

Phillack and Riviere



The village of Phillack was the principle settlement on the Medieval Estate of Riviere but its roots are very ancient, having been a site of habitation since the Neolithic period.

Its church has been a centre of Christian worship for at least 1,500 years and was first dedicated to the Irish-Celtic saint, Piala. In 1259, the Normans rebuilt and rededicated the church to their own saint, Felicitas.

Phillack Church was later consolidated with Gwithian Church as a joint Rectory in 1289.

Phillack was a part of the Manor of Connorton which was held by the Arundell Family of Lanherne from the 13th century until 1809, when John Hockin of Gwithian bought the joint Rectory from the Arundell Estate. His great-grandson, Reverend Frederick Hockin, the third generation to hold Rectorship of Phillack, purchased the land of the former Riviere Estate from the Cornish Copper Company in 1868.

Riviere is one of the six Medieval Manors of Hayle commemorated by the six points of the star on the star on the Hayle Mayorial Chain.

