pool.

The tidal pools built for sluicing the harbour in the mid-1700's reduced the water levels even further and debris from the Copperhouse Canal was added to the shoreline.

Less than 100 years ago the Bodriggy Wastrel was still a tidal mudflat, but in recent years it has been reclaimed to provide building land for the Library, the Hayle Day Centre and the Car Park.

The granite post and rail fence in front of the flower beds is all that remains of the original waterfront.

